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Biography

James has been catalytic in connecting law, policy, finance, and innovation to respond to the challenges of sustainable development. He understands the systemic nature of the difficulties we face and has the expertise to identify and mobilise effective levers of change. James runs his own enterprise James Cameron & Co. www.james-cameron.co.uk providing advice and advocacy to governments, civil society and business (large and small).

He is Chairman of Crown Agents, which works with leaders globally to accelerate self-sufficiency and prosperity, across health, humanitarian, stabilisation, governance and public administration, and renewable energy.

James is a Senior Advisor to Pollination Global, a specialist climate change investment and advisory firm; SYSTEMIQ, a specialist sustainability advisory and investment business; Korn Ferry, a global organizational consulting firm. James is Non-Executive Director of Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust (ORIT PLC), an investment trust (£615m Market Cap); Director of Ignite Power, Africa's fastest-growing solar company; Non-Executive Director and former Chairman of energy tech start-up, Green Running/Verv

Other current roles include: Advisory Board to Green Finance Institute (UK); Advisory Council at Neste (Finland); Advisory Board of Sun New Energy Holdings (India); Advisory Committee for Blue Marine Foundation (UK); Chair of European Advisory Board for Smart Surfaces Coalition (US); UK Advisory Board Member of IDH, Trade and Development Org (NL); Advisory Committee of IP Group, Climate Solutions Venture

Capital (UK); Senior Advisor to AVAIO Capital (US), Senior Advisor to DFS (UK), Senior Advisor to Tulchan (UK).

James was the former Chairman of the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) from 2012-2020, a member of HM Treasury Infrastructure UK Advisory Council, a member of The Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group in the coalition government of David Cameron and Nick Clegg, a member of the Green Investment Bank Commission and until 2021 was a London Sustainable Development Commissioner (advising both Boris Johnson and Sadiq Khan).

He was co-founder and former Chairman of CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) from 2000 - 2016. James was Chairman of CCC (Climate Change Capital) until 2015, which he co-founded in 2003 and developed into an investment firm (advisory and asset management) employing 150 people with US\$1.6 billion under management.

During his tenure at CCC, James was named Leader of the Year at the 2013 BusinessGreen Leaders Awards. James was formerly a Non-Executive Director of Solarcentury, the UK's largest distributor of solar power, and helped to found The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), winner of the Ashden Award in Innovative Finance in 2019.

James is a qualified Barrister and was called to the Bar in 1987, practicing from the leading commercial chambers 3 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, London. He was counsel to Baker & McKenzie where he founded and headed their Global Climate Change and Clean Energy Practice. He co-founded the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD) and the Centre for

International Environmental Law (CIEL). James is currently advising Foundation for International Law and for the Environment (FILE) which funds litigation, law reform and policy change.

James has appeared in several leading cases in environment, trade and human rights including the arrest of General Pinochet (House of Lords/Supreme Court), Hinkley Point (Nuclear Planning Inquiry), and the Shrimp/ Turtle case at the World Trade Organisation. James has negotiated international agreements including UNFCCC Rio (1992), Kyoto Protocol (1997) representing AOSIS (Alliance of Small Island States - a coalition he helped to build). James is a member of IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) and has advised the Presidencies of the

climate negotiations, COP20 (Peru), COP22 (Morocco), COP23 (Fiji) and COP26 (UK).

James is an Executive Fellow at Yale Centre of Environmental Law and Policy; Development Board Member at University of Oxford's Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment; Policy Board Member of the Oxford Martin School programme on the post carbon transition. He is a Fellow of the Payne Institute for Public Policy, Colorado School of Mines; Advisory Board Member of Imperial College's Centre for Climate Change Innovation and Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the Grantham Institute. James is a Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce and a Life Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge.

100-word bio

An award-winning recognised authority in the global climate change movement, an advocate and catalyst for galvanising big impact change on environmental challenges globally. A qualified Barrister with 30+ years' experience across legal (Baker & McKenzie), academic & non profit (Crown Agents, Imperial College London, ODI, University of Oxford, Yale), business (Climate Change Capital, Octopus-ORIT, Pollination Global, Solarcentury, Systemiq, Tulchan), Government (UK Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group, COP22, COP23, COP26), and advisory roles (AVAIO Capital, Blue Marine Foundation, GFI, IDH, IP Group, NESTE, Smart Surfaces Coalition), James is uniquely placed to advise on the complex challenges that hinder progress to a more sustainable future.

Key areas of expertise:

- Climate Law & Policy
- Environment & Climate Change
- Renewable Energy & Clean Technology
- Sustainable Business & Finance
- Governance & Enterprise

200-word bio

An award-winning recognised authority in the global climate change movement and a qualified Barrister with 30+ years' experience, James serves on boards and advisory committee's across financial, legal, academic and governmental organisations. These include the Octopus (ORIT), Systemiq, Pollination Group, Tulchan, Solar Century, AVAIO Capital, Crown Agents and the Overseas Development Institute (Chairman 2012 - 2020).

Until 2015, James was Chairman of Climate Change Capital (CCC), which he co-founded in 2003 and developed into an investment bank employing 150 people with US\$1.6 billion under management. Prior to CCC, James was Counsel to Baker & McKenzie and was the founder and the head of their Climate Change and Clean Energy Practice and co-founded the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD) and the Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL).

He has spent much of his legal career focusing on climate matters including negotiating the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol as an advisor to the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

James is a Friend of COP26 and was an advisor to Presidencies of the COP22, COP23 climate negotiations and a London Sustainable Development Commissioner. He has academic appointments at Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London and the Colorado School of Mines.

Education

Cambridge University, Master of Laws (LLM), 1985 - 1986

University College London, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), 1982 - 1985

The University of Western Australia, Arts/Law, 1980 - 1982

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Publications

James Cameron and Durwood Zaelke wrote the first law review article on Climate Change and State Responsibility, published in 1990 by the American University Journal of International Law. It was named Law Review's Article of the Year in the US in 1990.

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