



Schedule-at-a-Glance

Tuesday, May 24th

**All times below are listed in Eastern Standard Time*

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Virtual Workshop

Join an interactive deep-dive session on a niche climate topic

Revising the Climate Leadership Awards

Hosted by: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

This year EPA, TCR, and C2ES are taking the opportunity to conduct a deep dive into our awards categories and criteria to ensure that after 10 years since the launch of the awards program, they are still accomplishing our goals of acknowledging and honoring the true leaders in climate action and GHG emissions reduction. Led by EPA, this workshop session will share the proposed updated categories and criteria, along with a proposed timeline for finalizing the criteria and application process.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Matt Clouse, Chief, Energy Supply & Industry Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Christopher Kent, Program Manager, Green Power Partnership, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Dan Krekelberg, Policy Director, The Climate Registry
- Verena Radulovic, Vice President for Business Engagement, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Virtual Exhibit Hall & Networking

3:00pm – 4:30pm

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Supply Chain Mobilization: Measuring and Accounting for Scope 3

Hosted by: Jacobs

Organizations and governments are in the spotlight to reduce their GHG footprint and ensure their facilities and supply chains are resilient to the risks of climate change. In response, organizations are making bold commitments to address value chain emissions without relying on offsets. In this workshop, Jacobs and its partners will bring real-world lessons learned from implementing supply chain strategies and solutions, with actionable tools and practical resources for moving beyond the foundational step of using spend data to screen Scope 3 emissions and prioritize suppliers.

Confirmed Speakers:

- David Asiello, Director of Sustainability & Acquisition, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense
- Chelsea Hasenauer, Carbon Management Consultant, Jacobs
- Christina O'Keefe, Director of Sustainability, North America, Kerry
- Joe Rozza, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ryan Companies
- Erin Laude, Senior Sustainability Director, Jacobs

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Conference Registration Opens (in-person only)

Get a jump start on the day ahead by processing your registration and picking up your badge.

Wednesday, May 25th

7:00am – 6:00pm

Conference Registration Open

7:00am – 8:45am

Networking Breakfast

9:00am – 10:10am

Interactive Workshops (in-person only)

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Toward Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Role of "Handprint" Impacts
Hosted by: Intel

This workshop will explore net-zero GHG target setting opportunities and challenges within manufacturing sectors, as well as the role of downstream "handprint" impacts in the global transition to net-zero emissions.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Dr. Neal Elliott, Ph.D, Director Emeritus, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
- Dr. Natasha Hodas, Ph.D, Carbon Footprint Program Manager, Global Public Affairs and Sustainability, Intel Corporation
- Sharon Nolen, Program Manager & Fellow, Global Natural Resource Management, Eastman Chemical Company
- Erik Mohn, Global Director, Sustainability Consultancy, Schneider Electric

Local Leadership, Federal Support: Pathways Toward Climate Resilience in U.S. Communities
Hosted by: Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

The growing intensity and frequency of extreme weather events due to climate change necessitates strong action across levels of government and the private sector to increase climate resilience. This workshop will explore local and regional experiences with climate resilience planning and project implementation, how federal programs and policies intersect with and are supporting climate resilience, and what more is needed to accelerate resilience action.

Confirmed Speakers:

- John Andrew, Deputy Director, Climate Resilience, California Department of Water Resources
- Laura Brush, Resilience Fellow, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions
- Shannon Blair, Sustainability Analyst, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Sarah Gould, Acting Pollution Prevention Program Lead, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Paul Robinson, Executive Director, RISE Resilience Innovations

10:10am-10:30am

Networking and Refreshments Break

10:30am-11:40am

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SBTi Net Zero and Moving Beyond Value Chain Mitigation

Hosted by: World Wildlife Fund

In this workshop, WWF experts will present how the Science-Based Targets initiative's Net Zero standard and new methodology for companies setting targets with footprints in the Forest, Land and Ag (FLAG) sectors are creating a new benchmark for the integrity of corporate Net Zero claims. We will explore how these new methodologies will interact with other developments, such as the upcoming GHG Protocol revisions and efforts to increase the supply and integrity of the voluntary carbon markets.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Christa Anderson, Director, Climate Science & Carbon Metrics, WWF
- Tim Juliani, Director, U.S. Corporate Climate Engagement, WWF
- Tim Letts, Deputy Director, Corporate Climate Engagement, WWF

Elevating ESG to the Board Level and Beyond

Hosted by: Diligent

This session will discuss the benefits of building a strong ESG program, how to treat ESG disclosures, and how best climate leaders can present their efforts to internal stakeholders while also articulating the business value behind it. In an effort to instill confidence in their work and help influence ESG policies and programs the workshop aims to provide tools to help practitioners: effectively communicate ESG policies; educate directors and executives on ESG strategy; and get their buy-in to adopt actions ensuring progress towards ESG goals.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Abbey Raish, Partner, ESG & Impact Practice, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Dottie Schindlinger, Executive Director, Diligent Institute

Purchasing Clean Energy for Impact

Hosted by: Center for Resource Solutions

Investments in clean energy are critical to meeting growing energy demand and reducing carbon emissions. Today, corporate and institutional buyers of clean energy are also looking to maximize the environmental impact of their procurement. Participants of this workshop will explore different clean energy impact strategies and learn how buyers can measure and communicate impacts associated with their procurement. Guest speakers will share their own clean energy impact strategies and how they navigate through common challenges. This workshop will also offer an interactive format for attendees to engage with each other and share practices and different strategies.

Confirmed Speakers:

- James Critchfield, Director, Green Power Partnership Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Lucas Grimes, Manager, Policy, Center for Resource Solutions
- Peggy Kellen, Director, Policy, Center for Resource Solutions
- Doug Miller, Deputy Director, Market & Policy Innovation, Clean Energy Buyers Institute

12:00pm-1:00pm

Networking Lunch

1:00pm – 3:15pm

Plenary Session (in-person & virtual)

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Welcome Address

Introduction to the 11th annual Climate Leadership Conference from our organization leaders and headline sponsor.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Amy Holm, Executive Director, The Climate Registry
- Nathaniel Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions
- Antha Williams, Global Head of the Environment Program, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Policy Wins and Federal Action on Climate

Keynote address by White House Administration officials highlighting federal climate policy and how the federal government is reducing its own carbon footprint.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Andrew Mayock, Federal Chief Sustainability Officer, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President

The Power Sector's Transition to Net Zero

Power sector leaders share how the industry is decarbonizing its own emissions and paving the way for others.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy
- Calvin Butler, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Exelon
- Ralph Izzo, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG)
- Pedro Pizarro, President and Chief Executive Officer, Edison International

Driving Corporate Engagement in Climate Policy

Leading companies discuss the critical role of public policy in meeting enterprise-level, national and global climate goals.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Victoria Mills, Managing Director, EDF+Business, Environmental Defense Fund
- Stephen Harper, Senior Director, Environment and Energy Policy, Intel
- John Monsif, Director, U.S. Federal Government Relations, Carrier
- Meghan Thurlow, Global Director, Public Affairs, GE

3:15pm – 3:35pm

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Decarbonizing the Built Environment

Making up 40% of overall emissions, the built environment's pathway to net zero includes new opportunities for developers, builders, construction and materials.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Elizabeth Beardsley, Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Green Building Council
- Joan Glickman, Program Manager for Advanced Building Construction Initiative and Residential Buildings Integration, Building Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- Michael LeMonds, Vice President of Environment, Land, and Government Affairs, Holcim U.S.

- Nanette Lockwood, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, Trane Technologies

Ensuring a Just and Fair Transition: When a Coal Fired Power Plant Goes Offline

This conversation focuses on the importance of community-level planning when transitioning away from fossil fuels as we race to zero.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Shawn Patterson, Vice President of Environmental Management and Safety, DTE Energy
- Jeremy Richardson, Manager, Carbon-Free Electricity, Rocky Mountain Institute

Electrifying Transportation: Opportunities and Roadblocks

Public and private sector professionals discuss the necessity of, and progress towards, electrifying our transportation sector.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Michael Berube, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Sustainable Transportation, U.S. Department of Energy
- Jessica Olson, Vice President, Policy, CALSTART
- Matthew Nelson, Director of Government Affairs, Electrify America
- James Schroll, Senior Analyst, Abt Associates
- Cynthia Williams, Global Director, Sustainability, Homologation and Compliance, Ford Motor Company

Climate Finance: How Public Dollars Can Catalyze Private Investment

Experts discuss the significant capital and investment needed to achieve net zero and the breakthrough technologies and trends on the horizon.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Jake Levine, Chief Climate Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
- Alex Liftman, Global Environmental Executive, Bank of America
- Richard Saines, Partner, Pollination

5:45pm – 7:15pm

Welcome Reception (in-person)

Thursday, May 26th

7:00am-4:00pm

Conference Registration

7:00am – 8:45am

Networking Breakfast

9:00am – 11:00am

Offsite Workshop (in-person only)

Innovations in Washington, D.C. Building Decarbonization

Hosted by: Arup

Join Arup, global built environment consulting firm, for an offsite panel discussion that will bring together experts from public and private sectors to address the importance of working together across the architecture, engineering and construction industry to achieve practical and scalable solutions to lower buildings' carbon footprint for our net zero future. This event has limited tour capacity, so please register only if you are able to attend.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Robert Kay, Principal and Americas Climate and Sustainability Services Leader, Arup
- Kevin Kampschroer, Chief Sustainability Officer and Director of the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, U.S. General Services Administration
- Ali Alaswadi, Green Building Plan Reviewer, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C.
- Linda Toth, Energy and Sustainability Team Leader and Associate, Arup

- Lauren Wingo, Project Manager, Arup

Interactive Workshops (in-person only)

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Negative Emissions: The Role of Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) Solutions to Achieve Carbon Neutrality and Beyond

Hosted by: Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Given the strong likelihood of continued carbon dioxide emissions from hard-to-decarbonize sectors, carbon dioxide removal (CDR) methods will likely be needed to produce the “negative emissions” required to achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality (and then carbon negativity). As more funding becomes available for CDR projects, this deep dive discussion will feature experts from research institutions, project developers, and policy advocates to identify major opportunities and challenges for the emerging CDR sector.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Mahmoud Abouelnaga, Solutions Fellow, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions
- Casey Leist, Senior Director of Carbon Finance, CarbonCure Technologies
- Kelly Erhart, President and Co-Founder, Project Vesta
- Scott Segal, Partner, Bracewell LLP

How Federal Agencies are Prioritizing New Climate Funding for Transportation

Hosted by: ICF

The Bipartisan infrastructure Law has provided a significant infusion of funding to help the Biden Administration address climate change. In this session, ICF will lead a discussion with federal government transportation officials about how they plan to prioritize, provide support for, and create access to funding to make the greatest impact on climate change. The discussion will also provide information about funding opportunities and access for potential recipients.

Confirmed Speaker:

- Stacy Noblet, Vice President, Transportation Electrification + ICF Climate Center Senior Fellow, ICF
- Coral Torres Cruz, Senior Advisor to the FHWA Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Rachael Nealer, Interim Deputy Director, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

Navigating the SEC Proposed Ruling: What does this mean for businesses now and into the future?

Hosted by: WSP

This session will cover the differences between current voluntary corporate disclosure practices aligned with the TCFD Recommendations and the GHG Protocol and what is proposed in the SEC ruling specifically highlighting the main differences. Breakout groups will brainstorm ideas on how to mainstream climate change into business functions, whether or not the SEC proposed ruling changes. In what ways are businesses already incorporating or mainstreaming climate change enterprise-wide (e.g., into their business strategy, risk management, and financial oversight), and what areas need to improve in the future to effectively manage climate change and reduce the associated risks?

Confirmed Speakers:

- Katie Eisenbrown, Senior Project Director, WSP
- Darius Nassiry, Practice Leader, Sustainability, Energy and Climate Change at WSP and Director, Climate Finance at Climate Finance Advisors, Member of WSP
- Verena Radulovic, Vice President, Business Engagement, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

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The Policies We Need to Jumpstart the Electric Truck Transition

Hosted by: Environmental Defense Fund

Despite making up only about 4% of vehicles on the road, the buses, work trucks and tractor trailers that distribute people and goods are the largest contributor among all highway vehicles to nitrogen oxide emissions and health harming fine particulates. Trucks are also a leading source of climate pollution in the U.S. The good news is the last five years have seen tremendous progress in both the supply and demand for large, zero emission vehicles. Accelerating the transition to zero-emission trucks is critical to meet net zero and other climate goals, especially for companies with significant Scope 3 emissions. But that transition will not happen without public policy. Therefore, net zero commitments must be coupled with advocacy for policies that create market certainty for zero-emission trucks and invest in clean, affordable charging infrastructure.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Jayant Kairam, Director, Global Public Policy - Environmental & Sustainability, Walmart
- Clarence Tong, U.S. Federal Affairs and Policy, Arrival
- Maren Taylor, Project Manager, Corporate Climate Leadership, Environmental Defense Fund

Coordination of Effort Across Governments to Address Extreme Heat in Disadvantaged Communities

Hosted by: Georgetown Climate Center

Extreme heat is an emerging public health crisis, causing more deaths than any other weather-related hazard, and is compounded by climate change. Due to historical inequities, people of color in urban areas are disproportionately exposed to high temperatures and suffer greater consequences. To address extreme heat impacts, every level of government needs to be involved. This panel will: provide an overview of programs and policies cities and states are employing to help their residents "beat the heat;" discuss the Biden Administration's Extreme Heat Interagency Working Group's efforts to support state and local efforts; and address potential areas for governments and agencies to add expertise, assistance, and resources.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Kathleen Dolan, Director, Environmental Health, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Sarah Edwards, Climate Program Analyst, D.C. Department of Energy and Environment
- Victoria Ludwig, Program Manager, Heat Island Reduction Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Mark Rupp, Adaptation Program Director, Georgetown Climate Center

Nature-Based Solutions: Carbon Market Trends and Industry Perspectives

Hosted by: Bluesource, LLC

This workshop will discuss the drivers for reductions and removals and how they differ from other types of solutions. It will dive into the efforts by the current standards body to distinguish removals in protocols and public registries, and will explore existing and projected supply and demand for nature-based solutions. This workshop will be interactive, using technology to involve the audience in the conversation about nature based solutions throughout. The bulk of the workshop time will be spent in conversation with industry leaders in the fight against climate change who will discuss their experience to date with greenhouse gas reduction goals and the role nature is playing in those goals.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Janet Peace, Chief of Advisory Services, Bluesource, LLC
- Greg Ryan, Manager, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change, DTE Energy
- Stephen Donofrio, Director, Ecosystem Marketplace, Forest Trends
- Lizzie Aldrich, Vice President of Business Development, Bluesource, LLC
- Andy Meislin, Sustainability Supervisor, UPS

Climate Leadership Hall of Fame Luncheon (in-person & virtual)

Climate Pioneer Award Presentation (in-person & virtual)

U.S. EPA Associate Administrator Vicki Arroyo will present the 2022 Climate Pioneer Award to Mary Nichols, featuring a special video message from Gina McCarthy.

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Building Resilience in Combating the Climate Crisis

Climate actors from the public and private sector share lessons learned and hope for building a climate resilient future.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Sarah Greenberger, Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior
- Nicole LeBoeuf, Assistant Administrator for National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Josh Sawislak, Managing Director, Deloitte Consulting LLP
- Emily Wasley, Practice Leader, Corporate Climate Risk, Adaptation, and Resilience, WSP
- Crystal Romeo Upperman, PhD., Scientist and Author

Nature-Based Solutions: Ensuring Quality and Longevity

An important strategy for getting to net zero, how are entities incorporating nature for mitigation solutions? Where are the most impactful projects to keep up with demand?

Confirmed Speakers:

- Alterra Hetzel, Senior Vice President, Client Solutions, Climate Impact Partners
- Chris Adamo, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, Danone North America
- Angela Churie Kallhauge, Executive Vice President, Impact, Environmental Defense Fund
- Jamey Mulligan, Senior Scientist, Amazon

Advancing Energy Equity

This conversation focuses on the importance of bridging energy, equity, and justice as we race to zero.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Jamal Lewis, Director of Policy Partnerships and Equitable Electrification, Rewiring America
- Kwame Canty, Senior Director, Edison Electric Institute
- Trisha Miller, Chief Innovation and Development Officer, Elevate
- Ginger Sykes Torres, Vice Chair, Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission, City of Phoenix

Clean Energy Pathways

Procurement and development of new clean energy is an important step towards achieving our net zero goals.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Robert Blue, Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dominion Energy
- Maryam Brown, President, SoCalGas
- Carla Frisch, Acting Executive Director and Principal Deputy Director, Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Climate Leadership Effort

How is the U.S. striving to lead the world in addressing the climate crisis?

Conference Adjourns

5:00pm

See you next year!