

Conservation Finance Practitioner Roundtable

Inaugural Meeting

January 20, 2016 | New York Academy of Sciences

In September 2015, Island Press and the Conservation Finance Network received a Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to 1) provide a forum of support for the CIG projects funded in the conservation finance category, and 2) develop a stakeholder-driven community of practice on conservation finance. A key component of this effort is a series of roundtable meetings that will be held over the next three years to address key challenges and to drive forward the growth of the field.

These meetings will take place in different locations around the country and will focus on key themes. This kickoff meeting has two goals— 1) to introduce the CIG award winners and their projects to the community, and 2) to set the stage for the next three years by prioritizing topics and issues that the community will collectively address.

We thank you for joining us and providing your input on this exciting new effort.

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8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
9:15-9:45 a.m.	<p>CFP Roundtable Context & Value Proposition</p> <p>Presenters: Peter Stein, The Lyme Timber Company; Chief Jason Weller, NRCS</p>
9:45-10:30 a.m.	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Accelerating the Contribution of Private Capital to Working Lands Conservation: Stakeholders & Trends</p> <p>Panelists: Peter Stein, Lyme Timber Company; Sean Penrith, The Climate Trust; Ricardo Bayon, Encourage Capital; Charlotte Kaiser, NatureVest</p>
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00: -12:30 p.m.	<p>Session 2</p> <p>FY2015 Conservation Innovation Grants</p> <p>Panelists: Todd Gartner, World Resources Institute; Sean Penrith, The Climate Trust; Brian Brandt, American Farmland Trust; Mark Lambert, Vital Farmland LP; Brent Davies, EcoTrust; Sarah Kroopf, Environmental Defense Fund; Tom Hodgman, The Nature Conservancy; Leslie Durschinger, Terra Global</p> <p>Moderators: Kari Cohen, NRCS; Patrick Holmes, USDA</p>
12:30-1:45 p.m.	Networking Lunch
1:45-2:45 p.m.	<p>Session 3 – Working Session</p> <p>Prioritizing Roundtable Topics & Themes</p> <p>Facilitators: Brad Gentry, Yale University; Leigh Whelpton, The Conservation Finance Network</p>
2:45-3:30	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Market Making: Establishing, Scaling, and Maturing a Market</p> <p>Presenter: Dave Chen, Equilibrium Capital</p>
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45-4:45 p.m.	<p>Session 5 – Working Session</p> <p>Prioritizing Roundtable Deliverables</p> <p>Facilitators: Brad Gentry, Yale University; Leigh Whelpton, The Conservation Finance Network</p>
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks