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THE NEW CARBON ORDER: INNOVATION, INVESTMENT, AND INTEROPERABILITY

Introduction

[IETA's North America Climate Summit 2026](#) (NACS2026) [#NACS2026](#) is the premier gathering of carbon market, energy, and climate finance practitioners across North America and beyond. Taking place 22-23 September 2026 at [Convene 360 Madison](#) in New York City, NACS is an official affiliated UNGA and NYC Climate Week event.

Attending NACS 2026 offer an unmatched space to discuss carbon pricing trends, deepen market expertise, and engage with policy makers and governments, business leaders and civil society, who are shaping today and tomorrow's carbon markets.

Organized by IETA, in collaboration with the International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP), NACS 2026 is an in-person event featuring high-level plenaries, inspirational keynotes, topic deep-dives, cross-cutting breakouts, interactive side events, exclusive networking opportunities to foster meaningful connections.

Daily Snapshot

21 September – PRE-DAY: Members & Invite Only Meetings (held at various offsite venues)

22 September – DAY 1: Summit Sessions, Side Events, Members & Invite Only Meetings & NACS Welcome Reception (included in summit delegate pass)

23 September – DAY 2: Summit Sessions, Side Events, Member & Invite Only Meetings & IETA Nightcap Party (limited capacity, separate paid ticket required)

Practical Information

- Visibility sponsorship & Speaking opportunities, contact Lisa, spafford@ieta.org - [Visibility Packages available HERE](#)
- Delegate attendance, contact events@ieta.org - [Register HERE](#)
- For media, contact Badr, maallem@ieta.org
- For ICAP-related inquiry, contact Stefano, stefano.declara@icapcarbonaction.com
- Summit venue: 360 Madison Avenue, 10017 New York NY, USA

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – DAY 1

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Breakfast

9:00-9:30 **Opening Addresses & Armchair: Scaling Market Solutions – Powering Progress & Growth**

Organiser Remarks & Facilitator: Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

Addresses:

- . Lauren Sanchez, Chair - California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- . Rachel Kyte, Special Representative for Climate - United Kingdom*
- . Fred Krupp, President - Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
- . Incoming Executive Director - Coalition to Grow Carbon Markets

9:30-10:30 **Plenary 1 – Carbon Markets in a Changing World: International Leadership Views on Coalitions, Cooperation and Convergence**

This opening high-level plenary will take stock of the implementation of market-based carbon pricing instruments around the world. Government leaders will discuss the state of emissions trading in their jurisdictions and their expectations for the future. As the impact of carbon market expands to new jurisdictions and deepens to new sector, this session will review good practices and past mistakes, aiming to identify key lessons for policymakers and market participants.

Moderator: Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

Scene Setting Presentation: Guy Turner, Founder & Advisor - MSCI Carbon Markets

Speakers:

- . Francisca Toledo Echegaray, Minister of Environment - Chile
- . Mohammad Jumhur Hidayat, Minister of Environment & Head of the Environmental Control Agency, Indonesia
- . Susannah Pierce, Consul General of Canada in New York
- . Mattias Frumerie, Climate Ambassador, Sweden - Head of Delegation to the UNFCCC

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Breakout 1 – Analysts' Roundtable: North America Carbon Market Pricing, Forecasts and Outlooks

Hear from the world's leading carbon analysts as they provide their latest analyses, forecasts and insights on trends. US carbon markets have eased back from their earlier strong levels as lawmakers and regulators have struggled to approve reforms and renewals of the state-level cap-and-trade systems. Analysts will review the state of the various markets and the outlook for prices in the coming months and years.

Moderator: Adarsh Srinivasan, Policy Analyst - IETA

Speakers

- . Bo Qin, Head of Americas, Environmental Markets and Weather – BloombergNEF
- . Jennifer McIsaac, Chief Market Intelligence Officer - ClearBlue Markets
- . Alex Rau, General Partner - Environmental Commodity Partners
- . Mitul Kaushal, Engagement Manager - cCarbon

Breakout 2 – Organised by ICE: Building Carbon Market Infrastructure Institutions Can Trust

Mobilizing private capital for climate transition requires more than a carbon price; it requires Financial Market Infrastructure that institutional capital can trust. IOSCO's Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures set the benchmark for safe, resilient, and transparent markets, covering clearing, settlement, registries, and trade-reporting. This session examines how applying PFMI-grade standards to carbon markets can deliver the transparency and structural resilience that institutional investors demand.

Moderator: Gordon Bennett, Managing Director, Utility Markets - ICE

Speakers:

- . Scott Eaton, CEO - Carbonplace
- . Marley Gray, IT Specialist - Oxy Low Carbon Ventures
- . Chandler Van Voorhis, Co-Founder - GreenTrees
- . Filipe Blackwood Oliveira, Chief Market Relations Officer - Rubicon Carbon
- . Brennan Spellacy, Co-Founder & CEO - Patch

11:30-13:00 By Invitation Only – Carbon Accounting Executive Roundtable & Lunch
For more information, please contact Jeremy Rubin, rubin@ieta.org.

12:00-13:00 Networking Lunch

13:00-14:00 Side Event 1 – Organised by Verra: Changemaker Panel - The Market's Next Frontier for Scope 3 Action

At a pivotal moment for corporate climate action, industry leaders from Verra, SBTi, and iconic global brands will explore the future of Scope 3. Coinciding with the debut of Verra's first new carbon standard in nearly 20 years, the discussion will examine credible pathways for accelerating value chain decarbonization and achieving Scope 3 targets.

Panelists:

- . Mandy Rambharos, CEO - Verra
- . Candace Vinke, Chief Program Development and Innovation Office – Verra
- . Alex Kazaglis, Chief Strategy Officer - SBTi
- . Kim Drenner, Head of Environmental Impact - Patagonia
- . Arlene Cotie, Vice-President, Global Carbon Assets & Quality - Bayer

Side Event 2 – Organised by the American Forest Foundation (AFF): Built to Last – How Durability Policy Frameworks Can Boost Market Demand

From voluntary commitments to compliance regulations, countries and companies are increasingly looking to the carbon market to meet their climate goals. We will discuss the mechanisms needed to empower carbon projects and credit buyers to meet emerging durability standards and current efforts to integrate durability risk management into policy frameworks.

Moderator: Caroline Ott, Founder & Principal - LongRun Climate

Speakers:

- . Christine Cadigan, Executive Vice President for Carbon Origination - American Forest Foundation (AFF)
- . Carl Kish, Senior Policy Lead - Beyond Alliance
- . Puar Si Lang, Vice President - GenZero

13:30-15:30 By Invitation Only – ICAP Roundtable on Carbon Markets

For more information, please contact Leon Heckmann, leon.heckmann@icapcarbonaction.com.

14:15-15:45 Side Event 3 – Organised by 1PointFive: From Demand to Deployment - Unlocking Carbon Markets for Carbon Removals, Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) and Net Zero

Part 1 (14:15-15:00): Scaling CCS and Low-Carbon Fuels - Unlocking Article 6 Carbon Markets for Net Zero and Ambitions Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

CCS is essential to achieving net-zero goals and raising NDC ambition, yet remains challenging to finance. Article 6 carbon markets can help unlock investment, including for CCS, blue hydrogen and ammonia projects. This session explores enabling policy, legal, liability and monitoring frameworks; interoperable registries and carbon finance infrastructure; CCS+ methodologies and pathways; and CCS solutions supporting CORSIA and low-carbon fuels.

Facilitator: William Barrett, Vice President of Product Development - 1PointFive

Speakers:

- . Kishor Rajhansa, COO - Global Carbon Council (GCC)
- . Pascal Siegwart, Vice President Carbon Markets & Economy - TotalEnergies
- . Paul Butarbutar, Executive Director - Indonesian Climate & Growth Dialogue (ICGD)

Part 2 (15:00-15:45): More Than a T-Shirt - Using the World's Most Universal Garment to Unlock New Demand for Carbon Removal

The T-shirt is one of the world's most universal products and a powerful platform for collective action. This panel will explore how the official CDR2030 T-shirt is helping create demand for high-quality carbon removal, and what it takes to turn CDR into a credible consumer-facing product. Featuring the project's collaborators and Liverpool FC, the discussion will examine how this model can scale across products, brands, and supply chains.

Moderator: Chris Neidl, Carbon Removal Lead & UNFCCC High-Level Climate Champions

Speakers:

- . Rishi Jain, Director of Impact - Liverpool Football Club
- . Amil Shah, Director - Oxy Low Carbon Ventures
- . Mike Green, CEO - Stratus
- . Bali Lee, Founder - Carbon at Risk

. To be announced - Aster Textile

14:15-15:15 Side Event 4 – Organised by VCM+ Collaborative: Interoperability Needs Infrastructure - What's Actually Missing Between a Carbon Credit and a Financial Asset

The VCM built tracking infrastructure, but the much-needed financial infrastructure is still missing. This session maps the four layers still missing between a carbon credit and a financial asset: legal title, custody and settlement, data integrity, and commercial connectivity, and previews where VCM+ Collaborative's cross-registry and FICM work stands heading into NYCW.

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:45 Breakout 3 – Portfolio, Not Panacea: Scaling Removals, Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) and Superpollutant Mitigation

Reaching net zero will require a portfolio, not a single winner. This session unlocks the various roles and opportunities across removals, CCUS, and superpollutant mitigation, and how they can serve complementary roles across prices, timelines, and durabilities. Panelists explore what market and policy signals exist, and what's still needed, to scale the complete toolkit.

Moderator: Ted Christie-Miller, Co-Founder - Residual Carbon

Opening Remarks: Chris Neidl, Carbon Removal Lead - UNFCCC High-Level Climate Champions

Speakers:

- . Bill Flederbach, CEO - ClimeCo
- . Steve Kelly, President and General Manager - 1PointFive International
- . Bojana Bajzelj, Vice President for Carbon Removal - BeZero
- . Alvin Lee, Head of Supply - Puro.earth

Breakout 4 – RGGI Reloaded: US Northeast Action and What to Watch

Following the reentry of Virginia into RGGI, there has been increased attention on the market as prices rise to unprecedented levels. This session will discuss the ongoing adoption of the updated Model Rule and IETA's engagement with RGGI regulators on program redesign.

Moderator: Justin Johnson, RGGI Representative - IETA

Speakers:

- . Mark Hillinger, Portfolio Manager - DRW
- . Andrew McKeon, Executive Director - RGGI
- . Lee-Ann Bryan, Policy Analyst - Dow Jones Energy
- . Paul Greenough, Senior Vice President - Capstone

16:00-17:30 By Invitation Only – Implementating Indonesia's Carbon Market: SRUK and Forestry Carbon Projects Showcase

For more information please contact Andrea Bonzanni, bonzanni@ieta.org.

17:00-18:00 Plenary 2 – Subnational Leadership: Market Solutions, Linkages and Cross-Border Cooperation

Despite headwinds at the US federal level, subnational jurisdictions across North America are maintaining support for carbon market approaches. This session will cover the ongoing linkage process between California, Washington, and Québec, RGGI Model Rule Adoption, and Alberta's TIER reform. The session will also address federal legal threats to state-level programs.

Moderator: Katie Sullivan, Managing Director – IETA

Key Address: Abigail Spanberger, Governor of Virginia, USA

Speakers:

- . Emily Wimberger, Chief of Staff to Board Chair - California Air Resources Board (CARB) *
- . Joel Creswell, Climate Pollution Reduction Manager - Washington State Department of Ecology, USA
- . Lois New, Director and Climate Analyst - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), USA
- . Patrick McDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Air, Climate and Clean Technology Division Department of Environment and Protected Areas, Alberta, Canada

18:15-19:00 Plenary 3 – The Carbon Case Documentary: The Power of Climate Finance and International Cooperation - New York Pre-Screening & Keynote Roundtable

'The Carbon Case' is a documentary on how climate finance and international cooperation are put to work in emerging economies. A teaser was released in London as part of the London Climate Action Week. New York will celebrate the pre-screening launch, on the road to COP31 in

Türkiye. The film examines how carbon markets can channel investment into the countries that hold the natural capital the world depends on.

Grab a drink and join us for this exclusive and exciting session!

Facilitator: Nik Gowing, Founder, Thinking the Unthinkable & Former News Anchor, BBC World News

Opening Remarks: Erik Lehikoinen, CEO - Helmi Group

Keynote Address: H.E. Santiago Peña Palacios, President - Republic of Paraguay

Discussants:

. Valerie Hickey, Director, Environment - World Bank Group

. Frederick Teo, CEO - GenZero

Closing Remarks: Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

18:00-19:00 **North America Climate Summit Welcome Reception** - *Open to all Summit Delegates, included in the Delegate Pass*

18:00-19:00 **By Invitation Only – RGGI Roundtable**
For more information please contact Justin Johnson, johnson@ieta.org.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – DAY 2

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Breakfast

8:30-10:00 **By Invitation Only – ALMA Brasil Project Roundtable**
For more information, please contact Elisa Guida, guida@ieta.org.

9:00-9:15 **Opening Armchair – In Conversation with Commissioner Amanda Lefton of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), USA**
Join this exclusive conversation. We will explore how New York's balancing climate ambition with affordability concerns, the success of the state's RGGI experience, and how New York will continue cooperating with other states to lead the next generation of market-based climate solutions.

Facilitator: Katie Sullivan, Managing Director - IETA

9:15-10:15 **Plenary 4 – Meeting Tomorrow’s Electricity Demand: The AI-Power-Carbon Nexus**

AI is driving a rapid increase in global electricity demand, creating both opportunities and challenges for energy systems, climate goals, and economic development. Bringing together perspectives from industry, energy, technology, and climate policy, this session will look at the role of carbon markets in enabling the energy transition, and provide practical insights into balancing economic growth, technological advancement, and climate action.

Moderator: Federico Di Credico, Chief Commercial Officer - ACT

Speakers:

- . Aaron Johnson, Chief Sustainability Officer - PG&E
- . Bryan Grimaldi, Vice President Corporate Affairs - National Grid*
- . Eric Holdsworth Managing Director, Clean Energy and Environmental Policy - Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
- . Karolina Štelmokaitė, Vice-Minister of Energy - Ministry of Energy, Republic of Lithuania

Closing Remarks: Grant Hunter, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas - Alberta Government, Canada

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:35 **Breakout 5 – Voluntary Corporate Action, Markets and Accounting: From Evolving Standards to Strategic Decisions**

Corporate carbon accounting and reporting is being rewritten in real time – from the GHG Protocol's new Actions & Market Instruments workstream and ongoing ISO harmonization to form a single corporate standard, to SBTi's evolving guidance and mandatory disclosure regimes in California and beyond. This session unpacks how shifting standards are reshaping carbon markets, corporate strategies, and claims-setting.

Moderator: Jeremy Rubin, Policy Analyst - IETA

Speakers:

- . Alexia Kelly, Managing Director, Carbon Policy and Markets Initiative - High Tide Foundation
- . Billy Bardin, Global Climate Transition Director - Dow
- . Rodrigo Lauria, Director of Climate Change and Carbon - Vale

. Shana Gallagher, Net Zero Activation Group Lead, Climate High-Level Champions & Net Zero Head of Engagement, British Standards Institution (BSI)

Breakout 6 – Canada’s Next Carbon Chapter

This session shines a spotlight on Canada’s climate policy landscape, examine the current state of federal and provincial carbon markets, and explore Canada’s role in supporting carbon market development globally. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of Canada’s complex and interconnected decarbonization policies, market dynamics, linkage opportunities, and what the future may hold for these uniquely Canadian carbon markets.

Moderator: Sheldon Fernandes, Founder & Principal - Tidalbreak Climate

Speakers:

- . Ana Radu, Director, Sustainability & Climate - TC Energy
- . Yadullah Hussain, Managing Editor, RBC Climate Action Institute - RBC Royal Bank of Canada
- . Joseph Pallant, CEO - Great Bear Carbon
- . Edwin Makkinga, Manager, Climate Policy - Enbridge

11:45-12:45 Side Event 5 – Organised by S&P Global Energy: The Evolving Carbon Market Landscape - Shifting Standards, and the implications for Claims, and Competitiveness

Environmental markets are adapting to a rapidly changing policy and standards landscape. Updates to emissions accounting frameworks, corporate reporting or scope 2 guidance, and the reporting of environmental claims will influence the future utility and value of environmental commodities. This discussion will examine the market implications of these shifts and what they mean for corporate climate strategies, carbon competitiveness, and the future role of carbon markets.

Note: This session will be under Chatham House Rule.

Facilitator: Kevin Birn, Vice President & Head of Carbon Research - S&P Global Energy

Speakers:

- . Anne-Laure Pilat, Manager - EY
- . Hillary Navarro, Chief Communications and Engagement Officer - Verra
- . Linda French, Global Head of Sustainability Policy & Regulation - J.P. Morgan

Side Event 6 – Organised by Agoro Carbon Alliance: Powering AI, Restoring Land - Soil Carbon Removals in America's New Data Center Economy

This session explores the growing role of soil organic carbon removals in meeting the rising energy demands of the AI and data center economy, including the upcoming issuance of credits from Agoro Carbon's landmark transaction with Microsoft, and how high integrity soil carbon can support net zero commitments at scale.

Panelists will include representatives from Microsoft, Verra, and the International Alliance Soil Carbon.

12:45-13:45 Networking Lunch

12:50-13:40 Plenary 5 – Safe Harbour Regulation: The Key to Unlock Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) Demand?

VCM demand is being constrained by legal uncertainty and associated reputational risk. Consequently, this year, IETA - as partner to the Coalition to Grow Carbon Markets - has been exploring the concept of Safe Harbor regulation as a way to protect buyers from litigation and help scale demand. The panel of governments and corporates reflect on emerging themes from this work ahead of the launch of the Safe Harbour recommendations ahead of COP 31.

Facilitator: Andrea Abrahams, Senior Advisor, VCM - IETA

Speakers:

- . Ruth Dagan, Drafting Group - Safe Harbour
- . Zoe Norgate, Deputy Director for International Green Finance and Capability - Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, UK
- . Edo Mahendra, Principal Advisor - Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
- . Monica McBride, Director, Regenerative Agriculture and Science for Sustainability - Bayer

13:00-14:30 By Invitation Only – Climate Action Data Trust (CAD Trust) and Carbon Data Open Protocol (CDOP) Member Workshop on Data Standardization

For more information, please contact Ieva Steponaviciute, ieva@climateactiondata.org.

13:45-14:45 **Side Event 7 – Organised by TÜV SÜD: The Digitization, Standardization and Infrastructure Providing Integrity and Enabling Capital Deployment**

Industrial decarbonisation depends on capital reaching complex supply chains, yet fragmented standards, risk-pricing gaps, and policy barriers limit investment. Convened by TÜV SÜD and AFID, this session explores digital trust solutions, carbon market infrastructure, and financial standardisation needed to unlock capital deployment and accelerate full-value-chain decarbonisation.

Moderator: Khushboo Oswal, Global Head of Carbon Management - TÜV SÜD

Speakers:

- . Dana MacKinnon, Head of Financial Institutions and Lending - S.P.O.N.S.O.R (SCOP)
- . Jon Deane, CEO - Trovio
- . Bratin Roy, Global Head of Decarbonisation - TÜV SÜD
- . Will Graham, Manager Environmental Markets - InterContinental Exchange (ICE)

Side Event 8 – Organised by Trees for the Future (TREES): Financing Carbon Removal like Software, Selling it like Corn

Carbon projects depend on an interconnected stack: finance, farmer adoption, standards, aggregation and markets. Drawing on TREES' Lake Victoria Agroforestry Carbon Project, this interactive workshop builds on participants' expertise to reimagine that stack—and explore what it takes to secure investment and offtake while delivering high-integrity carbon removal at scale.

Host: Brandy Lellou, Vice President of Climate and Carbon - Trees for the Future (TREES)

14:55-15:45 **Breakout 7 – Scaling Nature Solutions & Investment in a Shifting Demand Landscape**

Continued discourse around durability and integrity is impacting policy formation and market dynamics for nature-based reductions and removals. This panel will provide insight into the current landscape across policies, markets, and emerging models that bridge the durability gap like permanence trusts, contracted durability, and new insurance products – assessing where we are and what we still need.

Moderator: Teresa Lang, Senior Director - Anew Climate

Speakers:

- . Elliot Formal, CEO - Agoro Carbon Alliance
- . Rita Hite, President & CEO - American Forest Foundation (AFF)
- . Max DuBuisson, Head of Impact & Integrity - IndigoAg
- . Nan Pond, Vice President of Nature-Based Solutions - Rubicon Carbon
- . Natalia Dorfman, CEO - Kita

Breakout 8 – International Compliance Markets at a Crossroad: Article 6, CORSIA and Geopolitics

This panel will explore how carbon market participants and policymakers are adapting to evolving market dynamics amid geopolitical tensions and shifting government priorities. With only a handful of countries expected to use Article 6 to meet their 2030 climate targets, demand from airlines seeking to comply with CORSIA will be a critical source of finance for many carbon projects in the near term. Join us for a forward-looking discussion on the future of global compliance markets.

Moderator: Andrea Bonzanni, Director International Policy - IETA

Speakers:

- . Cristina Figueroa Vargas, Carbon Pricing and Markets Coordinator, Chile & Chair, 6.4 DNA Forum
- . Charlotte Streck, Co-Founder & Director - Climate Focus
- . Robix Rix, President & CEO - Climate Action Reserve (CAR)
- . Ben Rattenbury, Vice President, Policy - Sylvera

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:05 Breakout 9 – Legal Frontiers in Carbon Markets: Emerging Risks & Opportunities

The legal foundations of carbon markets remain highly dynamic. Climate litigation has increased, regulators are exploring ways to provide market stability through the provision of safe harbours. Simultaneously, a consensus on the legal nature of carbon credits is emerging following the release of the UNIDROIT draft Principles. This session will discuss the recent developments surrounding the legal foundations of carbon markets and how certain developments could underpin significant market growth.

Moderator: Simon Henry, Director, Carbon Market Development - IETA

Speakers:

- . Lisa DeMarco, Senior Partner and CEO - Resilient
- . Ruth Dagan, Partner, Head of Environment and Climate Change - Herzog, Fox & Neeman
- . Nico van Aelstyn, Partner - Sheppard
- . Brook Detterman, Principal - Beveridge & Diamond

Breakout 10 – From Innovation to Impact: Communicating the Digital Transformation of Carbon Markets

In 2026, several market-wide transformations are underway. The standardisation of credit data and digital MRV, and a proliferation of new approaches to registry infrastructure, are expected to provide several opportunities to scale markets and integrity. But to have the impact we hope to see, these innovations must be communicated adequately to stakeholders across the value chain. What can be done to maximise the influence of these advancements and work programmes?

Moderator: Lilly Flawn, Policy Analyst - IETA

Speakers:

- . Joe Dell'Orfano, Chief Technology Officer - Verra
- . Andrew Howard, CEO - Climate Action Data (CAD) Trust
- . Khushboo Oswal, Global Head of Carbon Management - TÜV SÜD
- . Junji Katto, Head of InfoSec & Risk Management - Carbonplace
- . Kristofer Johnson, Carbon Development Technical Director - Trees for the Future (TREES)

17:10-17:30 Plenary 6 – Armchair on Indigenous Leadership and Perspectives in Carbon Markets, Climate Action and Conservation

This armchair brings Indigenous community leaders to the forefront to share how carbon markets can support Tribal land preservation and Indigenous-led conservation. The discussion will explore governance, self-determination, economic sovereignty, biodiversity protection, nature-based solutions and conservation finance, while highlighting equitable partnerships and investment that strengthen Indigenous leadership and advance community-driven climate solutions.

Facilitator: Mary Grady, Executive Director - ACR

Speakers:

- . Bryan Van Stippen, Program Director - National Indian Carbon Coalition (NICC)

. Steven Nitah, Managing Director - Nature for Justice (N4J)

17:30-18:25 Plenary 7 – Competitiveness, Comparability, and Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): The Three Cs of the New Carbon Order

In an increasingly multipolar world, competitiveness is the new organizing principle of climate action. As governments pursue new industrial strategies, companies navigate geopolitical and trade realities, and economies confront rising energy demands, carbon markets move from environmental instruments to platforms for investment and economic advantage. With COP31 around the corner, this session will take stock of major developments and initiatives across the global landscape.

Moderator: Kevin Birn, Vice President, Head of Carbon and Center of Emission Excellence - S&P Global Energy

Speakers:

- . Cédric De Meeûs, Vice President Public Policy and Government Relations - Holcim
- . Allyson Anderson Book, Chief Sustainability Officer - Baker Hughes
- . Alfredo Nicastro, Senior Vice President & Global Head of Carbon Markets - StoneX
- . Michael Apicelli, Head of Secretariat - Climate Club
- . Josh Cowley, Head of Carbon Analytics - Fastmarkets

18:25-18:30 Closing Reflections by Dirk Forrister, President & CEO - IETA

21:00-00:00 IETA Nightcap Party - *Limited capacity, separate paid ticket required for entrance via www.northamericacimatesummit.com*

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