



PRESS RELEASE

## Climate Group welcomes two new Trustees to the UK Board

**17 August 2021, London** – Climate Group today announced that Meryam Omi, Head of Sustainability & Responsible Investment Strategy at Legal & General Investment Management (LGIM) and Sumant Sinha, Chairman and Managing Director of ReNew Power have joined the Board of Climate Group.

**Joan MacNaughton, Chair of the Board of Climate Group, said:** *“We are delighted to welcome Sumant and Meryam to Climate Group’s UK Board, strengthening our links and understanding with the global investment industry, and also with important renewable investors in India, a country that is central to the global energy transition away from fossil fuels.*

*“The addition of Meryam’s expertise in financial services comes at a very opportune time, as the role of the financial services industry in enabling climate change is becoming ever more prevalent, not only in their own operations, but also in ensuring that through responsible investing other organisations can implement necessary change.*

*“India is also facing change at the moment, looking for ways to rebuild post the pandemic in a resilient and sustainable way. Sumant already plays a key role in advising Climate Group in India and we’re delighted that his expertise will also contribute to our activities in the UK, as climate change knows no borders and we need to take an international approach to deliver real change.”*

Meryam was recently appointed one of COP26’s UN High Level Champions for Climate Action, leading many Race to Zero campaigns in the finance sector, and brings over 16 years of investment experience. In 2010, she created a sustainability role within LGIM and launched successful engagement campaigns on topics such as independent directors in Japan, corporate tax and removal of quarterly reports. She instrumentally led the launch of Future World Funds – flagship climate change solution funds and spearheaded the Climate Impact Pledge – in a multiple award-winning engagement programme to drive tangible climate action from investee companies globally. She is also on the board of TransitionZero and is an associate fellow at Chatham House.

Sumant is the Chairman and Managing Director of ReNew Power, which he founded in January 2011 with a vision to transform the way energy is produced and consumed in India. It is now one of India’s premier renewable energy companies with an aggregate portfolio of around 10 GW spread over more than 100 sites. Sumant chairs the India Advisory Group of the Climate Group and serves on the Board of Directors of the US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF). Sumant is the Co-Chair of the Electricity Governor’s Group and a member of the Stewardship Board on Shaping the Future of Energy at the World Economic Forum. He is also Senior Vice President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). Sumant has been recognized as an SDG Pioneer by United Nations Global Compact in 2021 for his work

in the areas of energy transition and gender equality. He is on the Board of Governors of IIM Calcutta, IIT Delhi and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).

**Meryam Omi commented:** *"I'm delighted to join the Board of Climate Group, which has been driving companies to embrace and achieve ambitious targets to create the net zero future. With my experience of engaging with companies and creating sustainable investments, I hope to add value to the critical discussions and help find solutions for the low carbon transitions."*

**Sumant Sinha added:** *"I am delighted to be part of the Board of Trustees of the Climate Group. I have been associated with Climate Group for the past three years and I believe their work is crucial in strengthening the collaborative efforts in meeting the Paris Agreement goals and mitigating the impact of climate change on global communities."*

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**About Climate Group**

[Climate Group](#) drives climate action. Fast. Our goal is a world of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, with greater prosperity for all. We focus on systems with the highest emissions and where our networks have the greatest opportunity to drive change. We do this by building large and influential networks and holding organisations accountable, turning their commitments into action. We share what we achieve together to show more organisations what they could do. We are an international non-profit organisation, founded in 2004, with offices in London, New Delhi and New York. We are proud to be part of the [We Mean Business coalition](#). Follow us on Twitter [@ClimateGroup](#).