

Women in Green: A "Sheroes Stand Up" USGBC Conference Preview (part 1 of 2) - by Maia Kumari Gilman

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Join speaker former governor of NJ, Christine Todd Whitman for opening remarks and Q&A, and panelists Julia Gisewite (Turner Construction), Vlada Kenniff (NYCHA), Amanda Nesheiwat (HCIA), Jodi Smits Anderson (DASNY) and Faith Taylor (Montclair State) on June 18th for a deep dive into the inclusive future of the green building industry.

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Whitman is the president of The Whitman Strategy Group, a consulting firm that specializes in energy and environmental issues; she served as administrator of the EPA and was the 50th governor of NJ, serving as its first woman governor.

Gisewite is Turner Construction Co.'s chief sustainability officer, responsible for establishing and implementing sustainable policies, standards and procedures for Turner's national and international operations.

Kenniff was named vice president of energy and sustainability, capital projects division, at the New York City Housing Authority in March 2020; she spent a decade at the NYCDEP, where she managed a portfolio of integrated water management planning and capital projects.

Nesheiwat currently works as the deputy director of sustainability and community outreach for Hudson County Improvement Authority; previously, she was the environmental director and recycling coordinator for the Town of Secaucus, N.J.

Smits Anderson is a seeker of balance in triple bottom line discovery, visioning, planning, and implementation; she is an architect who has served as designer, project manager and construction liaison for churches, schools, and community projects.

Taylor works at the Feliciano Business School of Montclair State University as a full-time clinical professor of marketing/management teaching corporate social responsibility and marketing, innovation and sustainability.

Maia Kumari Gilman, NYC architect, will be reporting on this event for the New York Real Estate Journal (see part 2 of 2).

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