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Speakers

José Manuel Puente – *Economist - Public Policy Analyst, [Oxford University](#)*

José Manuel Puente is a Professor of the Public Policy Centre at the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA) in Caracas. He completed a MSc. at The London School of Economics and a MSc. and a D.Phil at the University of Oxford.

Roberto Calzadilla – *Ambassador of the Plurinational State of Bolivia*

Roberto Calzadilla is the current Bolivian Ambassador to the UK. He will bring an insight into Bolivia's new social and economic models based on the protection of the environment - the concept of 'Buen Vivir' (Living Well).

Karin Kemper – *Senior Regional Advisor Latin America and Caribbean Region, [The World Bank](#)*

Karin has a PhD from Linköping University (Sweden) in Water and Environmental Studies. Since 2005, she has held several positions at the World Bank.

Franziska Mannke – *CELA Project Manager and Deputy Head of Research and Transfer Center in Europe and Latin America*

Franziska Mannke conducts research in areas such as perception of climate change, and community-based adaptation.

Dr Elisa Morgera – *Senior Lecturer in Global Environmental Law at [the University of Edinburgh](#)*

As a former legal officer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Elisa advised over 50 countries on improving domestic legislation on natural resources. She has participated and organized various inter-governmental negotiations on environment and sustainable development.

James Richardson – *Head of [Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh](#), Team Colombia*

The researcher from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh's Colombia Team will deliver a talk on social and environmental sustainability.

Francisco José Mena Guarderas – *Ecuador Trade Commissioner in the United Kingdom*

Francisco has over 25 years of experience in the international agri-business development and consumer goods in positions of leadership. As the head of the ProEcuador office in London, his main mission is to promote Ecuador's trade and investment opportunities.

Gavin O'Toole – *Freelance Writer and Editor*

Gavin O'Toole is a highly-experienced writer and editor, writing for several newspapers, such as Al Jazeera, the Guardian and Reuters IFR. He has written three books about Latin America and has taught about the politics of the region at Queen Mary, University of London. Gavin is a former visiting postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for the Study of the Americas.

Adam Bowie – *Head of Corporate Affairs and Communications, Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Council (Canning House)*

Founded in 1947, Canning House is the UK's leading forum for comment, contacts and debate on Latin America, promoting closer relations between the UK and the region. At Canning House, Adam works with UK businesses to investigate trade and investment opportunities, build new contacts and widen awareness of commercial developments in Latin America. He holds an MA in History from the University of Cambridge.

Cristián López – *Director at ProChile, London*

Cristián López is the Director of ProChile in London. ProChile is the institution of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile in charge of promoting exports of products and services, foreign investment opportunities and tourism. He has a master degree in International Business from the University of London. Cristián is a founding member, former Director (2012 – 2013), and current Co-Director of the 'Latin American Trade and Investment Association – LATIA', which groups together the trade and investment promotion offices of most of the countries within Latin America. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of TECHO in the United Kingdom.

André Romanholi – *Services and Partnerships, Wise Waste*

André was the CEO of EJEAmb, CHOICE ambassador and member of Rondon group. He currently works at WiseWaste in the area of customer service and partnership development.

Gui Brammer – *Innovation / Business Development, Wise Waste*

Materials Engineer in Mackenzie, MBA from USP and postgraduate in Sustainable Management from FGV. He has worked for more than 16 years in marketing materials, sustainability and recycling