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PANELISTS:

Sara STAHL - *Director of Market Development at ECX European Climate Exchange.*

Sara joined ECX in 2004 as part of the original team who set up the Exchange. Her responsibilities as Director of Market Development include creating new exchange-listed products and promoting the growth of the emissions market.

Prior to ECX, Sara gained high-level policy experience at the European Commission in Brussels at the Directorate-General for Environment in the Unit of Climate Change and Energy. As an analyst in the fields of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and environmental performance of multinationals positions. Sara holds a MA in Economics and at Université de Libre, Brussels, Belgium. Additionally she researched Environmental Economics field at Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE) in Costa Rica

Clair RODHES - *Program Manager at Ecoagriculture Partners.*

Ecoagriculture Partners is an international NGO that supports farmers and other actors to scale up successful ecoagriculture approaches. Claire has worked, at policy-level, to support the engagement of local community and Indigenous Peoples representatives in a number of international policy processes, including the CBD - Convention on Biological Diversity and the MDGs - Millennium Development Goals, as well as collaborating on a regular basis with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Equator Initiative. Claire holds a MSc in Environmental Technology and a BA in Biological Sciences.

Jean-Philippe RENAUT - *Program Manager at SustainAbility.*

His main focus are the Finance and Capital Markets sectors and is part of the Accountability sector and manages the day-to-day operations of the "Engaging Stakeholder" program at SustainAbility. After graduation Jean-Philippe worked for three years in a large Canadian IT consulting company on change management, process engineering and benchmarking projects, both in the private sector and for local governments. Jean-Philippe is an LSE alumnus and holds an MSc. in Environment and Development (2006). His Bachelors of Commerce was achieved at McGill University, Montreal (2001).

Martin Berg - *VP in Global Markets and Carbon Trading Specialist at Merrill Lynch Bank of America*

He is responsible for the bank's transaction in the flexible mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol (CDM and JI) and in the voluntary carbon markets.

Martin has worked on climate change and the carbon markets since 2002. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch, he was a carbon finance specialist at the New York based hedge fund, RNK Capital LLC and worked at the climate change unit of the (OECD) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris. Martin holds an MPA in International Energy Management and Policy from Columbia University and a M.A. in Political Sciences from the University of Bonn.