

THE CLIMATE REGISTRY PRESENTS



CLIMATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



May 21-23, 2024 | Cleveland, Ohio

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, May 21st

8:00am – 5:00pm

Conference Registration Open All Day

Morning Sustainability Tours

9:00am – 11:00am

Rid-All Green Partnership: Guided tour of this unique urban farm that is bringing local, healthy food as well as education and training to its surrounding community. Learn more and Register [HERE](#).

Cleveland Waterfront Bike Tour: Join this 5-mile bike tour to view recent improvements to Cleveland's waterfront and downtown parks, enhanced public space, biodiversity and resilience strategies. The tour will be hosted by sustainable development consultancy Arup, a sponsor of the 2024 Climate Leadership Conference. Learn more and Register [HERE](#).

11:00am – 12:30pm

Interactive Workshops: *Participate in a discussion that facilitates knowledge exchange and offers hands-on tools for tackling key climate solutions.*

**Implementation of Climate Solutions:
Building on Collaborative Planning in
Northeast Ohio**

Hosted by: ICLEI

**Impactful Clean Power Procurement:
Making the Most of Your Investment in
Sustainable Energy**

Hosted by: Center for Resource Solutions
(CRS)

**Nature Based Solutions: Policy and
Market Updates for Increased
Impact**

Hosted by: Anew Climate

12:30 – 1:30pm

Networking Lunch in the lounge

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Afternoon Workshops

**Engaging Communities in the Energy
Transition**

Hosted by: Business Council for
Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and Edison
Electric Institute (EEI)

**From Aspirations to Action: Reducing
Scope 3 Emissions with a Creative
Shift in Supplier Engagement**

Hosted by: Guidehouse

**Integrating Data Verification into
Sustainability Reporting and
Disclosure**

Hosted by: The Climate Registry (TCR)

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Networking & Refreshments Break

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Opening Plenary Session

Mayor Justin M. Bibb, City of Cleveland, also serving as Climate Mayors Chair, Welcomes CLC to Cleveland!

Future Cities: Preparing for a New Climate Reality through Green Infrastructure and Economic Development

3:30pm – 5:30pm

- Grant Ervin, Vice President for External Affairs and Sustainability, S&B USA
- Vincent Lee, Principal, Arup
- Councilmember Meeka D. Owens, City of Cincinnati
- Matt Petersen, President & CEO, Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI)

Regional Leadership, Innovation, and Cross Sector Collaboration in Pursuit of an Equitable Low-Carbon Future

- Sunny Elebua, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer, Exelon, Corp
- Amy Longworth, Executive Director, Boston Green Ribbon Commission
- Baiju Shah, President & CEO, Greater Cleveland Partnership
- Deepa Vedavyas, Director of Resiliency and Sustainability, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC)

6:00pm – 10:00pm

Welcome Reception at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum

Join fellow CLC attendees at the iconic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum to explore legendary memorabilia from rock 'n' roll icons while enjoying delicious bites and beverages. Whether you're sporting your business casual best or rocking your favorite concert tee, it's time to groove and mingle.

Special thanks to Stantec for making this unforgettable evening possible.

Wednesday, May 22nd

7:00am – 8:30am

Registration, Breakfast, Networking

Day 2 Welcome + Plenary Session

Cuyahoga County Executive, Chris Ronayne on Leading the Region's Climate Transition, introduced by Lillian Kuri, CEO of the Cleveland Foundation

How Finance, Policy, and Technology are Accelerating Decarbonization

8:30am – 10:15am

- Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)
- Rick Saines, Managing Director, Pollination
- Scott Tew, Vice President Sustainability & Managing Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, Trane Technologies
- Ethan Zindler, Climate Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Treasury

Climate Disruptors Spotlight Series

- Laurie Fitzmaurice, President of Global BECCS, Drax Group
- Ravi Adibhatla, Vice President of Global BECCS, Drax Group
- Adam Klauber, Vice President, Sustainability and Digital Supply Chain, World Energy
- Rick Stockburger, President & CEO, BRITE Energy Innovators
- Elsa Mengistu, Director of Programs, Black Grl Environmentalist

10:15am – 10:45am		Networking & Refreshments Break	
10:45am – 11:45am		Morning Breakout Sessions: Learn from topical discussions that focus on specific climate solutions; opportunities to engage panel	
TRACK 1: Pathways to Net Zero: By Sector		TRACK 2: Integrated Climate Solutions	TRACK 3: Future Focused on Accountability, Equity, and Sound Policy
Solutions of Scale: Decarbonizing the Built Environment Ecosystem <i>Accelerating decarbonization in the built environment is essential for our low-carbon future, but which solutions are most effective and available today? This discussion focuses on how companies, institutions, and governments are driving decarbonization across the real estate and infrastructure ecosystem and which tools, technologies, and opportunities are proving valuable and scalable.</i> Elizabeth Beardsley, P.E. , Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Green Building Council (moderator) Lincoln Bleveans , Executive Director, Sustainability Utilities & Infrastructure, Stanford University Jessyn Farrell , Director, Office of Sustainability & Environment, City of Seattle Uma Patwardhan , North America Sustainable Buildings Team Lead, JLL		Implementing Circular Strategies and Delivering Low-Carbon Products <i>Circularity largely boils down to ‘reduce, reuse, and recycle’ – strategies that reduce demand for raw materials, build efficiencies into the manufacturing (or institutional) processes, and influence end-user behavior. These circular solutions play a critical role in the pathways to decarbonization and often lean on collaborative action. Learn how companies and institutions are collaboratively leveraging the overlap between circularity and decarbonization strategies through innovative and cost-effective procurement, consumption, design, and waste management measures throughout the value chain.</i> Dawnielle Tellez , Principal Consultant, Product Sustainability, Anthesis (moderator) Chastity Mcleod , Vice President of Sustainability, Nestlé North America Wesley Porter , Business Development Director, Sustainability & Innovation, Berry Global, Inc. Phil Valko , Assistant Vice Chancellor for Sustainability, Washington University in St. Louis	Weathering the Storm: Rebuilding Equitable, Climate Resilient Communities <i>While economic damages from weather-related disasters continue to surge, government, local agencies, and businesses are becoming more adept at assessing and responding to climate risk and impact. Among the many challenges, there is a great opportunity to rebuild with an emphasis on nature and people. Panelists will share tools for enhanced adaptation planning and how they are investing in resilient infrastructure and a just transition for their communities.</i> Dana Mooney Davis , Assistant Vice President, WSP USA (moderator) Kyle Dreyfus-Wells , CEO, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Johanna Lawton , Project Manager, Rebuild by Design Bill Schleizer , CEO, Delta Institute
12:00pm		Networking Lunch in the ballroom	
12:45pm – 1:30pm		Plenary Programming: The Power of Storytelling to Advocate for Climate Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eddie Ahn, Executive Director, Brightline Defense; Author, “Advocate: A Graphic Memoir of Family, Community, and the Fight for Environmental Justice” Ronda Lee Chapman, Associate Vice President, Equity and Belonging, Trust for Public Land (TPL) Sonrisa Lucero, Special Advisor for Stakeholder Engagement, Office of Energy Justice and Equity, U.S. Department of Energy 	
2:00pm – 3:00pm		Afternoon Breakout Sessions	
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Growing Impact: The Role of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Systems

While hugely impacted by a changing climate, agriculture, and food systems have enormous potential to play a significant role in the path to decarbonizing our economy. Panelists will explore the importance of collaborative solutions to tackle critical challenges including decreasing methane emissions, strengthening soil health, and supporting biodiversity conservation within agricultural practices as a means to cultivate a sustainable and resilient food system for generations to come.

Jessica D'Ambrosio, Ohio Agriculture Project Director, The Nature Conservancy (moderator)

Peter Lehner, Managing Attorney, Sustainable Food & Farming, Earthjustice

John R. Tauzel, Senior Director, Global Agriculture Methane, Environmental Defense Fund

Scaling Climate Solutions that Center Around Public Health, Equity, and Resilience

In addition to understanding and preparing for the physical impacts of climate change, there is growing concern about the vulnerabilities that can ripple through communities and economic systems. In order for climate solutions to be valuable for impacted communities, we must focus on the implications to public health, equity, and nature and ensure long-lasting resilience.

Sarah O'Keeffe, Director, Sustainability and Climate Justice, City of Cleveland

Natalie Egnot, DrPH, Managing Health Scientist and ESG Advisor, Stantec

Sean Terry, Associate Vice President, Ohio - State Director, Trust for Public Land (moderator)

Tom Wall, Director, Center for Climate Resilience & Decision Science, Argonne National Laboratory

Navigating the Evolving ESG Landscape and Leveraging Credible Carbon Data

Climate threats, impact, and the cost of inaction are keeping companies and stakeholders on their toes, while the rules and regulations around disclosures and material risks continue to evolve. This discussion explores what's coming down the pike, how companies are preparing for state, federal, and international mandates seeking detailed third-party reviewed data within their operations, and what these organizations have learned through years of voluntary reporting and the value of having transparent climate data to drive business decisions.

Ashlyn Anderson, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Stantec

Reuven Carlyle, Founder & Executive Vice President, Earth Finance (moderator)

Anand Natarajan, Assistant Director, Mayor's Office of Sustainability, City of Cleveland

Lisa Shpritz, Senior Vice President, Environmental Operations Executive, Bank of America

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Networking & Refreshments Break

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Topical Exchange Sessions: Join a small group discussion facilitated by a lead conversation starter

4:30pm – 5:45pm

Plenary Session: Corporate Climate Leadership

Executive Vice President of Earth Finance, Reuven Carlyle (emcee)

Leveraging Transparent Climate Data to Drive Key Initiatives and Build Credible Narrative

- Edan Dionne, Vice President, IBM
- Janet Peace, Head of Advisory Services, Anew Climate
- Shannon Siart, Director, ESG & Climate, NASDAQ

Maximizing Environmental Impact through Value Chain Engagement

- Ashley Allen, Founder & President, CSO Copilot LLC
- Whitney Kakos, Director of Supply Chain Sustainability, Keurig Dr Pepper
- Athanasia Xeros, Vice President of Climate Strategy, Mastercard

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Climate Leadership Awards Reception, Dinner, & Ceremony

It's time to shine a spotlight on this year's Climate Leaders! Prepare to be inspired as we honor the outstanding achievements of our peers in climate leadership, with opening remarks from **Mary Nichols, Distinguished Counsel, Emmett Center at the UCLA School of Law**, and a special keynote from the esteemed **Melissa Jun Rowley, Founder & CEO of Warrior Love Productions**.

Special thanks to Arup for their generous support of the CLA dinner & ceremony.

Thursday, May 23rd

7:30am – 8:45am

Breakfast & Networking

8:45am – 9:45am

Morning Breakout Sessions

TRACK 1: Pathways to Net Zero: By Sector

Breakthrough Technologies for Decarbonizing Hard to Abate Industries

Hard-to-abate sectors face unique decarbonization challenges and require collaborative strategies and emerging technologies to scale...fast! While many sectors can utilize readily available low-carbon technologies, efficiencies, and innovative solutions, commercially available solutions are still limited for industries where increased efficiency and green electrification cannot address the majority of emissions. This session explores breakthrough technologies, new opportunities, and the road ahead for heavy industry and manufacturing, cement, and natural gas.

Rachael Cavanagh, Climate Change Program Manager, Intel Corporation

Blaine Collison, Executive Director, Renewable Thermal Collaborative (moderator)

Jawaad Malik, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Southern California Gas Company

Jamie Rogers, Director of Public Policy, CarbonCure Technologies

Katheryn Scott, Engineer, Market Analysis, U.S. Department of Energy

TRACK 2: Integrated Climate Solutions

Driving the EV Revolution: The Crucial Role of Infrastructure, Policy, and Partnerships

The EV Revolution is already underway, but scaling the revolution across the country will require strategic public-private partnerships between all levels of government, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations. This discussion focuses on the cross-sector collaboration currently underway to decarbonize the transportation industry, how it's developing new opportunities - like manufacturing jobs in the American clean economy - and what challenges remain in reaching related climate goals.

Artealia Gilliard, Environmental Leadership & Sustainability, Ford Motor Company

Alexa Voytek, Deputy Director, Office of Energy Programs, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Anna Zetkulic, Senior Associate, Carbon Free Transportation, Rocky Mountain Institute (moderator)

Chris Benjamin, Director, Corporate Sustainability, PG&E

TRACK 3: Future Focused on Accountability, Equity, and Sound Policy

Communities Capitalize on America's Landmark Infrastructure Investment Bill to Advance Net Zero Goals

Landmark federal legislation and investment through IIJA and IRA bills are creating a clean energy boom in every corner of the country - supporting a broad range of decarbonization solutions like alternative fuels, EV charging infrastructure, supply chain engagement, enabling technologies, and climate action or transition planning. Join this conversation to hear from those putting these funds to use, what lessons have been learned along the way, and how public-private collaboration is playing a key role in securing and leveraging funds to transform cities and communities across the U.S.

William D. Friedman, CEO, Port of Cleveland

Doug Huxley, Senior Engineering Expert, Carbon Management, Jacobs (moderator)

Maria Redmond, Director, Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy

Kate Wright, Executive Director, Climate Mayors

9:45am – 10:15am

Networking & Refreshments Break

10:15am – 12:00pm

Closing Plenary Session

What Makes this the Greatest Economic Revolution in Generations?

Hear from executive director of national nonpartisan business group, E2, and author of new book, *Clean Economy NOW: Stories from the Frontlines of an American Business Revolution*, Bob Keefe

Case in Point: Cleveland-Cliffs Federal Grant to Decarbonize

- Traci Forrester, Executive Vice President, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.
- Amy Holm, Executive Director, The Climate Registry

Leading the Clean Energy Revolution

- Bobby Boyd, Community Engagement, Midwest, U.S. Department of Energy
- Tanya Peacock, Managing Director for California and Hydrogen, EcoEngineers
- Snuller Price, Senior Partner, Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (E3)
- Kaitlyn Pritchard, Head of Climate and Clean Energy, Embassy of Canada to U.S.

Conference Adjourns

Post-Conference Team Meetings, Networking, and Tours

12:00pm

Continue the conversation with new CLC friends during a **Cleveland Botanical Garden tour!** Details and sign-up [here](#).