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2021 WM Sustainability Forum Expands to Two-Day Virtual Event

Leaders Share Insights and Seek Solutions for a More Sustainable Tomorrow

HOUSTON – Jan. 27, 2021 – Waste Management will host “Breakthrough” the 2021 [WM Sustainability Forum](#) on February 3 and 4. The virtual Forum, taking place in two hour blocks over two days, is held in conjunction with the PGA TOUR’s WM Phoenix Open, and brings together a mix of experts, customers, academia, government employees, non-government organizations (NGOs), businesses and the next generation of leaders to share insights, exchange ideas and create innovative strategies. As Forum host, WM leads with purpose, providing attendees with real life inspiration to “breakthrough” and turn world changing ideas into transformative actions. Registration is required to “attend” the virtual Forum at wmsustainabilityforum.com.

Day One of the Forum will offer a variety of perspectives - academia, corporations, NGOs, and government - highlighting their climate strategies, the ways they have risen to the occasion to create a more sustainable world, and what still needs to be done. The day will begin with a welcome from WM’s Senior Vice President of Field Operations [Tara Hemmer](#) which will be followed by a keynote speech by Project Drawdown Executive Director [Jonathan Foley](#). A moderated discussion on “Tackling Climate Change Together” will feature Nestlé Waters Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer [David Tulauskas](#); [Rachel Goldstein](#), North America Policy Director, Mars; [Cooper Martin](#), Director Sustainability & Solutions at the Center for City Solutions at the National League of Cities; [Susan Robinson](#), Senior Director of Sustainability & Policy, WM; [Tim Juliani](#), Director of US Corporate Climate Engagement, World Wildlife Fund-US; and Jonathan Foley. The discussion will be moderated by [Joel Makower](#), Chairman and Executive Editor of the GreenBiz Group Inc.

Day Two will feature leaders of large corporations discussing what they have done to address challenges in 2020 and how they will lead with purpose in 2021. Day Two will begin with a keynote from Waste Management President and CEO [Jim Fish](#). Tara Hemmer will then be joined by Former PepsiCo Chairman and CEO [Indra Nooyi](#) for a conversation on inspiring leadership, followed by a CEO panel discussion featuring Walmart President and CEO [Doug McMillon](#); Microsoft CEO [Satya Nadella](#); and WM’s Jim Fish. Hemmer will then join Harbison



Studio Founder and Creative Director, [Charles Harbison](#), for a discussion on Leading the Next Generation.

The 2021 WM Sustainability Forum will be streamed live on [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#). The Forum will begin each day at 10:30 a.m. EST and will conclude by 12:30 p.m. EST.

For a decade, the Waste Management Sustainability Forum has served to educate and inspire business leaders. Recognizing its individual and collective role in the social, environmental and economic realities of sustainability, Waste Management hosts this annual knowledge-sharing event that allows us all to be better informed about collective actions that impact our planet. For much of its first decade, the Sustainability Forum focused solely on environmental issues, helping to drive change, spur conversation and stimulate action. In recent years, the Sustainability Forum has expanded beyond the environment; conversation is now inclusive of critical issues the world faces today, including diversity, equality, and food security, as well issues around global climate change.

Recognized as an environmental solutions leader, WM was recently named to CDP's Climate Change A List for the fifth year in a row, and was also recently listed as a World and North American Sector Leader of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) for the third year in a row. WM achieved the best result in its industry, maintaining its title as Sector Leader, Commercial Services & Supplies. This also gives the company a [Gold Class](#) distinction and placement in the S&P [Sustainability Yearbook](#).

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management environmental services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the Company provides collection, transfer, disposal services, and recycling and resource recovery. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The Company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America.

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