

James Varghese Abraham is an entrepreneur, strategist, and institution builder who has spent his career at the intersection of energy, technology, and climate. He joined CEEW as its CEO in August 2026.

He was a founding partner of the Boston Consulting Group in India from 1998 to 2009, leading its expansion into New Delhi. He later co-founded SolarArise, an IPP with utility-scale solar-power plants where he helped shape India's early solar policy and was one of the first to make solar power cheaper than coal. In 2023, he founded Mynzo Carbon, a platform to monitor nature-based investments with satellite data and AI. Each move took him a step closer to the problem — from advising on the energy transition, to financing and building it, to measuring whether it is actually working.

James has also held leadership and board roles across business and development, with a track record of building institutions, scaling solutions, and driving meaningful change. He is a fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network and Trustee of the Ananta Centre in India. James serves on the boards of LTIMindtree, MakeMyTrip, and chairs the board of International Justice Mission. James believes that institutions which have a meaningful impact in the world are rooted in values and driven by aspiration.

James earned a BSc (electrical engineering) from the University of Waterloo, an MBA (Palmer Scholar) from Wharton, and an MA (International Relations) from Johns Hopkins University. In his free time, he likes to read, run, cycle, and have a really nice glass of wine.

Short 100-word version

James V. Abraham is CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). He is an entrepreneur, strategist, and institution builder with over four decades at the intersection of energy, capital, and technology. He spent fifteen years at Boston Consulting Group, where he was one of the founding partners of the firm's India practice, before turning to building the energy transition as co-founder of SolarArise, a utility-scale solar developer sold to a London-listed trust in 2022. Most recently, he founded Mynzo Carbon, which monitors nature-based investments with satellite data and AI.