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Partner events

March 14-16
GLOBE 2012 in Vancouver

The international GLOBE Series Conference and Trade Fair Exhibition on the Business of the Environment is taking

Join leaders from across North America at the first annual Climate Leadership Conference, February 29-March 1 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
More than 45 speakers and 140 participating organizations confirmed

With the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the headline sponsor, the first annual Climate Leadership Conference will be held from February 29-March 1, 2012 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The conference will bring together leaders from business, government and academic institutions, and the non-profit community interested in exchanging ideas and information on how to address climate change while simultaneously running their operations more competitively and sustainably.

The inaugural **Climate Leadership Awards** are being held on February 29th in conjunction with the conference. Launched by EPA in 2011 in partnership with The Climate Registry, the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO), and the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), the awards will recognize organizations in the U.S. for aggressively managing and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, both in internal operations and throughout the supply chain.

For more information on the conference program and to register, please see www.climateleadershipconference.org. Registry members are eligible for a 25% discount off registration!

Public comment period for General Reporting

place in Vancouver, Canada, this coming March 14-16.

The GLOBE 2012 Conference Program [Agenda](#) will feature interactive panel sessions - including topics on energy and infrastructure, regional and international climate policy, and private sector leadership with respect to reducing the corporate carbon footprint.

You're invited to join participants at GLOBE 2012 from more than 50 countries to learn more about sustainability in the 21st Century. Develop your business opportunities using on-site lounges and designated meeting zones, match-making 'connectors', enhanced social media, and multiple networking functions and receptions.

Register before February 28, 2011 and save \$300. Find out more at www.globeseries.com.

April 10-12 Navigating the American Carbon World in San Francisco



2012 marks the 10th anniversary of Navigating the American Carbon World (NACW), which will provide updates on and insights into climate policy and carbon market information. The event features forward-thinking minds that are driving action to address global climate change. And,

Period (GRP) 2.0 open until February 17th

The [draft General Reporting Protocol 2.0](#) is currently available for public comment. With this draft, The Registry hopes to provide greater value and flexibility to our Members while maintaining the credibility and integrity of our program. This draft incorporates all previous updates and clarifications as well as updates to The Registry's voluntary reporting program. An [overview of changes from GRP 1.1](#) is also available.

The Registry will hold a **free webinar** on the proposed changes on **February 8 at 11:00 am PST**. [Click here to register](#). On the call, Registry staff will give an overview of the proposed changes and answer questions from the public.

The Registry is accepting written comments on the draft GRP 2.0 through the close of business **February 17, 2012**. Please submit your comments to [Peggy Foran](#), Senior Policy Manager, using The Registry's [Public Comment Template](#).

Featured Member: Ford

Congratulations are in order for Ford Motor Company, which recently became Climate Registered with the publication of its complete carbon inventory for 2010. ANSI-accredited Advanced Waste Management Systems (AWMS) conducted the third party verification process.

In addition, according to a recent [article](#), Ford is demonstrating strong leadership in driving carbon efficiency in their production and supply chain.

"Ford takes the chequered flag on carbon performance. Its more carbon-efficient production also lessens its financial risk."
-"Which 'Big Three' Car Maker Wins on Low-Carbon Growth?", Environmental Leader, January 26, 2012

Ford is making impressive progress with respect to running its operations more efficiently and sustainably, and is enhancing its competitiveness in the process. We look forward to continuing to work with Ford, Subaru and our many members as we build additional tools and services to support value chain reporting.

Congratulations to our new Climate Registered leaders!

Kudos to the following Climate Registered Members, who have reported their third party verified inventories on our website

EY = Emissions Year

New Four-Year Climate Registered Members (EY 2007-2010)

Seattle Steam
Shaw Industries

New Three-Year Climate Registered Members (EY 2008-2010, except as noted)

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Colorado Springs Utilities
Cormetech Inc

because of the depth and diversity of its delegates, who represent business, NGOs, academia and government agencies, it is known as a superb place for networking and collaborating.

NACW 2012 will take place April 10-12 in San Francisco and will present a detailed look at California's cap-and-trade program and other types of mitigation, as well as current and potential linkages between state-level, regional and international carbon markets and sub-national REDD programs. The event is hosted by the Climate Action Reserve. For additional information, please visit www.nacw2012.com.

Upcoming webinars

To register, click on the link

February 9

[Introduction to The Climate Registry](#)
FREE

February 22

[What's new in 2012: a reporting program update](#)
FREE for Members

February 23

[Subnational governments taking action on climate change: an introduction to R2Q](#)
FREE for Members

Keep an eye on The Registry's [calendar](#) for details on these future webinars:

March

Measuring & reporting scope 3 emissions (employee commuting & business travel)

April

ENVIRON Holdings Inc.
Harrison Industries
Kennecott Utah Copper
Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc.
Newmont Nevada Energy Investment, LLC
Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation (PG&E)
Platte River Power Authority
Sonoma-Loeb (EY 2007-2009)
Stantec
United States Postal Service
Utah Transit Authority
West Linn Paper Company
Weston Solutions, Inc.
Wolverine Power Cooperative

New Two-Year Climate Registered Members (EY 2009-2010)

Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
City of Chula Vista
Clark Public Utilities
Marin Sanitary Services
New York Power Authority
University of California, Davis
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside

New First-Year Climate Registered Members (EY 2010)

Amtrak
California Public Employees Retirement System
California State Teachers Retirement System
Collins Pine Company
Corning Incorporated
Driftwood Dairy
Eastern Municipal Water District
Ford Motor Company
Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems
S.M. Stoller Corporation
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Sonoma County Water Agency
Stanford University
The Port of Los Angeles
The Tower Companies
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Santa Barbara

New in 2012: the Cool Planet Award!

The Climate Registry and its Cool Planet partner, Southern California Edison (SCE), are pleased to announce the First Annual Cool Planet Awards, recognizing SCE business customers for their environmental leadership in energy & carbon management. Award recipients will be recognized in key industry sectors and honored with a plaque made from recycled glass and a media relations campaign highlighting their leadership.

Nominations open through **May 30, 2012**. Awards will be distributed in the fall of 2012.

Find further information and the award nomination form at the [Cool Planet page](#) on The Registry's website.

Contact [Amy Holm](#), Outreach Manager, The Climate Registry at 213.891.6922 if you have any questions or would like more information .

The Cool Planet Project is an energy efficiency and climate mitigation program that helps utility company business customers identify energy and carbon reductions, implement those new

State of the Registry: an annual update from The Registry's Executive Director and Board Members

July

Fundamental steps for creating an annual sustainability report: a closer look at the food & beverage sector

New members

The Registry is delighted to welcome the following organizations to our community of leaders:

University of San Diego

Assiniboine Credit Union

Trussell Technologies

Maynard Public Schools

CRA attains ANSI accreditation

On November 14, 2011, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited both Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Limited (CRA) Limited and CRA Inc. to conduct GHG inventory verification services for Members of The Climate Registry.

The Climate Registry congratulates CRA Limited and CRA Inc. on their achievement. Members can now find CRA Limited and CRA Inc. on the [list of ANSI-accredited, Registry-recognized Verification Bodies](#). Members of The Climate Registry may use ANSI-accredited Verification Bodies to meet the verification

projects and document reduction efforts in a comprehensive carbon footprint.

We're listening...

Thanks to the many organizations who participated in our 2011 member survey...and congratulations to **Chris Haun** from **NYCHA**, the winner of the survey draw, who designated the \$100 prize to the NGO/charity of his choice: **NRDC**, also a Registry Member.

A number of over-arching themes emerged from the survey responses, which will be invaluable as we evaluate our products and services for 2012 and beyond. Overwhelmingly members indicated that they report to The Registry because it builds their reputation as an environmental leader and it increases their accountability to stakeholders.

Members also emphasized the value of The Registry's:

- reputation and partnerships with state and federal regulators
- protocols, which provide consistent methods for complete, verifiable reporting.
- webinars, member helpline, and the CRIS reporting tool

We were delighted to see that Members largely identified customer service and technical support as The Registry's greatest strength!

It was also invaluable to hear from Members that they would like to see The Registry expand its services by providing emissions benchmarking data and improved analytics, as well as tools to support standardized reporting for scope 3 emissions. These, along with coordinating with other reporting programs to streamline the reporting and disclosure process, will be priority areas for us this coming year.

Please don't hesitate to email us at help@theclimateregistry.org with further comments or questions.

Download from Durban: UN Climate Change Conference (COP17), Durban 2011

In early December, The Climate Registry led a delegation to the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference, held in Durban, South Africa. Our delegation, led by Registry Board member Mary Nichols, Chairman of the California Air Resources Board, partnered with the Climate Action Reserve (CAR) and the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) to highlight the important work of states, provinces, territories and tribes as well as Registry members in taking actions today to transition to a low-carbon future. [Listen to the recording](#) of our official side event on understanding the real impacts of GHG mitigation (starts at the 4:25 minute marker).

Outcomes of the international negotiations

This year's conference concluded with the adoption of the Durban

requirements of The Climate Registry's voluntary reporting program.



Platform, which lays the foundation for countries to begin to negotiate a new climate change deal in 2015 to take force by 2020. Unlike the Kyoto Protocol, all nations will be responsible for their carbon emissions under the new agreement. Other key outcomes were:

- Governments, including 27 industrialized nations, also agreed on a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, starting in 2013. The EU and nine other nations will sign up to new reduction targets under the second commitment period, expected to end in 2017 or 2020. Since the talks in Durban, Canada has officially withdrawn from the Kyoto Protocol, while the US was never a signatory.
- In addition, a number of details associated with the Cancun agreements of 2010 were worked through. They agreed on the design of the Green Climate Fund, which will help poorer nations adapt to climate change and transition to cleaner energy systems.
- An adaptation committee and a process that will lead to the creation of a climate technology center were also established, and the text details transparency measures that will require countries to report the progress they are making in meeting their emission targets.
- Parties also adopted text on the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) program, which seeks to reduce carbon by preserving forests.

Unfortunately, despite agreement on these terms, analysts say that existing pledges leave the planet one billion tons of carbon short of where we need to be to prevent a global temperature rise of 2°C and to avoid the most damaging effects of climate change. All parties have agreed to note this shortfall in future negotiations.

The challenges associated with the international negotiations were countered by the real mitigation actions being undertaken by sub-national governments - many of whom are Members of The Registry's Board - and the private sector. We look forward to continuing to work with our Board and with our 440 members who are leading the way in mitigating climate change and operating more sustainably and efficiently.

The next UN climate conference will be held in Doha, Qatar in December 2012. For more information on The Registry's involvement in the UN climate conferences, please contact [Robyn Camp](#).

About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization that operates the only voluntary carbon footprint registry in North America supported by states, provinces, territories and tribes. The Climate Registry helps hundreds of public and private organizations measure, report and reduce their GHG emissions with integrity.

For information about joining The Registry, please visit www.theclimateregistry.org.

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