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Plenary Speaker **Jane McDonald**

Jane McDonald is the Executive Vice President of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), an award-winning independent think tank working to create a world where people and the planet thrive. In this role, she oversees IISD's global team working to accelerate solutions for a stable climate, sustainable resources, and fair economies.

Jane has over 20 years of Canadian and International experience working with governments, corporate executives, and major think tanks to advance sustainability. She has worked in the financial sector, building new environmental markets at investment bank Cantor Fitzgerald, and led advocacy efforts to secure the inclusion of Canadian renewable electricity in US clean power programs.

From 2015-2016, Jane served as Policy Director for the Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change where she supported the Canadian government's role in the Paris Agreement, and negotiations with provinces on the 'Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change'. In 2018 she joined a diverse group of stakeholders on Canada's Generation Energy Council, producing the first energy vision for Canada consistent with the country's climate goals.

Jane is currently a board member of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and the Transition Accelerator. She has served on many non-profit boards, taught as an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Finance at the University of Toronto and was a 2007-2008 Fellow of Action Canada. She has a degree in economics and literature from McGill University and an MBA from York University and ESSEC in Paris.