



The Economic and Health Imperatives for Climate Action

Meet the Panelists



JOSH AGLIO: Josh Aglio is the Vice President of Facilities and Support Services at Maimonides Health. In his role, Mr. Aglio oversees all maintenance, construction, and carbon reduction/energy efficiency goals and projects. Josh and the Maimonides Health team have made energy efficiency and compliance one of their top priorities as they have navigated a comprehensive set of infrastructure upgrades to the campus.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Aglio worked for New York City Health + Hospitals and NewYork-Presbyterian. Mr. Aglio holds a Master's of Public Administration from Long Island University and dual Bachelor's Degrees in History and Adolescent Education from SUNY Old Westbury. He lives with his wife, Gina, and three children, Adriana, Vincent, and Benjamin.



JORGE GASTELUMENDI: As Senior Director of the Atlantic Council's Climate Resilience Center, Jorge leads the center, overseeing the center's three strategic pillars: extreme heat initiative, global climate policy and finance, and gaming initiative. He joined the center in January 2020. During his tenure at the center, he has also held the role of the Race to Resilience co-lead for the UN High Level Climate Champions. With deep and broad geopolitical experience, relationships and renowned high performance delivering policy and public finance solutions for addressing climate change, combatting biodiversity loss, and advancing low-carbon energy, Gastelumendi is naturally suited to bring his leadership to a longstanding foreign policy organization in its implementation and scaling of evidence-based solutions to climate, migration, and security challenges.

A recognized climate and environmental policy and finance leader, lawyer and passionate, public-spirited professional, Gastelumendi joined Arsht-Rock from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), where he was managing director external affairs for global strategies and previously head of TNC's International Climate Finance Team. He also served as chief advisor and negotiator to the government of Peru, leading to the adoption of the Paris Agreement in the government's dual role as UNFCCC COP20 Presidency and co-chair of the Green Climate Fund's board. Earlier in his career, Gastelumendi was a carbon fund manager at The World Bank's Carbon Finance Unit, after a decade working in Peru as a natural resources lawyer. Originally from Peru, he holds a JD from Peru's Catholic University, a master's in energy and the environment from the University of Calgary and a master's in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He now lives in Washington, DC with his family.



SAMIM GHAMAMI: Samim Ghamami is an economist and strategist. He is currently the chief economist at the New York State Insurance Fund. He is also an adjunct professor of finance at New York University, a member of the Economic Club of New York and the Bretton Woods Committee, and a senior advisor at SOFR Academy. Ghamami is a recipient of the SEC Chair's Award for Excellence due to his work on the US Treasury market reform. He has worked as a senior economist at the SEC with the SEC Chair and leadership team on the reform of the Treasury market

and several other capital market initiatives. Ghamami has been a senior economist and a senior strategist at Goldman Sachs and Millennium Management. He has also been an associate director and a senior economist at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and an economist at the Federal Reserve Board.

Ghamami has been an adjunct professor of economics at Columbia University and a senior researcher and an adjunct professor of economics at UC Berkeley. His work has broadly focused on the interplay of finance and macroeconomics. His work on macroeconomic policy, banking, asset management, private credit, financial stability, financial regulation, and digital asset markets has been discussed at central banks and international financial institutions. His work has also been highlighted and featured by the CNBC, Financial Times and Risk.net. Ghamami has been an advisor to the Bank for International Settlements and the Financial Stability Board. He has also served on the National Science Foundation panels on Financial Mathematics.



CHRIS HANLEY: Chris Hanley, MBA, serves as the Director of the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) Grand Challenge on Climate and Health. One of three academies in the United States, NAM launched this Climate Grand Challenge as a multi-year global initiative to improve and protect human health and well-being by working to transform systems that both contribute to and are impacted by climate change. Prior to joining NAM, he worked at the Association of American Medical Colleges for eight years, most recently serving as the director of a newly formed leadership consortium comprising of Medical School Leadership (MESL) for over 170 medical schools in the U.S. and Canada.



JENNY KEROACK: Jenny is the Director of Program Strategy & Management at Health Care Without Harm. She previously served as a policy advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), senior leader in the HHS Office of Climate Change and Health Equity, and Medicare policy analyst at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In the Secretary's Office and Office of Climate Change and Health Equity, Jenny led initiatives including the Catalytic Program on Leveraging the Inflation Reduction Act and the Secretary's Initiative on Protecting Farmworkers from Extreme Heat and Wildfire Smoke.



DR. MUOI A. TRINH: Dr. Muoi A. Trinh is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Pain Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. As the Medical Director of Environmental Sustainability for the Mount Sinai Health System (MSHS), Dr. Trinh has led system-wide initiatives that position Sinai as a leader in healthcare decarbonization. A recognized authority on sustainability in perioperative medicine, Dr. Trinh has advanced the integration of environmental stewardship into clinical care and operational decision-making. She has spearheaded efforts to comprehensively track and address greenhouse gas emissions across all three reporting scopes—developing actionable strategies to reduce emissions from anesthetic gases, energy consumption, and the supply chain. Her leadership has resulted in high-impact achievements that have yielded significant reductions in emissions. Dr. Trinh serves on the MSHS Executive Committee on Sustainability, where she drives alignment with key public commitments such as the New York City Carbon Challenge and the New York State Insurance Fund Climate Action Pledge. Through strategic vision, interdisciplinary collaboration, and evidence-based advocacy, Dr. Trinh is shaping a healthcare delivery model that prioritizes planetary health alongside patient care.



JON UTECH, MBA, MS: *Senior Director, Sustainability Strategy & Finance, Mazzetti*

Jon Utech is a highly accomplished sustainability strategist whose career spans executive financial leadership, healthcare operations, and consulting across renewable energy and hospital systems. At Mazzetti, he is responsible for Sustainability Strategy & Finance, helping health systems align decarbonization, resilience, and financial viability. Drawing on his experience of five years as CFO of a renewable-energy developer and Sustainability Director at Cleveland Clinic for eleven years, Jon combines strategic acumen, operational fluency, and environmental stewardship to translate complex climate ambitions into actionable, financially sound solutions.

Holding an MBA and MS, Jon brings a multidimensional perspective. His leadership in financial structuring, energy project development, and organizational change equips him to craft integrated strategies that deliver cost-effective climate impact. Jon's work is grounded in finance, operations, and environmental science which helps him to bridge clients' needs with climate-forward solutions. Whether securing returns on sustainability investments, guiding hospitals through evolving regulatory landscapes, or designing high-impact decarbonization programs, he delivers strategic leadership that aligns organizations and systems with their climate and fiscal imperatives. Jon Utech holds a BA from Dartmouth College and an MBA and Masters of Organizational Development and Sustainability from CWRU.



SEEMA WADHWA: *Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Net Positive Solutions, Health in Climate*

Seema Wadhwa is a leading change-maker at the intersection of environment and health, known for turning bold vision into real-world impact. Named a Time100 Climate Leader, she brings relentless energy and a deep sense of purpose to advancing climate action that protects people and strengthens systems.

She is the Founder of Health in Climate, a nonprofit ecosystem accelerating solutions that put health at the center of climate action through data, storytelling, finance, and innovation. She also leads Net Positive Solutions, a consulting practice that partners with health systems, Fortune 500 companies, and mission-driven organizations to design and implement sustainability strategies that deliver measurable environmental, financial, and health outcomes—helping clients move beyond risk mitigation to create lasting positive impact.

Most recently, Seema served as Executive Director of Environmental Stewardship at Kaiser Permanente, where she advanced pioneering efforts to decarbonize operations, embed climate resilience into healthcare delivery, and elevate health in the climate conversation—preparing patients, facilities and communities for the impacts of a changing climate. Previously, she held leadership roles at Inova Health System and as National Director of the Healthier Hospitals Initiative, where she mobilized over 1,300 hospitals toward meaningful environmental progress.

With a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Alberta and a Master of Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Business Management from Harvard University Extension School, Seema combines technical expertise with visionary leadership. She is a frequent speaker, published author, and trusted advisor to organizations seeking to align purpose with performance.

Seema began her career building communities as a civil engineer and now dedicates her work to building healthier communities through climate action.



GAURAV VASISHT: Gaurav Vasisht is the Executive Director and CEO of NYSIF, a non-profit competitive enterprise that is among the largest workers' compensation, disability, and paid family leave insurers in the United States. The first Asian and Indian American to lead the organization in its 110-year history, Gaurav is responsible for NYSIF's overall strategic direction and operation, including oversight of its approximately 2,000-employee workforce.

Gaurav came to NYSIF after more than six years at the Volcker Alliance, a non-partisan think tank established by former Federal Reserve Chair Paul A. Volcker. Gaurav directed the Alliance's financial regulation program, advising Chair Volcker and other board members on financial system stability and regulatory matters and promoting the organization's policy priorities before the federal government. Gaurav also served as Chair Volcker's liaison to the Systemic Risk Council, a private-sector body of experts committed to addressing structural issues relating to global systemic risk.

Before joining the Alliance, Gaurav spent a decade in New York State government. Most recently, he served as Executive Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services, heading the agency's Banking Division. He previously served as Senior Deputy Superintendent of Insurance, First Assistant Counsel and Assistant Counsel to three New York Governors, and as Assistant Attorney General in the Investor Protection Bureau of the New York Attorney General's Office.

Gaurav is co-author of "Shining a Light on Long Covid," a report featured in the New York Times that contributes to a developing body of research on Long Covid and its far-reaching implications. He is also co-author of "What Makes a Regulator Excellent?" in *Achieving Regulatory Excellence*, edited by the University of Pennsylvania Law School and published by the Brookings Institution Press. A graduate of NYU and St. John's Law, Gaurav has testified before Congress on financial stability matters, presented before the G20's Financial Stability Board on the effectiveness of Too-Big-To-Fail reforms, and worked on pioneering initiatives covered in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Financial Times.

Gaurav is an appointee of Governor Kathy Hochul to New York's inaugural Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) commission, tasked with advising the Governor on policies to promote the welfare of New York's AAPI community. Gaurav has been a Non-Resident Fellow at the Global Financial Markets Center at Duke Law School, participated in the Yale School of Management's Lessons Learned Initiative on the 2007-09 Financial Crisis, and contributed to Penn Law's Regulatory Review. He frequently publishes and speaks on issues of relevance to the financial services industry.

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