

**From Puerto Rico to Hawaii:**  
**How U.S. Island Jurisdictions are Confronting Climate Change**

September 11, 2018  
Global Climate Action Summit  
San Francisco, CA

**Agenda**

- 1:00 – 2:00 pm**      **Travel to the EcoCenter at Heron’s Head Park/Informal Networking**
- 2:00 – 2:10 pm**      **Opening Address – *Joey Manahan, City and County of Honolulu Council Member***
- 2:10 – 2:25 pm**      **Welcome and Framing Remarks – *Carlos Garcia, The San Francisco Foundation, and Arturo Garcia-Costas, The New York Community Trust***
- 2:25 – 2:30 pm**      **Remarks on The Bay Ecotarium – *George Jacob, President and CEO, Bay Ecotarium/Bay.org***
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm**      **Panel: For Island Communities, Climate Change is a Present Threat not a Future Concern**  
**Moderator/Presenter:** *Robert Ottenhoff, President and CEO, Center for Disaster Philanthropy*  
**Panelist:** *Pablo Méndez-Lázaro, University of Puerto Rico – Environmental Health Department/ Puerto Rico Community Foundation*  
**Panelist:** *Dawn Shirreffs, Director of Public Affairs, the Miami Foundation*  
**Panelist:** *Ella Delio, Director of Environmental Programs, Greater New Orleans Foundation*  
**Panelist:** *Dan Hodapp, Senior Waterfront Planner, Port of San Francisco*
- 3:30 – 3:40 pm**      **Coffee Break**
- 3:40 – 4:40 pm**      **Panel: How U.S. Islands Can Lead the Way in the New Climate Economy**  
**Moderator/Presenter:** *Dana Okano, Program Director, Hawaii Community Foundation*  
**Panelist:** *Laurie Schoeman, Senior Program Director for National Resilience and Disaster Recovery at Enterprise Community Partners*  
**Panelist:** *Melissa Miyashiro, Chief of Staff, Blue Planet Foundation*  
**Panelist:** *Lew Milford, President, Clean Energy Group*  
**Panelist:** *Arturo Garcia-Costas, Program Officer for the Environment, the New York Community Trust*
- 4:40 – 5:00 pm**      **Facilitated Brainstorming and Closing Remarks – *Nicola Hedge, Director of Environmental Initiatives, San Diego Foundation***
- 5:00 – 5:45 pm**      **Adjourn and travel to Civic Center area**



**Carlos Garcia** is a senior philanthropic advisor at The San Francisco Foundation. He has devoted his career to connecting philanthropic resources strategically with social and environmental issues to create positive change. In his current role, he works with high-net-worth individuals and families to explore the alignment of their personal values and giving, to develop and execute their grantmaking strategies, and to deepen their engagement on issues. Recently, he helped to develop and oversee a grantmaking program that provides nature-based experiences to thousands of underserved youth across the Bay Area. Previously, he was a philanthropy advisor at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, where he advised a portfolio of clients with combined charitable assets of more than \$300 million. His professional background also includes serving as associate director of philanthropy for The Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization.

Carlos is chair of the board of directors of the Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA), a national group of nearly 200 private foundations, community foundations, corporate foundations, and individual philanthropists. EGA works with its members and partners to promote effective environmental philanthropy. He is also a member of Full Circle Fund, a network of professionals who help social entrepreneurs accelerate positive change in the Bay Area. He received a degree in psychology with a specialization in business administration from UCLA. Currently, he is pursuing a master of environmental management through Duke University.



**Robert G. Ottenhoff** is the president and CEO of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy. CDP seeks to transform how donors think about, respond and give to natural disasters. It offers information about disasters on its website <http://disasterphilanthropy.org/> and provides expert one-on-one analysis and strategic guidance to foundations and corporations. The Chronicle of Philanthropy recognized the launch of CDP as “one of the five high points of 2012” <http://bit.ly/12lhYbu>.

Prior to joining CDP, Bob spent a decade as president and CEO of GuideStar, a leader in the use of providing high-quality data to help donors make better decisions and improve nonprofit practice. Before GuideStar, he served in executive positions in public broadcasting, including nine years as chief operating officer of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and acting president. He frequently writes and comments on nonprofit and philanthropic issues on television, radio and newspapers.



**Dr. Pablo Méndez-Lázaro** was born and raised in Puerto Rico, USA. Pablo is currently an Associate Professor and the Coordinator for the Master's Degree program at the Department of Environmental Health of the University of Puerto Rico, Graduate School of Public Health. During the last 10 years, he has been involved in multiple research studies regarding extreme weather events and their impact on public health and resilience in Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and the continental US. In his professional career, he has been an author on 25 publications in peer reviewed journals and has contributed six book chapters. He is an Executive Member of the Puerto Rico Climate Change Council, Researcher and member of the Executive Board in San Juan ULTRA (Urban Long Term Research Area); Researcher and City Co-Lead in UREx-SRN (Urban Resilience to Extreme weather events-Sustainability Research Network) and; Researcher and City Co-Lead in National Science Foundation Project: Empowering communities to build sustainable and equitable urban futures through smart visualizations and knowledge systems. He is also a Co-author of the US Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4) for the Caribbean Region (Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands).

During the 2017 hurricane season in the Caribbean, he quickly got involved in relief and recovery efforts impacting communities in US Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Following these efforts, he was invited to join Oxfam America's first delegation of responders from Puerto Rico to travel to Washington D.C. to help educate key Members of Congress and their staff about the Puerto Rico emergency.



**Dawn Shirreffs** is the Director of Public Affairs at The Miami Foundation. She leads the Foundation's Civic Leadership Agenda, focused on addressing critical quality of life issues in Miami-Dade County through policy, grantmaking, and convening.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Dawn was the Senior Everglades Policy Advisor at the Everglades Foundation, where she focused on researching, developing and implementing policy positions related to Everglades protection and restoration. A New York native, Dawn graduated from Rollins College with her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies. She received her master's in Public Administration at Florida International University and has a certificate in Executive Nonprofit Management from Georgetown.



**Ella Delio** oversees the Greater New Orleans Foundation's grantmaking and programmatic work in the areas of water management, coastal restoration & resiliency, and sustainability. Prior to moving to New Orleans, Ella worked in Washington, D.C., at the World Resources Institute, an international environmental think tank, where she served as Global Director of the New Ventures program. In that role, she provided business development and investment facilitation services to innovative environmental enterprises in Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, and Mexico. Ella serves as the co-chair of the Urban Water Funders working group of The Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and co-chair of the Coastal Action Table of the Greater New Orleans Funders Network. She received her MBA and MPA degrees from the Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School.



**Dan Hodapp** is an urban designer, planner and landscape architect for the Port of San Francisco. During his time at the Port he has prepared an award winning urban design plan for the San Francisco waterfront, is chairperson of the City's *Waterfront Design Advisory Committee*, and has designed several of the new public spaces along the San Francisco waterfront.



**Dana Okano**, PhD, is the Program Director for the Strategies, Initiatives, and Networks Department of the Hawai'i Community Foundation and is responsible for environment and sustainability programs. Dr. Okano has experience providing technical assistance to natural resource agencies on a range of coastal management issues including; conservation planning, reducing land-based sources of pollution, and climate change adaptation. Dr. Okano has a PhD from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, and is AICP certified by the American Planning Association.



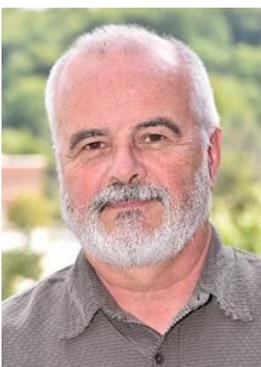
**Laurie Schoeman** is the senior national program director for Resilience and Disaster Recovery for Enterprise Community Partners, a national nonprofit that makes well-designed homes affordable and strengthens communities. She oversees Enterprise's national efforts to develop climate-resilient communities throughout the nation, helping prepare vulnerable communities for extreme weather events and assist low income communities' recovery in a resilient manner. She presently works closely with the recovery efforts in Puerto Rico, Houston and Northern California. In addition, she is working closely with teams in New York City and upstate New York to assist multifamily housing owners incorporate resilience planning in their portfolio, and supporting efforts in Southern California to support affordable housing partners to mitigate climate risk. Her team assists CDCs, cities and states that want to protect their communities, particularly those with significant numbers of low-income and vulnerable Americans.

Laurie has worked throughout the country, developing innovative infrastructure and policy projects ranging from San Francisco's award-winning Eco Center at Herons' Head Park to the nation's first building integrated agricultural facility in the Bronx. In addition, she has worked at UN-Habitat, Catholic Charities, City and County of Alameda and was an appointee from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on the San Francisco Public Utilities Citizens Advisory Commission. Laurie has a master's in urban planning from the City University of New York and a B.A. from Smith College.



**Melissa Miyashiro** is Chief of Staff at Blue Planet Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to clearing the path for 100% clean energy through bold advocacy, awareness, and community action. She received a law degree and a certificate in Environmental Law from the William S. Richardson School of Law (University of Hawai'i and Mānoa) and a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Denver. In 2015, Melissa helped lead Blue Planet's grassroots campaign to pass the nation's first 100% renewable energy law. In 2016, Melissa was selected as one of the *Pacific Business News* "40 Under 40" young professional leaders. She serves as Vice President on the Women in Renewable Energy (WiRE) executive board and an editor for the Hawaii Bar Journal.

Prior to Blue Planet, Melissa worked as a legal fellow assisting state agencies in Hawai'i with rulemaking, invasive species law and policy, and inter-agency coordination. She has authored papers on climate justice and taught persuasive writing and legislative advocacy at Hawai'i's law school. Melissa also worked as a litigator in private practice and completed a clerkship at the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals. Before attending law school, Melissa worked as an environmental scientist for a Hawai'i-based consulting company.



**Lewis Milford** is president and founder of Clean Energy Group (CEG) and founder of Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA), two national nonprofit organizations that work with state, federal, and international organizations to promote clean energy technology, policy, finance, and innovation. He is also a nonresident senior fellow in the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program. Before founding these two organizations, Mr. Milford was Vice President of Conservation Law Foundation, New England's leading environmental organization, where he worked on many innovative energy policies and programs for the region, including litigation of utility rate cases and opposition to power plants. Prior to that, he was a government prosecutor for the New York Attorney General on the Love Canal hazardous waste case. He has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.



**Arturo Garcia-Costas** is currently the New York Community Trust's program officer for the environment. He is responsible for managing programs focused on national and international environmental challenges, New York City's environment, and the coal-impacted communities of Central Appalachia. Before joining the Trust, Arturo worked for New York State, where he focused on environmental justice issues, particularly related to energy and climate change. He chaired the Community Resilience Work Group for the State's Sea Level Rise Task Force, which made recommendations on how to protect coastal communities from flooding and storm surge. In the early 2000s, he ran a United Nations Development Programme funding initiative that helped developing countries assess their capacity to implement their Earth Summit treaty obligations.

After graduating from law school in 1995, he worked for the Natural Resources Defense Council, where he promoted sustainable development in the Americas and helped accelerate the hemispheric phase-out of leaded gasoline. Arturo's record of public service includes working in New York City Mayor David Dinkins's Office of Operations, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's District Office, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as the Special Assistant for a presidential appointee. He also serves on the board of Friends of the Earth - U.S. He earned a baccalaureate from the City University of New York, a J.D. from Stanford Law School, and a Masters in Urban Policy and Leadership from Hunter College.



**Nicola Hedge** is the Director for Environmental Initiatives at The San Diego Foundation. She works with donors, nonprofits, business and government partners to lead implementation of The Foundation's environmental initiatives, Opening the Outdoors and Climate, aimed at protecting, connecting and increasing access to the outdoors and catalyzing regional solutions to climate change. Prior to joining The Foundation, Nicola held roles managing a field office for a World Bank research project in rural Malawi and with the production team of a public affairs show on public radio. Nicola earned her master's degree from UC San Diego's School of Global Policy & Strategy and her bachelor's degree in International Business from Hawaii Pacific University. For the accomplishments catalyzing regional resilience to climate change, the Foundation was awarded an inaugural U.S. HUD-Council on Foundations Secretary's Award for public-private partnerships and Nicola received special recognition through the 2018 California Regional Adaptation Leadership Awards.

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**Mary Ann Gabino** is currently the Senior Vice-president of the Puerto Rico Community Foundation (PRCF), where she has been for the past 15 years. She holds a BA in Communications with a major in Advertising from the University of the Sacred Heart and an Executive MBA from *Interamerican University* in Puerto Rico. She's also a *Licensed Public Relations Professional* and holds a certificate from the *School of Bank Marketing and Management*. She has led the Development, Communications, Donor Services teams. She also holds the responsibility of leading PRCF's strategic plan design, its monitoring and the design and execution of other strategic initiatives.

Under her leadership the Foundation has been able to increase its philanthropic assets by more than \$24 million, nearly \$12 million has been raised since last September after the devastation caused by hurricanes Irma and María. She became instrumental in positioning PRCF as a reliable philanthropic partner to collaborate with the most vulnerable communities in the Island. Prior to joining PRCF, she held several positions in Puerto Rico's advertising industry that ranged from *Strategic Planning Director*, *Account Supervisor*, *Senior Media Planner* and *Media Buyer* for several local and international brands. She also worked in the banking industry, holding positions as *Marketing Manager* and *Assistant Vice-president of Private Banking*.

In 2009 Mary Ann was recognized by the Caribbean Business, a weekly business newspaper, among Puerto Rico's *Top Executive Women*.