

Keynote Speaker - Tom Rand



Tom Rand's focus is on carbon mitigation as an entrepreneur, venture capitalist, author, and speaker. He is co-Founder and managing partner of ArcTern Ventures and sits on the board of a number of clean energy companies and organizations.

He also developed *Planet Traveler*, a low-carbon hotel project in downtown Toronto. Tom's first book *Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit* (2010) was winner of the 2011 Whitepine Non-Fiction award; his second - *Waking the Frog* - became a bestseller in Spring 2014; his third - *Climate Capitalism: Economic*

Solutions for a Planet in Crisis was published early 2020. Tom holds a BSc in electrical engineering (U of Waterloo), an MSc in philosophy of science (University of London and LSE) and an MA and PhD in philosophy (U of Toronto), is an Action Canada Fellow, and has been a member of a number of federal and provincial advisory boards. Tom is a regular contributor on Canada's leading op-ed pages and television.

Tom's address will include his trademark focus and clarity to an enormously complex issue – the economics of climate change. As global fears over climate risk ratchet up alongside increasing turbulent weather systems, the private sector looks at last ready join the fight in earnest. Is that the case, or just more greenwashing? Rand's forthright speaking style takes on the old canards of both left and right politics in a passionate call to arms on climate risk. His talk brings to life the focus of his third bestselling book: to articulate pragmatic ways to rewire the capitalist economy for the 21st century – a renewed “Climate Capitalism”.