

Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Voluntary Carbon Markets Convening
June 2, 2022
Agenda

9:00 am

Opening Remarks

- Chairman Rostin Behnam
- Commissioner Kristin N. Johnson
- Commissioner Christy Goldsmith Romero
- Commissioner Summer K. Mersinger
- Commissioner Caroline D. Pham

9:15 am

Keynote Speakers:

- U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
- U.S. Congressman David Scott (D-GA-13), Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee

9:30 am

Panel 1: Carbon Offset Standards and Quality Initiatives: The discussion will include an introduction to the carbon offsets markets; carbon offsets standards; and a private sector supply-side initiative.

Moderator: Kelley Kizzier, Fellow, Bezos Earth Fund

- Stephen Donofrio, Director, Ecosystem Marketplace of Forest Trends
- David Antonioli, Chief Executive Officer, Verra
- Mary Grady, Executive Director, American Carbon Registry
- Kristen Gorguinpour, Vice President of Programs, Climate Action Reserve
- Sonja Gibbs, Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Finance, IIF; Board Member, Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market
- Thomas Hale, Ph.D., Associate Professor in Public Policy (Global Public Policy), Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

10:45 am

Panel 2: State and Federal Regulatory Updates: The discussion will highlight the role of carbon offsets accepted in a domestic compliance market; provide an overview of recent regulatory initiatives which may directly or indirectly impact the markets for carbon offsets; and perspectives on the role of carbon offsets within a whole-of-government approach to mitigating climate change.

Moderator: Nat Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

- Jason Gray, Project Director of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at UCLA School of Law
- John E. Morton, Climate Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Sean Babington, Senior Advisor for Climate, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Carol A. (Annie) Petsonk, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Philip B. Duffy, Ph.D., Climate Science Advisor, Office of Science and Technology Policy, The White House
- Christine Dragisic, Branch Chief, Partnerships and Initiatives, Office of Global Change, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

- 11:45 am** **Lunch Break**
- 12:45 pm** **Panel 3: Carbon Offsets Trading and Infrastructure:** The discussion will provide an overview of carbon offset spot markets; exchange-listed derivatives; registry infrastructure; and OTC intermediation.
- Moderator:** Eric Pitt, Consultant, Climate Finance, Ceres Accelerator for Sustainable Capital Markets
- Kathy Benini, Managing Director, Sustainable1, S&P Global
 - John Melby, President and Chief Operating Officer, Xpansiv
 - Dan Scarbrough, Co-founder, President & Chief Operating Officer, IncubEx, Inc.
 - John Frederick, Chief Financial Officer, Indigo Agriculture
 - Evan Ard, Chief Executive Officer, Evolution Markets
 - Mike Kierstead, Head of Environmental Products, Intercontinental Exchange
 - Pete Keavey, Managing Director of Energy and Environmental Products, CME Group
- 2:00 pm** **Panel 4: Market Participants Recommendations for the CFTC:** The panel will discuss perspectives on carbon offset projects from industry and the public interest. The panel will discuss the challenges and opportunities of trading carbon offsets and/or carbon offset derivatives; documentation issues; and recommendations for the role of the CFTC in these markets.
- Moderator:** Janet Peace, Chief of Advisory Services, BlueSource
- Part I:**
- Mark Kenber, Co-Executive Director, External Affairs, Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative and Managing Director, Climate Advisers
 - Bella Rozenberg, Senior Counsel/Head of Regulatory and Legal Practice Group, International Swaps and Derivatives Association
 - Linda French, Global Head of ESG Policy & Regulation, Sustainability and Global Government Relations, JPMorgan Chase & Co.
 - Aoife Kearney, Assistant General Counsel, Neuberger Berman
 - Darcy Bradbury, Managing Director, head of Global Public Policy, the D. E. Shaw group
 - Alexia Kelly, Director, Net Zero + Nature, Netflix
- 3:00 pm** **Moderator:** Angela Churie Kallhauge, Executive Vice President for Impact, Environmental Defense Fund
- Part II:**
- Chuck Conner, President & CEO, National Council of Farm Cooperatives
 - Shelby Swain Myers, Economist, American Farm Bureau Federation
 - Tyson Slocum, Director, Energy Program, Public Citizen
 - Jeff Swartz, Vice President Low Carbon Strategy, Regulatory Affairs and Partnerships, BP
 - Michael LeMonds, Vice President, Environment, Land and Government Affairs, Holcim US
- 4:00 pm** **Closing Remarks: Chairman Rostin Behnam**
- 4:15 pm** **Conclude**