

# 5th Annual Green Bank Congress: Green Bank Successes and Expanding Opportunities for Green Finance around the World

Co-hosted by NY Green Bank and Connecticut Green Bank  
in partnership with the Green Bank Network

## GBN Green Bank Network



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Implementing the goals set out in the Paris Agreement will require dedicated local capacity to drive investment and financial innovation. The need to scale up existing Green Banks and develop new Green Banks (and similar dedicated finance entities) around the world is becoming increasingly clear. Attendees from both the private and public sector will have the opportunity to discuss how Green Banks are working to create more opportunities for private financiers to do deals in promising new sectors and how new Green Banks in emerging markets can open new investment opportunities.



**Coalition for Green Capital's** mission is to accelerate the transition to the clean energy economy by establishing Green Banks at the local, state, federal, and international levels to spur greater private investment in renewables, energy efficiency, and clean transportation.



**NRDC** experts use data and science to unearth the root causes of the problems that confront us. We use that information to blueprint transformative solutions, and we mobilize the support of partners, members, and activists to advocate for laws and policies that will protect our environment long into the future.

# Fifth Annual Green Bank Congress Agenda

## Introductory Remarks and Keynote

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10:00am – 10:10am **Introductory Remarks** by Green Bank Congress hosts

10:10am – 10:30am **Keynote: How the Green Climate Fund and Green Banks Can Together Make an Impact Towards Scaling Climate Finance**  
delivered by Howard Bamsey, Green Climate Fund

## Morning Sessions: What have Green Banks accomplished so far, what are the different models?

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10:30am – 10:50am **Session 1.1: Green Banks and the Climate Finance Landscape**  
Members of the Green Bank Network present and discuss the impacts of the model so far and prospects for the future.

**Introductory Remarks**

Andrea Colnes, Coalition for Green Capital

**Panelists**

Bert Hunter, CT Green Bank

Caroline Angoorly, NY Green Bank

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10:50am – 11:50am **Session 1.2: Expanding the Role of Catalytic Green Finance: Targeted Efforts to Crowd in Private Investment**

Green Banks, development finance institutions, and similar catalytic green finance leaders discuss new approaches.

**Introductory Remarks**

Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Ontario

**Moderator**

Rob Youngman, OECD Environment Directorate

**Panelists**

Barbara Buchner, Climate Policy Initiative

Maria Netto, Inter-American Development Bank

Takafumi Okamoto, Green Finance Organisation (Japan)

Leo Park, Green Climate Fund

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11:50am – 12:50pm **Session 1.3: Cities and Local Actors Taking the Lead in Green Finance**  
Leaders from city-level green finance initiatives, including city Green Banks, discuss spurring investment at the municipal level.

**Introductory Remarks**

Doug Sims, Natural Resources Defense Council

**Moderator**

Bruce Schlein, New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation

**Panelists**

Susan Leeds, NYC Energy Efficiency Corporation

Kenroy Quellennec-Reid, Financial Instruments & Compliance, Greater London Authority

Julia Langer, The Atmospheric Fund

Tommy Wells, Washington DC Department of Energy and Environment

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12:50pm – 1:50pm **Lunch**

## Afternoon Sessions: New Frontiers for Green Banks

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1:50pm – 2:10pm

### **Morning Session Remarks**

Reed Hundt, Coalition for Green Capital  
Paul Bodnar, Rocky Mountain Institute

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2:10pm – 3:25pm

### **Session 2.1: How to Accelerate Private Sector Investment to Achieve Climate Goals**

Green Banks and private sector financiers & developers discuss the next frontiers of green investment and how to address barriers to getting more deals done in persistently difficult sectors with high potential.

#### *Introductory Remarks and Moderator*

Nicholas Whitcombe, NY Green Bank

#### *Panelists*

Laura Stern, Nautilus Solar Energy, LLC  
Ralph Cho, Investec USA Holdings  
Jay Koh, The Lightsmith Group  
Preeti Sinha, YES INSTITUTE at Yes Bank Limited  
Oliver Yates, Macquarie Group

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3:25pm – 3:55pm

### **Coffee/Networking Break**

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3:55pm – 5:10pm

### **Session 2.2: Green Banks in Emerging Markets: Creating Investment Opportunities in New Markets Through Targeted De-risking Strategies**

Green Banks and leaders from South Africa, China, India and Latin America discuss the progress and opportunities for Green Bank-type entities in emerging markets.

#### *Introductory Remarks*

Andrea Colnes, Coalition for Green Capital

#### *Moderator*

Bert Hunter, CT Green Bank

#### *Panelists*

Jonathan First, Development Bank of Southern Africa  
Anjali Jaiswal, Natural Resources Defense Council  
Juan Ladrón de Guevara, Chilean Sustainability and Climate Change Agency  
Jorge Márquez García, Banobras  
Chai Qimin, China National Development and Reform Commission

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5:10pm – 5:20pm

**Closing Remarks** by Doug Sims, Natural Resources Defense Council

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5:30pm – 7:00pm

### **Cocktail Reception**