



# Principles of Quality Climate Change Adaptation

## Speaker Biographies



### ***Kim Lundgren***

Kim is the Chief Executive Officer of Kim Lundgren Associates, Inc. (KLA), a woman-owned, benefit corporation that delivers solutions to create sustainable communities by addressing climate change. Kim has more than 20 years of professional experience working with local governments to design, secure funding for, implement, and evaluate sustainability plans and programs focused on climate change adaptation and mitigation. As an early municipal sustainability pioneer,

Kim developed the first climate action plan in Massachusetts and one of the first municipal climate adaptation plans in the country. As an experienced facilitator and strategist, Kim promotes a comprehensive approach to sustainability planning that encourages equitable stakeholder engagement and the tracking of key sustainability indicators.



### ***Omar Gates***

Omar Gates is a Climatologist from the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments (GLISA), which is one of the eleven NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) helping the nation prepare for and adapt to climate variability and change. Gates provides climate information and data to researchers and decision-makers throughout the Great Lakes region, and through these engagements, he translates the climate science for informing adaptation planning in multiple sectors. In addition to working with practitioners, Gates supervises undergrad and graduate students in their applied climate work.

As GLISA's Tribal Liaison, he helps integrate climate science with Indigenous and Traditional Ecological Knowledges for the adaptation practices of Great Lakes Tribal Nations and organizations. These experiences cultivate the valuable lessons of maintaining trust and strengthening relationships with Tribal communities.