

# The Wharton Initiative for Global Environmental Leadership 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



The focus of the conference will be to discuss how the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) play a critical role in the transformation to an equitable economy. The SDGs provide a framework that allows business to connect corporate goals with innovative solutions - linking technology and global infrastructure to environmental needs, while highlighting the importance of a strong foundation grounded in gender leadership and education. The conversation will elaborate on how economic growth will flourish under comprehensive corporate sustainable action plans. Join IGEL as we present business cases that feature transformational goals and how they will lead us to a better future.

# AGENDA

- 8:30AM – 9:00AM Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00AM – 9:15AM Welcome Remarks & Conference Introduction:  
[Eric Orts](#), Faculty Director of Wharton IGEL
- 9:15AM - 9:45AM **Opening Keynote:** [Subarna Malakar](#), Diversity & Inclusive Director, FMC  
Topic: A Foundation Grounded in Gender Equality & Quality Education
- 9:45AM – 10:00AM Questions from the Audience
- 10:00AM – 11:00AM **Panel 1: The Role of Business in Building Sustainable Cities and Communities**  
Relevant SDGs:



**Moderator:** [Linda Froelich](#), Global Product Stewardship Manager, FMC

**Panelists:**

- [John Kelly](#), Principal, Prince Albert Foundation
- [Nitesh Dullabh](#), CEO, 2POD Ventures
- [Conor Riffle](#), Director of Smart Cities, Rubicon Global
- [Kara Angotti](#), Sr. Sustainability Manager, Amtrak
- [Christine Knapp](#), Director of the Office of Sustainability, City of Philadelphia
- [Libby Bernick](#), Global Head of Corporate Business, Trucost

- 11:00AM - 11:15AM Questions & Audience Participation
- 11:15AM - 11:25AM Networking Break

11:25AM - 11:45AM **Morning Keynote: [Andreas Gruson](#), Partner, Industrial Advisory Services**

Topic: The Value of Entrepreneurship & Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals

11:45AM - 12:45PM **Panel 2: Innovation Leadership for a Flourishing World and the Sustainable Development Goals**

Relevant SDGs:



**Moderator: [Gary Survis](#), Senior IGEL Fellow**

**Panelists:**

**[Jacqui Jenkins](#), WG'94, Director, Fashion Institute of Technology**

**[Julia Kurnik](#), WG'14, Director Innovation Start-Ups, World Wildlife Fund**

**[Karissa Kruse](#), W'97, WG'04, President Sonoma County Winegrowers Association**

**[Monica Mehta](#), W'97, Managing Principal, Seventh Capital**

**[Djordjija Petkoski](#), Senior Fellow, Wharton Zicklin Center**

12:45PM - 12:55PM Questions & Audience Participation

12:55PM - 1:15PM **Closing Keynote: [Kim Rumph](#), President, Rubicon Global**

Topic: Transformation Generated by Partnership for the Goals

1:15PM - 1:30PM Wrap Up & Questions

1:30PM - 2:30PM Networking Lunch