



Steve Howard

Former Chief Sustainability Officer at IKEA

"A Professional Optimist"

Steve Howard is a leading sustainable business professional and is a recognised authority on sustainability and climate change. Steve joined Temasek as Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) in 2021 and was Chief Sustainability Officer at IKEA Group and served on IKEA's Executive Group Management from 2011-2017.

TOPICS:

- Sustainability
- Economic Austerity
- Environmentalism
- Ethical Business Practice
- Energy Transition
- Let's Go All-In on Selling Sustainability

IN DETAIL:

In 2015, Steve co-founded We Mean Business, a leading climate change coalition of organisations which helped support the Paris Agreement and has led to more than 500 businesses making more than 1000 commitments on climate action. Prior to IKEA Steve was Founder and CEO of The Climate Group, a global NGO which has built networks of cities, states, regions, and businesses committed to a net-zero carbon world. Steve is on the administrative board of SE4ALL and was Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Environmental and Natural Resource Security. He worked in WWF where he established the Global Forest and Trade Network and helped launch and chair The Forest Trust. Steve is trained as an ecologist and has a PhD in Ecophysiology and Environmental Physics based on research in Kenya.

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Steve is a leading authority on sustainability and climate change setting out the challenges and providing audiences with the possible solutions. Steve believes politicians and business leaders must tackle urgent environmental and economic challenges together to create new jobs and build a prosperous and clean economy.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Steve is a passionate and thought-provoking speaker – his presentations are delivered in a highly engaging and entertaining style.