



CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS / OPPORTUNITIES: A 2021 CORPORATE BOARD PRIORITY TOPIC by Kathy Graham

[Stacy Swann](#) will be one of 12 Chat Leaders at [Graham Johnson's](#) **BOARDS: The Bridge to a Diverse World** free event on **February 24th** from 4pm CT to 6pm CT...and her topic, CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS / OPPORTUNITIES is one of the top 2021 Corporate Board priority subjects being discussed among attendees.

"Climate change is not a trend, and is not going away," says Stacy. "Climate change is perhaps the single most important issue that will consistently impact organizations, today, tomorrow and over the long term", which means that "Boards and management need to think strategically about how to integrate climate considerations across operations in order to not only address any downside risks, but perhaps more importantly to capture opportunities that will emerge from addressing climate change."

Stacy has built a career driving sustainable climate finance investments and policies globally—from her days as:

- Head, Blended Finance for **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)** where she created / launched climate-impact funds and Blended Finance department, which grew from \$60M to \$750M+ AUM.
- A Member of **WORLD BANK GROUP's** Catalyze Climate Action Task Force.
- **Senior Advisor, Climate Finance—on secondment from World Bank Group to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**, where she advised Assistant Secretary to Treasury on climate, the financial system, climate risk, climate policy / investment; partnered with multiple agencies; furnished strategies for financing climate risk management / resilience and U.S. \$3B Green Climate Fund pledge.

...to present, where Stacy is:

- **Board of Directors, HR Sub-Committee Member, for GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP (GWP)**, a global action network with 3,000+ Partner bodies in 179 countries providing knowledge / building sustainable water management capacity
- **Board Director and Chair, Investment Committee for MONTGOMERY GREEN BANK**
- **CEO & Partner of CLIMATE FINANCE ADVISORS, LLC**, a Benefit LLC and certified B-Corporation advising and consulting with clients on issues at the nexus of private investment and climate change, and helping a client base of investors, philanthropic and impact investors, governments and policymakers, and entrepreneurs develop forward looking climate change and investment strategies, translate climate considerations into organizational risk management, operations; structuring climate-smart investments; and advising on climate issues.

Joining her as a Chat Leader for the two ½ hour private chats following a spectacular panel (see [1/15/21](#) article) are the following Chat Leaders, each in their separate chat rooms—guests choose two of the 10 topics to attend:

- **GOVERNANCE:** Charlotte Laurent-Ottomane, Executive Director/Co-Founder, Thirty Percent Coalition
- **GROWTH (M&A, Turnaround, Organic):** Mike Froy, Global Co-Chair, Corporate Practice; Partner, Dentons
- **ERM-FINANCIAL:** Pooja Rahman, Head of Financial Risk, New York Life
- **ERM-OPERATIONAL:** Alfreda Bradley-Coar, former COO/GC, GE—Healthcare, Insurance, Transportation
- **CULTURE CHANGE:** Carol Ward, past Cigna & Mondelez Corporate Secretary, now Senior Advisor, Corporate Governance Partners
- **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION:** Mike Melbinger, Partner, Winston & Strawn. Author, *Executive Compensation, 3rd edition*
- **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:** Kim Yapchai, Chief Sustainability Officer/Counsel, ESG; CCO, Tenneco
- **CYBERSECURITY-STRATEGIC & DIRECTIONAL:** Luis Aguilar, former Commissioner, U.S. SEC & Board Director, Envestnet
- **CYBERSECURITY-OPERATIONAL:** Timothy O'Brien, Managing Director, Information Security/Technology, Envestnet
- ...and more still in process.

For an invitation to this free event (attendance is limited to C-Suite and Corporate Board Directors) go to: [REGISTER](#) AND for more information, see [FLYER](#).