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**Corporate Executives Join Call for Greater Ambition and Action at Climate Week NYC and National Clean Energy Week*****BCSE events to feature global corporate leaders***

Washington, DC - The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) will host two high-level events featuring clean energy and energy efficiency executives at [Climate Week NYC](#) (CWNYC) and [National Clean Energy Week](#) (NCEW) the week of September 20.

“The UN Secretary General called a ‘code red for humanity’ after the release of the latest IPCC report, and I have confidence that we can rise to the challenge of climate change,” said BCSE President Lisa Jacobson. “We have both the clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and the experienced corporate leadership to deploy these solutions already in hand. These two signature events – Climate Week NYC and National Clean Energy Week – are working to build political will for greater climate ambition.

“I am very pleased that BCSE will bring corporate voices – including the CEOs from Johnson Controls and Schneider Electric and Trane Technologies’ CTO – to these events, to share how their solutions that can advance us towards the goals of the Paris Agreement.

“Without national policies and international collaboration, however, these technologies will not be deployed fast enough to prevent the worst impacts of climate change. BCSE is working to educate policymakers on the need for transformative policy, and the multiple benefits that can be achieved.

“In the U.S., clean energy and energy efficiency business voices urge Congress and President Biden to continue to work together and advance the infrastructure and budget reconciliation legislation.

“To the global community on the road to COP 26, we call for increased collective ambition. Through partnership with the private sector and clear national policy signals, governments can accelerate the global clean energy transition by raising climate ambition.”

Learn more about the [BCSE’s engagement next week at CWNYC and NCEW on the Road to COP 26](#) here and below.

**EVENT DETAILS****[Check. We Have the Technologies and Tools. It is Time to Raise Climate Ambition](#)**

Monday, September 20, 2021, 4:00 – 5:00 pm ET

[Register here to attend](#)

Achieving significant emissions reductions in the coming decade will be critical if the global community is to achieve its goal of keeping warming below 1.5°C and net-zero by 2050. The good news is that the clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and systems already exist to help further advance the energy transition.

This panel will focus on how existing solutions can deliver near-term emissions reductions to help countries meet more ambitious targets, and what innovative solutions are in the pipeline.

**Host & Moderator:** [Lisa Jacobson](#), President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy

**Armchair Interviews with:**

[George R. Oliver](#), Chairman and CEO, Johnson Controls

[Jean-Pascal Tricoire](#), Chairman and CEO, Schneider Electric

[Paul Camuti](#), Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Trane Technologies

**Panel:**

Kevin Rabinovitch, Global Vice President, Sustainability, Mars, Inc.

[Renaee Kezar](#), Vice President, Corporate Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs, Johnson Controls

Steve Wilhite, Senior Vice President, Energy & Sustainability, Schneider Electric

[Scott Tew](#), Vice President, Sustainability & Managing Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, Trane Technologies

**[More Bang for the Buck – Investing in Mitigation and Resilience Together](#)**

**Thursday, September 23, 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET**

[Register here to attend.](#)

Many existing clean energy and energy efficiency solutions can deliver both mitigation and enhanced resilience against the impacts of climate change. Now is the time to re-invest strategically in technology solutions and systems that achieve both goals, as the impacts of a lack of climate action are already being felt with increasing incidences of wildfires, droughts, hurricanes and floods. Investing in communities and climate-smart infrastructure before a disaster delivers a significant return on investment. These types of solutions include on-site clean energy generation, microgrids, weatherization and other building efficiency measures and more.

This panel will make the case to invest in clean energy and energy efficiency and sustainability solutions that both enhance resilience and advance the transition towards the creation of net-zero economies.

**Host & Moderator:** [Lisa Jacobson](#), President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy

**Panel Speakers:**

Jason Burwen, Interim CEO, Energy Storage Association

[Mark Feasel](#), President, Smart Grid North America, Schneider Electric

[Sharon Tomkins](#), Vice President, Sustainability, Sempra Energy

[Harry Verhaar](#), Head of Global Public & Government Affairs, Signify

[Katherine Hammack](#), Director, Special Projects, U.S. Green Building Council

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For more information on the Council, please visit [www.bcse.org](http://www.bcse.org). For the latest industry data, download the [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#).