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Climate Risk: Predicting, Planning and Thriving in an Era of Disruption

Joint Event with GABA

Thursday | March 31, 2022 | 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Event Overview

Learn how business can thrive, even as a changing climate disrupts markets, infrastructure, operations, access and supply chains.

Discover from industry experts how to prepare for the impact of disasters and long-term disruption caused by a rapidly changing climate. What tools are leading companies using for anticipating risk and contending with consequences. From the points of view of entrepreneurs, finance, insurance and established companies, what are the considerations for planning and for taking action to prevent harm and to thrive under more difficult operating conditions?

Gopal Erinjippurath — CTO & Head of Product, Sust Global

Hamed Farhadi — Managing Director, Bank of the West

Masayuki Kimura — Chief Operating Officer, Deloitte Tohmatsu Venture Support

Raghuveer Vinukollu — SVP (Climate Resilience and Solutions Lead), Munich Reinsurance America

Marianna Grossman (*Moderator*)— Senior Consultant & Advisor on Sustainability,
USAsia Venture Partners

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Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022

Program: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Networking: 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Venue: Zoom

Registration: <http://www.keizai.org>

Fees: Free

Featured Panelists and Moderator



Gopal Erinjippurath, CTO, Head of Product, Sust Global

Gopal Erinjippurath leads Sust Global's technology and product management functions. Most recently, Gopal led the Analytics Engineering team at Planet Labs, an aerospace and data analytics company that operates history's largest commercial fleet of earth observation satellites. He has been an invited speaker at global industry conferences like Google Cloud Next and leading technical conferences in the machine learning space such as ICML and CVPR. Gopal holds an MS in Electrical Engineering from University of Southern California and completed the Ignite Program, connecting technologists with new commercial ventures, at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



Hamed Farhadi, Managing Director, Bank of the West

Hamed Farhadi has responsibility for working capital management transactions. Hamed is a 27-year veteran of working capital optimization (and 33-year veteran of banking). Hamed has implemented supply chain finance transactions subject to US GAAP or IFRS, replicating successful patterns and adapting new ideas (including transactions financing supply chain in the sustainability space). Through 23 years with the BNPP group, Hamed was posted in Europe (6 years) and the US (17 years). Hamed interacted with large and medium size corporates in industrialized and developing countries, building new books of business. Hamed holds post graduate degree from Université de Paris focusing in legal and economic aspects of international trade; and graduate degrees from Institut d'Etude des Relations Internationales as well as Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris.



Raghuvver Vinukollu, Ph.D. SVP (Climate Resilience and Solutions Lead), Munich Reinsurance America

Raghuvver Vinukollu is a Senior Vice President for Climate Resilience and Solutions at Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. based in Princeton, New Jersey. He is a member of the Strategic Products team and also a core member of the Nat Cat Solutions group focusing on development of innovative products designed to cover various natural catastrophe exposures, either through traditional reinsurance structures or private label approaches. Raghuvver has a PhD in land surface hydrology and has often expressed his thoughts on the impact of flooding on personal property and local businesses. He is a passionate advocate for climate adaptation and resiliency with emphasis on the role of insurance and public private partnerships in building resilient communities. Raghuvver's expertise in Climate Resilience is reflected in the recent studies titled "Re|imagining resilience in a post pandemic world" and "Nature's remedy: Improving flood resilience through community insurance and nature-based mitigation", in which he was the main contributor. He is also one of the members of the State of California Climate Insurance Working Group and a board member of Helvetas USA (non-profit). He has also served on the Corporate Advisory Board for the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI).



Masayuki Kimura, Chief Operating Officer of DTVS Deloitte Tohmatsu Venture Support (DTVS)

Masayuki Kimura is co-founder and COO of Deloitte Tohmatsu Venture Support. He co-founded innovation focused subsidiary in Deloitte Japan and grew it to more than 160 members in 4 offices worldwide. Promoted whole company businesses as a COO. A business leader with 15 years of experience in corporate strategy planning, cross-border alliance and innovation strategy. Moved to US in 2015 and led Japanese MNCs new businesses projects with global prominent startups. Presented as the main and special speaker in large scale global tech conferences, government working groups and committees.



Marianna Grossman (Moderator), Senior Consultant & Advisor on Sustainability, USAsia Venture Partners

Marianna Grossman is Senior Consultant & Advisor on Sustainability, USAsia Venture Partners and Managing Partner of Minerva Ventures, investing and advising on solutions for a resilient future - bringing people and institutions together across sectors to collaborate, invent, fund and implement solutions that enhance sustainability and reverse climate change. Marianna led Sustainable Silicon Valley for seven years, after roles in the automotive, computer, and semiconductor industries. Recent publication: Sustainable Electricity II: A Conversation on Tradeoffs, Chapter on Silicon Valley Corporate Case Studies on Clean Energy Innovation. Service includes: California's Climate Adaptation Action Plan Technical Advisory Group 2016; Sustainable and Resilient Resources Roundtable; the international Balaton Group; Vice President, Transportation Choices for Sustainable Communities; Environmental Entrepreneurs; and, climate action councils for Palo Alto and Mountain View. Degrees: BA in Policy Studies, Dartmouth College and an MBA from Yale School of Management.



Founded in 1990, Keizai Silicon Valley US-Japan Business Forum is an all-volunteer business and professional networking organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Its primary purpose is to provide opportunities for executives and professionals to develop the knowledge and human networks for successful US-Japan Business.