

SENIOR FELLOWS



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FELLOW BIO: Jigar Shah

International Experience:

From 2009 to March 2012, Shah served as the first CEO of the Carbon War Room, the global organization founded by Richard Branson and Virgin Unite to harness the power of entrepreneurship to unlock the potential of proven climate change solution technologies to be deployed at scale. During Shah’s tenure he was a trailblazer in helping build the organization into one of global importance.

Prior to launching SunEdison and his tenure as Carbon War Room CEO, Shah worked in strategy for BP Solar and as a contractor for the Department of Energy on alternative vehicles and fuel cell programs.

Shah holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and an MBA from The University of Maryland. Besides the Carbon War Room, he also sits on the boards of the SolarNexus, KMR Infrastructure, Viasole, Earth Day Network, and Greenpeace USA.

Areas of Expertise:

Jigar Shah is the author of the book: *Creating Climate Wealth: Unlocking the Impact Economy*. He is the CEO of Jigar Shah Consulting. He works closely with some of the world’s leading influencers and guides policy makers around the globe on key issues to implement profitable solutions to climate change that will unlock \$10 Trillion into the impact economy by 2020.

His first foray in realizing his vision was the founding of SunEdison in 2003; today the world’s leading solar services company. SunEdison, through Shah’s perseverance and vision, simplified solar as a service through the implementation of the power purchase agreement (PPA) business model. That model changed the status quo, allowing organizations to purchase solar energy services under long-term predictably priced contracts and avoid the significant capital costs of ownership and operation of solar energy systems. The SunEdison business model is a recognized catalyst that helped turn solar PV into a multi-billion dollar industry worldwide.