

Developing the next generation of sustainability leaders.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2025

Segment 1: Driving Change – 9:30-11am Virtual

March 27

Orientation

April 3

What is the Triple Bottom Line and why does it matter? – **Peter Backlund - School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Associate Director**

April 10

Pursuing Purpose in Addition to Profit - **Jonathan Liebert, Colorado Institute for Social Impact**April 17

Framework for Leadership - Chris Hutchinson, Trebuchet Group

Segment 2: Resource Management - In person

May 8

9-9:30am: Getting to know your cohort

9:30- 11am: Electricity Markets and their Impact on Decarbonizing the Grid - John Parks,

Colorado Energy Office, Electricity Markets and Transmission Policy Analyst

11-11:15: Break

11:15-12:45pm: Waste Reduction - Becca Walkinshaw and Morgan Roe, Republic Services

12:45-1:45: Lunch

1:45-3:15: Energy and Efficiency - Stacey Baumgarn, Colorado State University, Campus Energy

Coordinator

3:15-4pm Leadership Exercise

Segment 3: Policy and Action – 9:30-11am Virtual

May 29

Sustainability through Wetlands - Matt Reddy, Ducks Unlimited, Conservation Director
June 5

Policy and Advocacy for Business - **Debra Brown, Good Business Colorado, Executive Director**June 12

Sustainable Business Practices & Moving Towards a Regenerative Model - **Christa Nenaber, Patagonia** June 19

Emerging Technologies of Interest and Related Challenges - Jerry Tinianow, Western Urban Sustainability Advisor



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Segment 4: Equity & Analysis - In Person

July 10

9-10:30am: Advancing Racial Equity - Claudia Menendez, City of Fort Collins, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-11:45 pm: ROI and Cost Benefit Analysis - Javier Echeverria-Diaz, City of Fort Collins, Senior

Financial Analyst

11:45-12:15pm: Lunch

12:15-1:30: Living Environments in Natural, Social and Economic Systems - Josie Plaut - Institute

for the Build Environment, Assistant Director

2:00-4:00: Tour of Rawhide Power Plant

Segment 5: Goals & Strategies – 9:30-11am Virtual

July 24

Emotional Intelligence – **Deb Westcott, Coach EQ**

July 31

Employee-Owned Business Models – Julia Park, Namaste Solar

August 7

Sustainable Business Approaches - **David Fridland, DIA, Environmental Sustainability Manager** August 14

ESG Management Systems - Jill Cooper, Orion Resource Partners, Senior Principal

Segment 6: Coming Full Circle & Graduation – In Person

August 28

9-10:30am: Water in Colorado – Diana Lane, Nature Conservancy, Director of Sustainable Food and Water Program

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-11:45 pm: Managing a Machine or Leading in a Living System – **David Knapp, Marathon Leadership**

11:45-12:15: Lunch

12:15-1:30: Thinking Strategically About Organizational Sustainability - **Bethany Beers, Brendle**

Group, Director of Engineering

1:30-2: Closing Activity

2-4pm: Graduation Celebration