



NORTH AMERICA'S LEADING EVENT ON CARBON MARKETS

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](#)**
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- 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

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.

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.

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.

11:30-13:00 By Invitation Only – Carbon Accounting Executive Roundtable & Lunch

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.

Side Event 2 – Organised by the American Forest Foundation (AFF): Tackling Durability Risk as a Barrier for Market Demand

13:30-15:30 By Invitation Only – ICAP Roundtable

14:15-15:15 Side Event 3 – To be announced

14:15-15:30 Side Event 4 – Organised by 1PointFive

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:45 Breakout 3 – **Removals - Unpacking the Carbon Management Toolkit:** CCUS, CDR, Superpollutants, and More

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.

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.

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.

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!

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

[WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – DAY 2](#)

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Breakfast

8:30-10:00 By Invitation Only – ALMA Brasil Project Roundtable

9:00-10:00 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.

10:00-10:20 Coffee Break

10:20-11:20 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.

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.

11:30-12:30 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.

Side Event 6 – Organised by Agoro Carbon Alliance

12:30-13:30 Networking Lunch

12:35-13:20 Plenary 5 – **Roundtable Lunch on Safe Harbour**

13:30-14:30 Side Event 7 – Organised by TÜV SÜD

Side Event 8 – Organised by Trees for the Future (TREES)

14:40-15:40 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.

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.

15:40-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 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.

Breakout 10 – **Digital Revolution**: Assets, Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV), and Infrastructure

In 2026, several industry-wide transformations are underway. New registry infrastructures, initiatives to standardise digital MRV, and the proliferation of digital methodologies provide the market with new opportunities to scale. But in order to have the impact we hope to see, they must be communicated to stakeholders at every part of the value chain. How can

these advancements be communicated to traders, investors, insurers, and everyone in between?

17:10-18:10 **Plenary 6 – 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.

18:10-18:15 **Closing Reflections**

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

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