

Clean Energy as a Catalyst for Change

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Time: 6-7pm ET

Format: Zoom Webinar

Description: This panel will focus on individuals in various careers in renewable energy, what they are doing and how their work has an impact.

Moderator: April Salas, Executive Director, The Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth

Panelists:

Patricia D'Costa, Lead Energy Markets Consultant, ICF

Rida Rizvi, Energy Specialist, ETC World Bank

Desiree Miller, Associate Director Investments, Connecticut Green Bank

Yinong Sun, Energy System Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

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Moderator

April Salas

Executive Director | The Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth

April is the Executive Director at the Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth, as well as the co-founder and founding chairwoman of the Board for Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. She also serves as the chief sustainability officer of Hanover, NH, and as a board member of 3Degrees and Hubbard Brook Research Foundation.

April has served in senior capacities at the US Department of Energy and began her career in energy-finance consulting.

April holds a Bachelor's degree from the College of William & Mary, a dual Master's degree from the Institut Catholique de Paris, a Master's degree from The American University of Paris, and an M.B.A from the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Panelists

Patricia D'Costa

Lead Energy Markets Consultant | ICF

Patricia D'Costa is a Lead Energy Markets Consultant within ICF's Distributed Grid Strategy Advisory Services. Patricia provides strategic advice on clean energy policy and technology implementation for North American electric distribution utilities and the U.S. Department of Energy. Her engagements cover distributed energy resources (DER) integration, grid modernization, distribution planning, innovative business models, regulatory support, stakeholder engagement, and customer programs.

Desiree Miller

Associate Director, Investments | Connecticut Green Bank

As Associate Director, Investments, Desiree provides debt and equity financing for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects through the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) and commercial solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) programs. In addition, Desiree evaluates proposals for investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other clean technology projects as part of the Green Bank Capital Solutions Program.

Prior to joining the Green Bank, Desiree held positions at CME Group where she launched new energy futures contracts and in Con Edison's Energy Markets Policy Group.

Desiree has a M.S. from Columbia University in Sustainability Management and a B.A. from Brandeis University with majors in Economics and Psychology and a minor in Business.

Rida Rizvi

Energy Specialist | ETC World Bank

Rida currently serves as an Energy Specialist at the ETC World Bank Group, supporting energy projects in the Central Africa Republic and Liberia. Rida holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from the National University of Sciences and Technology and a Master's degree in Energy and Environmental Management from Yale University.

Yinong Sun

Energy System Researcher | National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Yinong currently serves as an Energy Analyst and Power System Modeler at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, developing power system resources planning and energy system analyses. Yinong holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Peking University, Master of Environmental Management degree from Yale University, and is a PhD candidate in the Department of Environmental Health and Engineering at The John Hopkins University.