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AGENDA



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DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00

MARKETPLACE AND SIDE EVENTS
09:00 - 14:00

LUNCH 12:30 - 14:00

OPENING 14:00 - 14:30

TECHNICAL PLENARY 1 14:30 - 15:30

State & Trends of Carbon
Pricing & Markets

COFFEE BREAK

TECHNICAL PLENARY 2 15:45 - 16:45

Matching Supply and Demand in the
International Carbon Credit Market

WORKSHOPS 17:00 - 18:00

1-1 **CORSIA Phase I: Is the Market Ready?** 2-1 **Credits in Compliance: Integrating Carbon Crediting into Carbon Pricing Systems**

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DAY 2 THURSDAY, MAY 21

TECHNICAL PLENARY 3 09:00 - 10:00

Carbon Pricing in a High-Volatility
World: Managing Stability and
Political Risk

WORKSHOPS 10:00 - 11:00

1-2 **Financing the Global Energy Transition: The Role of Carbon Market Instruments** 2-2 **New Frontiers in Emissions Trading Design**

COFFEE BREAK

MARKETPLACE AND SIDE EVENTS
11:30 - 14:30

LUNCH 12:30 - 14:00

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1-3 **Carbon Funds for Nature: Emerging Financing Models & Market Demand** 2-3 **From the Ground-Up: Policymaker Priorities and Capacity-Building Support for Carbon Pricing Systems**

COFFEE BREAK

WORKSHOPS 15:45 - 16:45

1-4 **How Carbon Markets Can Unlock High-Integrity Carbon Removals** 2-4 **The Dynamic World of Carbon Markets, Accounting and Trade**

MARKETPLACE AND SIDE EVENTS
16:45 - 17:30

DAY 3 FRIDAY, MAY 22

WORKSHOPS 9:00 - 10:00

1-5 **Paris Alignment across Carbon Credit Markets** 2-5 **The Role of Domestic Carbon Pricing and International Carbon Markets in Achieving NDCs and LTSs**

WORKSHOPS 10:00 - 11:00

1-6 **Liability and Risk in Carbon Markets** 2-6 **MRV 2.0: Powering Carbon Pricing and Markets**

COFFEE BREAK

TECHNICAL PLENARY 4 11:30 - 12:30

Catalytic Role of Partnership in
Scaling-up Climate Action

CLOSING CEREMONY 12:30 - 13:00

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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

▶ 14:00 – 14:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Panel:

- Julia Fraser, Regional Director, East Asia & Pacific, World Bank Group
- Benedict Chia, Director-General, National Climate Change Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore
- Dirk Forrister, President & CEO, International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)
- Dirk Weinreich, Co-Chair, International Carbon Partnership (ICAP)

▶ 14:30 – 15:30 TECHNICAL PLENARY I

State & Trends of Carbon Pricing and Markets

Carbon pricing and carbon markets continue to evolve amid rising ambition, policy reform, and shifting market conditions. This plenary marks the launch of the World Bank's State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2026 report, presenting the latest global trends in carbon pricing instruments and international carbon markets. The panel discussion will review recent developments across jurisdictions and sectors and reflect on what these trends signal for policy design, market integrity, and investment decisions in the years ahead.

Moderator: Jamie Fergusson, Global Climate Director, World Bank Group

Panel:

- Anthony Mansell, Climate Change Specialist, World Bank Group
- Peter Bakker, President & CEO, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) (tbc)
- Sébastien Paquot, Head, Task Force International Carbon Pricing & Markets Diplomacy, European Commission
- Wei-nee Chen, Head of Carbon Markets, Bursa Malaysia
- Saurabb Diddi, Director, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, India (tbc)

▶ 15:45 – 16:45 TECHNICAL PLENARY 2

Matching Supply and Demand in the International Carbon Credit Market

International carbon markets face persistent imbalances between available supply and effective demand. The discussion examines key drivers shaping this imbalance, including eligibility criteria, buyer preferences, host country policy decisions, project development and investment timelines, and quality standards. Panelists will reflect on how greater clarity, transparency, and coordination can help align supply with demand and support market scale-up.

Moderator: Dirk Forrister, President & CEO, IETA

Panel:

- Benedict Chia, Director-General, National Climate Change Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore (tbc)
- Chipiliro Mpinganjira, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, Malawi
- Mandy Rambaros, CEO, Verra
- Kari Hämeikoski, Senior Programme Manager, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)
- Chris Leeds, Head, Carbon Markets Development, Standard Chartered Bank



DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

17:00 – 18:00 WORKSHOPS

► **CORSIA Phase I: Is the Market Ready?**

As CORSIA Phase I approaches, attention is turning to the availability and credibility of eligible carbon credit supply. This session reviews project pipelines, pricing signals, and airline procurement strategies shaping the emerging market. The discussion considers whether current dynamics are sufficient to meet near-term demand and what risks and opportunities lie ahead.

Moderator: Andrea Bonzanni, International Policy Director, IETA

Panel:

- Maria Benzoni, Data Lead, Allied Offsets
- Kelvin Lee, Head of Sustainability, Asia-Pacific, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Helen Finney, Head, Carbon Market Programmes, Department of Energy Security & Net Zero, United Kingdom
- Takashi Hongo, Senior Fellow, Mitsui Global Strategic Studies Institute
- Andrés Espejo, Fund Manager, Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), World Bank

Credits in Compliance: Integrating Carbon Credits into Carbon Pricing Systems

- Carbon credits are increasingly being integrated into compliance carbon pricing systems worldwide - from emissions trading systems to carbon taxes with offsetting provisions. But this raises fundamental questions: which credits should be allowed, under what conditions, and with what safeguards? This session reviews how jurisdictions are approaching credit eligibility, safeguards, and limits. Drawing on global experience, it explores emerging practices and trade-offs shaping this rapidly evolving space.

Moderator: Luca Lo Re, Senior Energy Analyst & Carbon Markets Lead, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Panel:

- Sharlin Hemraj, Director, Environment and Fuel Taxes, National Treasury, South Africa
- Amy Merrill, CEO, Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM)
- Maja-Alexandra Dittel, Deputy Head, Task Force International Carbon Pricing & Markets Diplomacy, European Commission (tbc)



DAY 2 – THURSDAY, MAY 21

9:00 – 10:00 TECHNICAL PLENARY III

► Carbon Pricing in a High-Volatility World: Managing Stability and Political Risk

Carbon pricing remains central to decarbonization strategies, yet instruments operate under increasing economic, political, and geopolitical pressure. This plenary reviews how emissions trading systems and carbon taxes are adapting to volatility, competitiveness concerns, and distributional impacts. Drawing on global experience, it explores design choices that can enhance resilience, stability, and political durability while sustaining investment signals.

Moderator: Luca Lo Re, Senior Energy Analyst & Carbon Markets Lead, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Panel:

- Dirk Weinreich, Head, Climate Legislation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Protection, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Shize Lu, Deputy Director General, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China
- Megumi Muto, Deputy Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Mizuho Financial Group (tbc)

10:10 – 11:10 WORKSHOPS

► Financing the Global Energy Transition: The Role of Carbon Market Instruments

As countries work to phase down coal and transform their energy systems, carbon markets are increasingly playing a central role in enabling the transition. From emissions trading systems to emerging crediting mechanisms, these tools are evolving to drive real emissions reductions while mobilising capital for large-scale change. This session explores how carbon market instruments, including transition credits and ETS, can support the global energy transition. It will examine how these mechanisms can mobilise finance, manage transition risks, and accelerate the shift away from coal while maintaining energy security, environmental integrity, and market credibility.

Moderator: Björn Fondén, International Policy Manager, APAC Lead, IETA

Panel:

- Edo Mahendra, Advisor, Carbon Markets, Ministry of Forests, Indonesia
- Clare Sierawski, Managing Director, Kinetic Coalition, C2ES
- Frédéric Gagnon-Lebrun, Compliance Market Specialist, The Rockefeller Foundation

► New Frontiers in Emissions Trading Design

A new generation of emissions trading systems is emerging - one that challenges the traditional fixed-cap model. Intensity-based systems, hybrid design options, and other innovative approaches are gaining traction, particularly across Asia. This session examines how alternative cap-setting and design choices influence market performance and investment signals, exploring challenges and opportunities of these new models. The discussion highlights lessons for jurisdictions at different stages of ETS development.

Moderator: Alistair Ritchie, Director, Asia-Pacific Sustainability, Asia Society Policy Institute

Panel:

- Zhibin Chen, Senior Carbon Market Expert, International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)
- Xiaolu Zhao, Senior Director, Climate, China Program, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
- Paul Butarbutar, Executive Director, Indonesia Climate & Growth Dialogue (ICGD)
- Masafumi Sugano, Senior Director, Energy and Environmental Policy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan (tbc)



DAY 2 – THURSDAY, MAY 21

14:30 – 15:30 WORKSHOPS

► **Carbon Funds for Nature: Emerging Financing Models & Market Demand**

Nature-focused carbon funds are gaining attention as a way to aggregate supply, manage risk, and attract corporate demand for high-integrity credits. This session explores how fund structures are evolving, including their role in mobilizing upfront capital and improving access to quality supply. It also examines outstanding questions related to integrity, governance, and risk-sharing.

Moderator: Basak Odemis, Global Lead, Carbon Finance IFC, World Bank Group

Panel:

- Mariyam Zhumadil, Investment Officer, IFC
- Charlotte Lehmann, Managing Director, Natural Capital, Mirova
- Mary Grady, President and CEO, Environmental Resources Trust (ERT), Winrock
- Julian Strong, Executive Director, Symbiosis Coalition
- Kimberly Tan, Head of Investments, Managing Director, GenZero

► **From the Ground Up: Policymaker Priorities and Capacity-Building Support for Emerging Carbon Pricing Systems**

What are the most pressing technical and policy challenges facing countries as they develop or refine their carbon pricing instruments - and what does it take to build them quickly and efficiently? This workshop puts those questions front and center and brings together policymakers to share priorities, lessons learned, and remaining bottlenecks. It highlights the role of peer learning, international partnerships, and targeted support in accelerating implementation.

Moderator: Santiago Ramirez, Carbon Market Expert, International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP)

Panel:

- Giovanna Ferrazzo Napolini, General Coordinator for Methodologies, Extraordinary Secretariat for the Carbon Market, Ministry of Finance, Brazil
- Taibou Diallo, Environment and Climate Change Advisor, Prime Minister Office, Guinea
- María Fernanda Torres, Director, Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia (tbc)

► 15:45 – 16:45 WORKSHOPS

How Carbon Markets Can Unlock High-Integrity Carbon Removals

Carbon removals will be essential to achieving net-zero pathways, particularly for sectors with residual emissions. This session explores how carbon markets, including Article 6 and high-integrity voluntary approaches, can support the deployment of both nature-based and technological removals. The discussion highlights opportunities, safeguards, and lessons emerging from early experience.

Moderator: Sven Egbers, Head of Global Carbon Market Programme, GIZ

Panel:

- Malin Ahlberg, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation & Nuclear Safety (BMUKN), Germany
- Daniel Benefoh, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana
- Komlanvi Moglo, Chairman Representative at the International Development Finance Club, West African Development Bank (BOAD)
- Purity Chomba, Octavia Carbon Removals, Kenya



DAY 2 – THURSDAY, MAY 21

▶ The Dynamic World of Carbon Markets, Accounting, and Trade

As governments roll out new rules, border measures, carbon accounting and disclosure regimes, industry is adapting in real time: reshaping supply chains, recalibrating carbon strategies, and navigating a rapidly evolving patchwork of markets and standards. This session examines how governments and firms are navigating these interactions across jurisdictions. Speakers will discuss implications for competitiveness, risk management, and cross-border trade.

Moderator: Federico Di Credico, Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer, ACT Group

Panel:

- Jonty Rushforth, Head of Environmental Solutions, S&P Global
- Hendrik Rosenthal, Director Group Sustainability, CLP
- Chris Davis, Senior Fellow, Climate Policy and Markets Initiative, High Tide Foundation & Task Force for Climate Action Transparency (TCAT)
- Ben Rattenbury, Vice President, Policy, Sylvera



DAY 3 – FRIDAY, MAY 22

9:00 – 10:00 WORKSHOPS

► Paris Alignment across Carbon Credit Markets

Aligning carbon crediting activities with the ultimate goals of the Paris Agreement remains a central challenge for both voluntary and compliance markets. This session examines how Paris Alignment is being interpreted and operationalized across different market segments. Speakers will reflect on implications for integrity, demand, and future market development.

Moderator: Pedro Barata, Board Member, Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM)

Panel:

- Alicia Schmid, Researcher, Perspectives Climate Research
- Rachel Pekker, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation & Nuclear Safety (BMUKN), Germany
- Ousmane Fall Sarr, Coordinator, West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance
- Claire Willers, Senior Manager, Market Relations, Gold Standard

► The Role of Domestic Carbon Pricing and International Carbon Markets in Achieving NDCs and LTSs

Carbon pricing instruments and international carbon markets can play a critical role in financing low-carbon development, yet they are often treated separately from Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Strategies (LTSs). The discussion focuses on how better integration can strengthen policy coherence, safeguard carbon-budget integrity, and improve investor confidence. It highlights practical entry points for embedding carbon pricing instruments and international carbon markets across the planning cycle, from LTS formulation to NDC updates and sectoral implementation.

Moderator: Olivier Mahul, Manager, Carbon Finance Solutions, World Bank Group

Panel:

- Juan Pedro Searle, Head of Carbon Markets Development, Ministry of Energy, Chile
- Murun Nahar, Director General, Department of Environment, Bangladesh (tbc)
- John Erik Prydz, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Global Emission Reduction (NOGER) Initiative, Norway (tbc)
- Marshall Brown, Head, Carbon Readiness Unit, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

10:10 – 11:10 WORKSHOPS

► Liability and Risk in Carbon Markets

As carbon markets expand across voluntary, compliance, and Article 6 uses, questions of liability and risk allocation are becoming increasingly important. This session examines how countries and market participants are addressing issues such as reversals, invalidation, and authorization disputes. The discussion highlights governance, contractual, and financial tools that can strengthen market credibility and resilience.

Moderator: Kazuhisa Koakutsu, Director, Article 6 Implementation Partnership

Panel:

- Madeleine Diouf Sarr, Director, Climate Change & Green Finance, Ministry of Environment and Ecological Transition, Senegal
- Judy Ndichu, Carbon Markets Lead, Office of the Special Envoy for Climate Change, Kenya
- Matthew Nelson, Head, Carbon Investments, Trafigura
- Chris Canavan, CEO, Global Carbon Market Utility (GCMU)



DAY 3 – FRIDAY, MAY 22

10:10 – 11:10 WORKSHOPS

▶ **MRV 2.0: Powering Carbon Pricing and Markets**

Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems underpin the credibility and effectiveness of carbon pricing policies and carbon markets, and they are evolving rapidly. The discussion highlights innovations such as digital MRV, automation, and data analytics that can improve accuracy, reduce administrative costs, and strengthen compliance under ETS and carbon taxes. It also examines how emerging cross-border frameworks, including the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), are shaping expectations around data harmonization, standards, and institutional capacity across jurisdictions.

Moderator: Kasia Lewis, Leader, Center for Climate Policy, Ernst & Young

Panel:

- Isabel Rojas, Acting Head, Environmental Economics Department, Ministry of Environment, Chile
- Hüseyin Ayaz, Climate Change Expert, Carbon Pricing Department, Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation & Climate Change, Türkiye
- Wissarut Muangpluem, Specialist, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand
- Miguel Rescalvo, Managing Partner, Neyen

▶ **11:30 – 12:30 TECHNICAL PLENARY IV**

Catalytic Role of Partnerships in Scaling-up Climate Action

The operationalization of carbon markets under Article 6 has accelerated collaboration across governments, multilateral institutions, the private sector, and civil society. This plenary highlights how partnerships and coalitions are helping align standards, streamline support, and strengthen country readiness. Panelists will reflect on what makes partnerships effective and how collective action can accelerate impact at scale.

Panel:

- Ravi Menon, Ambassador for Climate Action, Singapore and Co-chair, Coalition to Grow Carbon Markets (tbc)
- Ali Mohamed, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Executive Office of the President, Kenya
- Claire Perry O'Neill, Co-Chair, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Imperatives Advisory Board & Board Director, Climate Impact X
- Mark Kenber, Executive Director, Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI)

▶ **12:30 – 13:00 CLOSING CEREMONY**

Note: Each () represents a panelist that has been invited and which confirmation is still pending confirmation. Moderators and panelists under 'TBC' have also been invited and are pending confirmation.*