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**2021**

**Date** Oct, 6, 2021  
**Time** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Time/12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time  
**Location** Online – [Register here](#)

**Join Washington state Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler and his guests for the virtual Climate Summit 2021.** The event is free, open to the public and will be an online experience you don't want to miss. Learn about the latest climate science, private sector best practices and regulatory environments related to climate change. We are bringing together a national audience of climate, government and insurance professionals to understand and explore how climate change affects our communities, regulatory efforts and businesses.

## Session Presenter

<b>Opening remarks</b>	<b>Mike Kreidler</b> Washington state Insurance Commissioner
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Rena Priest</b> Washington state Poet Laureate Sponsored by Humanities Washington and the Washington State Arts Commission
<b>Keynote remarks from the Governor: Fighting climate change head on</b>	<b>Jay Inslee</b> Washington state Governor
<b>Keynote address: The Insurance Development Forum: Addressing the insurance protection gap</b>	<b>Ekhosuehi Iyahen</b> Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum
<b>Climate Risk in the Pacific Northwest</b>	<b>Dr. Amy Snover</b> Director, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group; University Director, NW Climate Adaptation Science Center
<b>Climate Change in the American Mind</b>	<b>Anthony Leiserowitz</b> Director, Yale Program on Climate Change Communication
<b>Climate Strategy Best Practices from both a regulatory and industry perspective</b>	<b>Thomas B. Leonardi</b> Member of the board of directors of both The Travelers Companies, Inc. and Athene Life and Annuity affiliate ACRA
<b>Dreaming Our Way Forward</b>	<b>Rena Priest</b> Washington state Poet Laureate Sponsored by Humanities Washington and the Washington State Arts Commission
<b>Reimagining the role of private sector sustainability: The Microsoft story</b>	<b>Michelle Lancaster</b> Director of Sustainability Stakeholder Engagement, Microsoft
<b>The Amazon Sustainability Data Initiative</b>	<b>Ana Pinheiro Privette</b> Lead, Amazon Sustainability Data initiative (ASDI), Amazon
<b>Becoming Climate Pledge Arena</b>	<b>Rob Johnson</b> Vice President, Sustainability and Transportation for the Seattle Kraken and the Climate Pledge Arena
<b>Climate Data and Investment Decision-making</b>	<b>Dr. Yoon Kim</b> Head of Global Client Services, Moody's ESG Solutions Global
<b>Promoting Economic Resiliency Amidst Climate Disruptions</b>	<b>Jodi Hanson Bond</b> President, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies
<b>State Legislation to Reach Net Zero Emissions by 2050</b>	<b>Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon</b> Representative, Washington's 34th Legislative District
<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>Mike Kreidler</b> Washington state Insurance Commissioner

## OUR PRESENTERS

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### **Mike Kreidler, Washington state Insurance Commissioner**

Mike Kreidler is Washington state's eighth insurance commissioner, first elected in 2000 and re-elected to his fifth term in 2016. He is the longest-serving insurance commissioner in the country.

A doctor of optometry, Commissioner Kreidler practiced at the former Group Health Cooperative in Olympia for 20 years and holds a master's degree in public health. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and served in both the Washington state Legislature and in the U.S. Congress.

As insurance commissioner, Commissioner Kreidler has earned a reputation both as a staunch advocate for consumer protection and as a fair and balanced regulator. He is a national leader on issues as diverse as health care reform, consumer protection and climate change.



### **Rena Priest, Washington state Poet Laureate**

Rena Priest is a poet and an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation. She has been appointed to serve as Washington State's Poet Laureate for the term of April 2021–2023. She is a National Geographic Explorer and the recipient of an Allied Arts Foundation Professional Poets Award.

**Dreaming Our Way Forward** - The power of poetry lies in bridging chasms between seemingly unrelated things—describing mysteries and possibilities. When the first successful oil well was drilled in 1859, could we have imagined the world we live in today? A world where science tells us that many natural disasters are not “acts of God,” but events caused by climate change, catalyzed by the actions of people? With climate crisis playing an ever-increasing role in our lives, what is the role of the humanities in laying a blueprint for an unimagined world? Can we build a bridge from old beliefs to a new reality?

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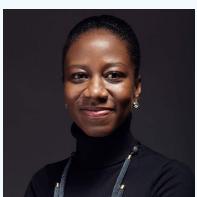


### **Jay Inslee, Washington state Governor**

Jay Inslee is a fifth-generation Washingtonian who has lived and worked in urban and rural communities on both sides of the state. He grew up in the Seattle area where his father, Frank, was a high school teacher and coach. His mother, Adele, worked as a sales clerk at Sears & Roebuck. Jay worked his way through college and graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in economics before earning his law degree at Willamette University. He and his wife, Trudi, then moved to Selah, a small town near Yakima where they raised their three sons. Jay worked as an attorney and prosecutor.

As governor, Jay's top priority is growing Washington's innovative industries such as clean energy, information technology and life sciences, and strengthening existing industries such as aerospace, agriculture, maritime and the military. During his time as Governor, some of Jay's accomplishments include combating climate change, promoting clean air and water and supporting clean energy jobs.

Governor Inslee will discuss **Fighting climate change head on.**



### **Ekhosuehi Iyahen, Secretary General, Insurance Development Forum (IDF)**

Ekhosuehi Iyahen is the Secretary General of the Insurance Development Forum, a Public-Private Partnership led by the insurance industry and supported by the World Bank and United Nations (UN), aiming to enhance the use of insurance to build greater resilience against disasters and to help achieve the UN Global 2030 Agenda.

**The Insurance Development Forum: Addressing the insurance protection gap** - The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of insurance and the significance of the insurance protection gap. Globally, the protection gap in traditional life and non-life insurance is growing, while new risks associated with cyber, climate and the pandemic are largely not covered. Secretary General Iyahen's presentation will explore the work of the Insurance Development Forum (IDF) in addressing the protection gap and supporting resilience building efforts through innovative public private partnerships.

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### **Dr. Amy Snover, Director, Climate Impacts Group and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center, University of Washington**

Dr. Amy Snover is an innovator in linking climate science with on-the-ground needs of resource managers, planners and policymakers to ensure that Pacific Northwest people, communities and ecosystems thrive in a changing climate. An analytical and environmental chemist, she directs the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center.

Dr. Snover will discuss ***Climate Risk in the Pacific Northwest***.



### **Dr. Anthony Leiserowitz, Director, Yale Program on Climate Change Communication**

Anthony Leiserowitz, Ph.D., is the Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and a Senior Research Scientist at the Yale School of the Environment. He is an expert on public climate change beliefs, attitudes, policy preferences and behavior, and the psychological, cultural and political factors that shape them.

***Climate change in the American mind*** - Climate change is one of the most daunting challenges of our time. Americans have diverse and sometimes opposing views about global warming, fundamentally shaping the political climate of climate change. Drawing on more than a decade of national survey studies, Dr. Leiserowitz will explain recent trends in Americans' climate change knowledge, attitudes, policy support, and behavior and discuss strategies to build public support for climate action.



### **Thomas B. Leonardi**

Mr. Leonardi is a member of the board of directors of both The Travelers Companies, Inc. and Athene Life and Annuity affiliate ACRA. He served as EVP of AIG, Inc. and Vice Chairman of AIG Life Holdings, Inc. where he was responsible for Government Affairs, Public Policy, Communications and Sustainability. He was a Senior Advisor to Evercore Inc., Commissioner of the Connecticut Insurance Department and for 22 years the Chairman and CEO of Northington Partners Inc., a venture capital and investment banking firm. Before Northington, he was head of the investment banking and venture capital divisions of Conning & Company and President of Beneficial Corporation's insurance subsidiaries. He began his career as a litigation attorney in Connecticut.

Mr. Leonardi will discuss ***Climate Strategy Best Practices from both a regulatory and industry perspective***.



### **Michelle Lancaster, Director of Sustainability Stakeholder Engagement, Microsoft**

Michelle Lancaster is Director of Sustainability Stakeholder Engagement at Microsoft, where she leads the company's sustainability-focused work with external stakeholders, as well as go-to-market strategy with customers and product development. For the past seven years prior, she led Microsoft's sustainability and corporate responsibility communications and prior to that, led public affairs campaigns for Fortune 500 companies in Washington, D.C.

***Reimagining the role of private sector sustainability: The Microsoft story*** - It's 'Code Red' for the planet and society, as declared by the UN given the unabated pace of global warming. Against that backdrop, it's difficult to imagine how any single company can make a difference. In this talk, Ms. Lancaster will outline why we must re-imagine the private sector and market approaches to sustainability, what may be possible as evidenced by Microsoft's operational and product commitments and progress to date, and the case for action-oriented climate optimism.



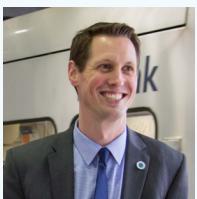
### **Dr. Ana Pinheiro Privette, Lead, Amazon Sustainability Data Initiative**

Dr. Ana Pinheiro Privette leads the Amazon Sustainability Data Initiative (ASDI), a program that seeks to leverage Amazon's scale, technology, and infrastructure to help create global innovation for sustainability. Ana was trained as an environmental engineer and as an earth sciences researcher at the New University of Lisbon (Portugal) and at MIT. After spending most of her career at NASA and NOAA as a scientist, Ana led projects for the White House climate portfolio, including the Obama Climate Data Initiative (CDI) and the Partnership for Resilience and Preparedness (PREP), both focused on delivering better access and use of US Federal climate data to support researchers and decision makers.

Dr. Pinheiro Privette will present ***The Amazon Sustainability Data Initiative***.

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### **Rob Johnson, VP of Sustainability and Transportation, Seattle Kraken and Climate Pledge Arena**

Rob's responsible for making sure fans can safely, easily, and sustainably get to events at Climate Pledge Arena and to ensure the commitments made to be the world's first net zero carbon arena are fulfilled. Previously Rob was a non-profit staffer and the first City Councilmember in Seattle's District 4.

Mr. Johnson will present **Becoming Climate Pledge Arena**; the strategies, infrastructure, and commitments that are required to be the most sustainable live entertainment arena in the world.



### **Dr. Yoon Kim, Head of Global Client Services, Moody's ESG Solutions**

Dr. Yoon Kim has worked with private and public sector entities in the US and globally to assess climate risks and identify resilience opportunities for nearly 15 years, and currently leads the Client Service team at Moody's ESG Solutions. In this capacity, she works closely with investors, banks, corporations, and regulators to assess financial and economic exposure to climate risks and support the integration of climate risks into decision-making. Prior to Moody's ESG Solutions, Yoon led the Client Service function for Four Twenty Seven. She has also worked with State of California ocean and coastal agencies to develop their Sector Plan for implementing California's Adaptation Strategy, and supported the US Agency for International Development's efforts to integrate adaptation and resilience into national and sectoral investments, planning, and policy-making. Yoon holds a Ph.D. and M.Phil. in Development Studies from the University of Oxford, and a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

**Climate Data and Investment Decision-making** - Dr. Kim will explore the drivers and trends that are spurring increased investor and regulator interest in assessment and disclosure of climate risks as well as approaches to assess climate risks.

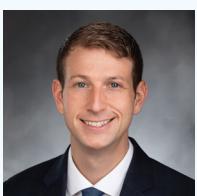


### **Jodi Hanson Bond, President, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies**

Jodi Hanson Bond currently advises F500s, BCorps, and NGOs on their strategies in the global impact and sustainability space. Previously, Jodi worked for Chubb, the U.S. Chamber, Motorola, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Jodi holds a B.A. from Whitman College and an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University.

**Promoting Economic Resiliency Amidst Climate Disruptions** - Government, business, and communities worldwide must prepare for market disruptions affecting our economic well-being. Ms. Bond will present a discussion on what business can do to accelerate operations preparedness measures and governments can promote, including incentives such as carbon pricing, all must be prioritized to enhance economic resiliency.



### **Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, Washington state's 34th Legislative District**

Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon was elected to represent the 34th Legislative District in 2010. He chairs the House Environment & Energy Committee and sits on the Appropriations and Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources committees. He also serves on the Select Committee for Pension Policy. Prior to his election, Joe was a legislative staffer and member of the Burien Planning Commission.

Joe's top legislative priority is the fight against climate change. He has sponsored and helped to enact laws reducing Washington's greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, electricity, refrigeration, and buildings; improving marine habitat protections for salmon, orcas, and forage fish; and promoting smart growth and transit-oriented communities. He has also worked to increase funding for transit, to pass criminal justice reforms to right the wrongs committed in the war on drugs, and to expand voting rights.

**State Legislation to Reach Net Zero Emissions by 2050** - Rep. Fitzgibbon will discuss recent legislation that has passed into law in Washington state to accelerate the state's greenhouse gas reduction efforts to meet the state's goal of net zero emissions by 2050.