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**U.S. Private Sector Powering New Clean Energy Collaborations on International Climate Action**

New York City, NY – U.S. private sector executives are participating this week in numerous events around the UN Climate Action Summit and Climate Week NYC, to contribute to the urgent call for greater climate ambition by governments and greater action by all.

Business Council for Sustainable Energy President Lisa Jacobson offered the following comment on the gathering of national government and business leaders:

“Woven into the fabric of the hosting of the UN Climate Action Summit is the underlying importance of both public and private sector leadership to address climate change. Members of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy are making significant climate investments and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Through their own corporate commitments and bringing of climate technology and systems solutions to the market, these companies are making the transition happen today in the energy, food, industry, transportation and built environment sectors at home and abroad.”

The climate action efforts and new announcements by BCSE members this week in New York City are showcased here [www.bcse.org/2019climateaction](http://www.bcse.org/2019climateaction) and captured in the below quotes.

**Jason Hartke, President, Alliance to Save Energy**

“The [EE Global Alliance](#) is thrilled to be working with leading companies and organizations from around the globe who are stepping up to support the ambitious commitments of the Three Percent Club countries. With such strong private sector involvement and collaboration with organizational partners, countries can reap all the potential of energy efficiency to combat climate change, while cost-effectively meeting their energy needs and growing their economies.”

**Michael W. Lamach, Chairman and CEO, Ingersoll Rand**

“The next frontier of sustainability starts with bold action. Addressing the world’s greatest challenges including climate change, urbanization and resource scarcity requires companies like ours to make ESG core to how we innovate, operate and engage. Collaboration is key to accelerating positive change and Climate Week NYC provides a powerful platform to engage.”

**Steve Kukoda, Executive Director, International Copper Association**

“The International Copper Association is a global leader in advancing energy efficiency programs worldwide. Our flagship program in this space is [United For Efficiency](#) (U4E). U4E is part of the newly formed Three Percent Club, which is working with governments and businesses to scale-up energy efficiency actions vital to climate change goals.”

**Clay Nesler, Vice President, Global Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs, Johnson Controls**

“Johnson Controls is proud to participate in the UN Climate Action Summit and other Climate Week events to help make the case for strong climate action through our own initiatives, our support of international partnerships and new climate commitments to the Three Percent Club for Energy Efficiency, the Cool Coalition and the EP100 Cooling Challenge.”

**Ashley Allen, Global Sustainability, Mars Incorporated**

“Mars Incorporated is all in on climate action. As a global food company, we experience the severity of climate change firsthand throughout our value chain. That is why, at the UN Climate Action Summit this week, we launched our Pledge for the Planet - ramping up our target to reduce operations emissions in line with a 1.5 degree pathway, and calling on our suppliers to set science-based climate targets and commit to 100% renewable energy.”

**Rudy Wynter, President and COO of Wholesale Networks and U.S. Capital Delivery, National Grid, US**

“As a company, National Grid believes in the science of climate change and understands the urgency to act. Climate Change is the most pressing issue of our time and threatens the safety of our customers and communities. National Grid is a sponsor of Climate Week because it’s an opportunity to have the important conversations about what we can do **now** to mitigate climate change.”

**Jean-Pascal Tricoire, CEO, Schneider Electric**

“Our commitment to carbon neutrality is weaved into our business decisions and governance, but we need to do more and faster. Not only are we stepping up our carbon commitments and moving up our timeline, but also calling on others to take bolder actions to reduce carbon emissions and establish more sustainable business practices that will help set the stage for a post-carbon world.”

**Eric Rondolat, CEO, Signify**

“Another year of record heat waves, fires in the Amazon and Siberia, and the ice caps at their smallest for centuries. The time for debate is over – now it’s time to take urgent action. Governments worldwide need to help realize a carbon neutral world by 2050 at the latest with companies committing to a more aggressive target of 2030.”

**Mahesh Ramanujam, President and CEO, U.S. Green Building Council**

“One of the goals that has guided the U.S. Green Building Council’s development of LEED has been reversing a building’s contribution to global climate change. We feel the effects of the environment in our everyday lives – through the water we drink, the air we breathe and the spaces we inhabit. To create more sustainable buildings, communities and cities we must put people at the heart of our work. Scientific language and statistics will only bring us so far, to inspire action we need to bring the human message into our climate discussions. Climate

Week is an opportunity to share stories and reveal how each individual action – big or small – can help create a better standard of living.”

**Andrew Steer, President and CEO, World Resources Institute** - WRI coordinates the Building Efficiency Accelerator and is a partner to both the Three Percent Club and the Net Zero Carbon Buildings for All.

“When it comes to climate change, we need to shift from ‘doing better’ to ‘doing enough.’ This requires reducing emissions to net zero by 2050. Decarbonizing buildings is absolutely essential to attaining that.”

“Energy efficiency is the stealthy hero of climate action. By increasing energy efficiency by just 3% per year, countries can save trillions of dollars for consumers and businesses and improve people’s lives. Energy efficiency should be at the core of all countries’ national climate plans.”

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