

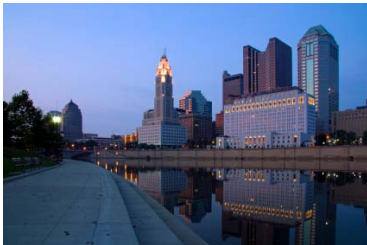
Midwest Climate Policy Forum

Charting the Path Ahead



March 11, 2009

Hyatt on Capitol Square
75 East State Street
Columbus, OH



Join us in Columbus for the continuation of our successful Climate Policy Forum series that approaches climate policy on a more focused, regional level. This forum will bring together Midwest state governmental leaders, Registry Members and business, environmental and academic stakeholders to address climate change policies and how they will affect the Midwest. Industry representatives will discuss how they will prepare for the future and the opportunities they see in this changing environment.

Registration is now open; seating is limited.

Meeting Highlights

- Be part of an interactive forum setting with an unprecedented lineup of regional, national and international government leaders, as well as business, academic, environmental and industry representatives
- Network at our opening reception with colleagues from industry, academia and government who share your interest in climate policy
- Member benefit! Registry Members can attend a free post-meeting workshop discussing tips on how to report and get your inventory verified

Forum Sessions

Wednesday, March 11

7:30AM *Registration Opens - Continental Breakfast*

8:30AM **Welcome**

Regional Overview of Climate Activities and the Role of The Climate Registry

Chris Korleski, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director, The Climate Registry

Ann McCabe, Regional Director Midwest, The Climate Registry

9:00AM **State Leaders Roundtable**

State leaders and directors from the Midwest states discuss their action plans for addressing climate changes and explore policy approaches at state, regional and federal levels. What sectors may be included in regulation? What are the forecast changes in emissions over time? What are the options that may work for different states, and why? How will the Midwestern Governors GHG Accord play a role in regional climate policies?

10:40AM *Break*

11:00AM **Stakeholders Respond**

Thoughtful stakeholders respond to the morning's panel from business, environmental and academic perspectives. How will companies prepare for a climate-friendly future, and where are the opportunities? Speakers also share their essential elements for state, regional or national climate regulation. State leaders respond with their final words.

Ron Burke, UCS

David Cartella, Cliff Natural Resources

Matt Most, Midwest Gen

Jim Turnure, Xcel

12:30PM **Luncheon and Keynote Address**

- 2:15PM** **Putting it in a Global Perspective**
 How does the Midwest view of climate action mesh with the changes taking place across North America and internationally? Speakers from around the world raise tough issues regarding harmonization and operating within state and regional frameworks.
Tom Peterson, President and CEO, Center for Climate Strategies
- 3:30PM** *Break*
- 3:45PM** **Pulling It All Together: The Role of The Climate Registry and Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Preparing for a Carbon Constrained World**
 How does The Climate Registry fit in the context of future state and federal climate policies and programs? How can preparing your greenhouse gas inventory assist organizations to manage and reduce emissions? Thoughtful business leaders will share their view of how The Climate Registry has assisted them in managing their emissions.
- 5:00PM** *Reception – sponsored by NSF*
- 7:00PM** *Close*

Post-Forum Workshop for Members Only

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00AM** **Building a Verifiable Inventory for Reporting to The Climate Registry**
 What are the first steps to creating and managing your inventory? What do you need to know to succeed in verification? Registry Staff, Members and Verifiers provide insight on building a verifiable inventory for reporting to The Climate Registry.
- 10:45AM** *Break*
- 11:00AM** **Voices of Experience: Panel of Verification Bodies and Registry Members**
 Participate in a roundtable discussion with Verifiers and experienced Members to share lessons learned and other tools that will help new Members succeed in verification.
- 12:00PM** **Adjourn**

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Registration

All attendees, including invited speakers, must register for the conference using our [online registration system](#). Members may register for the half-day pre-conference workshop at no cost. Registration for the full conference includes breakfast, lunch and a networking reception on Wednesday, March 11.

Registration Rates

Member – Corporate	\$250.00
Member – Non-Profit/NGO/Academic	\$185.00
Non-Member – Corporate	\$325.00
Non-Member – Non-Profit/NGO/Academic	\$215.00
Member Workshop (March 12)	No cost

After you register online, you will receive an email confirmation. When you are onsite at the forum, your badge and meeting materials can be picked up at the registration desk outside the Governor's Ballroom on the second floor of the Hyatt. Registration will be open from 7:00AM – 5:00PM on Wednesday, March 11 and starting at 8:30AM on Thursday, March 12.

Cancellation policy: We cannot accept meeting cancellations after February 20. Meeting registrations are transferable to another attendee until March 2.

Accommodations and Travel

All meeting events will be held at the [Hyatt on Capitol Square](#) located at 75 East State Street.

Reservations

Phone: 614-228-1234 and ask for the Midwest Climate Policy Forum block

Rate: \$115 single/double

Rates good through: February 10, 2009

Directions

From Port Columbus International Airport (8 miles): Take I-670 West toward downtown to 3rd St. exit. Follow 3rd St. approximately 7 traffic lights to State St. Hotel is on right at 3rd St. and State St. The Hyatt's valet parking is on the right.