## Biography:

### *Sean Kidney, Co-founder and Chair Climate Bonds Initiative*

The Climate Bonds Initiative works to mobilize bond markets to finance a rapid, global transition to a low-carbon economy. Supported by a 50 member, 15 country Advisory Panel, the Initiative develops policies and projects that will support renewable energy and energy efficiency investibility and educates investors and prospective bond issuers about opportunities with climate change solutions.

The Climate Bonds Initiative runs an International Climate Bonds Standards and Certification Scheme. The Standards Board includes the Treasurer of California, Bill Lockyer; the US Investor Network on Climate Risk; CalSTRS, the USA's second largest pension fund; and Australia's Investor Group on Climate Change. Its industry working group includes representatives from KPMG, Standard & Poor's, Aviva Investors and the IFC. The first standards-compliant bonds will be issued soon.

The Initiative also promotes public sector guarantee schemes for renewable energy and public transport; the creation of green investment banks; and "sustainable financial solutions" suitable for climate bond financing of residential energy efficiency retrofits.

Sean serves as a member of the UK Government's Capital Markets Climate Initiative and the TransformUK business/NGO coalition. He is also a director of the Network for Sustainable Financial Markets, an international network of finance sector professionals and academics and who see the need for fundamental changes to improve financial market integrity, stability and efficiency.

Sean was previously a marketing advisor to a number of the largest Australian pension funds and a social marketer and publisher.