

Speaker Biography:

Aneri Pradhan is an award-winning climate and clean energy ecosystem builder, with extensive experience in driving transformative solutions across North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. As the founder of ENVenture, Africa's largest energy access accelerator, she spearheaded innovative efforts that brought clean energy to over 150,000 people in rural communities by strengthening community-based distribution models. ENVenture was acquired by New Energy Nexus (NEX), which accelerates thousands of clean energy entrepreneurs globally, where she served as a Board member and later as Chief Operating Officer, overseeing global programs, strategic planning, and organizational culture.

Aneri's career spans corporate startup partnerships, energy access program design, and growing global clean energy networks. She built a network of 3,000 energy access practitioners with the UN, operationalized Meta's Social Innovation Lab in partnership with the U.S. Government and MIT Media Lab, and connected over 1,000 clean energy businesses globally through New Energy Nexus. Additionally, she has advised numerous climate and energy startups and created data-driven cultural policies for over 150 staff at NEX.

A systems thinker, Aneri believes that a thriving, supportive environment for underrepresented entrepreneurs is essential for technological breakthroughs to succeed at scale. As a sought-after speaker and writer, she frequently advocates for the role of women in climate action, leveraging their untapped potential to drive the solutions we need.

Aneri holds a Master's in Environment & Development from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has been recognized as a Bloomberg New Economy Catalyst, Renewable Energy World's Top 40 under 40 in solar, Ashden Awards winner, winner of the Vodafone Wireless Innovation Prize, Nasdaq Milestone Maker, an American Express Emerging Innovator, Cordes Fellow, Academy of Achievement delegate, Wild Gift Fellow, and member of the Forbes Nonprofit Council.