

Day 1: Tuesday 21st May – Morning Session

8:30 – 8:45	OPENING PLENARY: Carbon Farming Industry Stocktake & Outlook Welcome to country, followed by an address on “Connecting Country, Community & Climate” – Implementing the Carbon Farming Roadmap for a prosperous, negative emissions, nature positive future.	
8:45 – 9:00	Policy Perspectives A high-level Ministerial address on the Australian policy landscape, ambition, and the reform agenda. Ministerial address: Hon Chris Bowen MP, <i>Minister for Climate Change & Energy</i> , Australia Labor Party	
9:00 – 9:50	PLENARY ONE: Optimising Policy Frameworks & Market Design An overview of the current state of play in Australia’s national carbon market, including current and potential legislative and administrative ACCU carbon farming reforms and policy developments.	
9:50 – 10:05	Carbon Farming Scorecard Overview Exploring the 3rd annual Carbon Farming Scorecard results.	
10:05 – 10:20	CMI Carbon Farming Industry Roadmap CMI report on progress the vision and action agenda for the 2035 update on the Carbon Farming Industry Roadmap.	
10:20 – 10:40	Short Refreshment Break	
10:45 – 11:15	Carbon Conversation – Integrity Update A discussion with the recently appointed full-time Chair of the Committee responsible for the integrity of the ACCU Framework covering progress, priorities, and future potential. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Hussey, <i>Chair</i>, Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee 	
11:20 – 12:05	Concurrent Sessions: Building on Integrity & Capacity	
SESSION 1.1 High-Integrity Credit Generation In the context of broad reforms and an ACCU Review Implementation Plan, discuss the evolution of next-gen delivery of quality abatement, the role of the Carbon Industry Code of Conduct in supporting market integrity, and future steps to building trust in the industry.	SESSION 1.2 Investment Scale, High-Integrity Credits With increasing focus on the integrity of corporate transition and approaches to net zero and nature positive outcomes, this session will focus on the requirements for investment-grade credits that can drive transformational change and attract institutional investors into the asset class.	SESSION 1.3 Sub-nationals Driving Market Development & Positive Land-Use State based “Carbon +” and land restoration funds are interlayering with legislative reforms to support market development and land use. This session explores state initiatives and potential government interventions to address market barriers to positive land use.
12:10 – 12:55	TOWN HALL: Indigenous Carbon – Opportunities & ‘Right Way, Wrong Way Engagement’ An important session addressing the opportunities of Indigenous ownership, operation of, and involvement in carbon projects. The discussion will cover core benefits, carbon opportunities, measures to overcome participation barriers, the importance of ‘right way’ engagement and Free Prior and Informed Consent. Join us to build consistent and capability across the carbon farming supply chain.	
12:55 – 13:50	Lunch Break	

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13:50 – 14:40	PLENARY TWO: Agricultural & Land Sector Decarbonisation In the context of the Government’s Net Zero 2050 plan and 2035 target, an agricultural and land sector decarbonisation plan is one of six under development covering all major components of the economy. This session will focus on the strategic outlook and industry pathways to net zero for the sector, including the role of market mechanisms, opportunities for innovation and investment, and Australia’s COP28 commitment on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action.	
14:40 – 15:25	Carbon Conversation: In Conversation with Carbon Farmers Learn from carbon farming best practice and experience.	
15:25 – 15:55	Afternoon Break & Networking	
16:00 – 16:45	Concurrent Sessions: Agriculture & Land Sector Deep Dive	
SESSION 2.1	SESSION 2.2	SESSION 2.3
Addressing Land Sector Emissions whilst Scaling Drawdown & Building Natural Capital With overlapping policy and market reforms and priorities, this session seeks to take a systemic approach to addressing multiple priorities in the land and agricultural sector and the risks of increasing pressures and siloed approaches.	Articulating the Value Proposition – Revenue & Co-benefits Discuss the investment opportunities and key considerations in driving agricultural sector change. Discuss what financiers and investors are targeting, and their due diligence requirements as well as the value-add proposition for producers and the role of co-benefits in unlocking carbon farming scale.	Incremental & transformational sectoral change Join agricultural leaders to discuss drivers for change including trade imperatives, market access requirements, TNFD, mandatory climate-related financial disclosure and targeted investments. Discuss how to manage trade-offs, balance competing land use objectives and support producers.
16:50 – 17:20	Carbon Conversation: The ICVCM – Core Carbon Principles & Framework Assessment	
17:30 – 22:00	Reception Drinks & BBQ Dinner	

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7:45 – 8:30	Breakfast, with optional Methods Brainstorming sessions	
8:45 – 9:00	Indigenous Address	
9:00 – 9:15	Policy Perspectives A high-level Ministerial address on the Australian government Nature Positive Plan and Nature Repair Market. Ministerial address: Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, <i>Minister for the Environment & Water</i> , Australia Labor Party	
9:15 – 10:05	PLENARY THREE: The Nature & Climate Nexus With Australia hosting the Global Nature Positive Summit in October 2024, the world focus will turn to Australia and the role of the public and private sectors in scaling up investment in nature protection and nature & climate repair. The challenge of finding and strengthening convergence remains and this session will discuss alignment of political agendas and of the carbon and emerging nature repair and biodiversity markets.	
10:05 – 10:50	Concurrent Sessions: Nature Repair & biodiversity Markets	

SESSION 3.1 Deep Dive: Nature & Climate Repair Markets Nature and biodiversity loss are increasingly gaining importance for businesses, investors, and the finance sector. Discuss the recent policy initiatives including the Nature Repair Market Bill, 'Carbon+' schemes, EPBC Act reforms and nature-related financial disclosure.		SESSION 3.2 Nature Positive & TNFD for Business and Investors Nature Positive prioritises nature and the environment in all decision making and actions. This session will discuss the role of policy in delivering clear, consistent signals as well as requirements and enablers to scale business investment in projects, with confidence	
10:50 – 11:15 SHORT REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:15 – 12:05		Methods and Proponent-Led Co-Design With input from the CMI taskforces, join this session to discuss methods, both new and under development, and their implementation and commercialisation. Explore the processes and practicalities of proponent-led design as well as systems requirements to ensure rigorous design and high-integrity outcomes.	
12:05 – 12:55		Trading & Investor Room Carbon pricing and trading have developed since the landmark Kyoto Protocol. The past year has seen numerous trading platforms both in regulated, compliance, and voluntary markets emerge. Carbon ratings platforms are developing standards and methodologies to assess credit quality. This session will discuss these developments, a growing trend towards standardisation in contracts and products, transparency, data requirements, market stratification and opportunities for strengthening investment grade credits.	
12:55 – 13:45 LUNCH BREAK			
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13:45 – 14:45		PLENARY FOUR: Connecting Country, Community & Climate - Communicating Benefits & Building Capacity A plenary discussing the social & community license around land sector credit projects and how to ensure delivery of appropriate benefit sharing and regional opportunities. The session will explore outreach and education programs including the Australian Government's Carbon Farming Outreach Program and sub-national platforms – how to communicate carbon farming benefits, build a community and media narrative and develop critical skills and training.	
14:50 – 15:45		Concurrent Sessions: Addressing Challenges, Mitigating Risks	
SESSION 4.1 FPIC Best Practice This workshop focusses on policy developments and practical examples in establishing the legal right to carry out a project and obtaining free prior and informed consent. It explores best practice including partnerships and collaborative projects.		SESSION 4.2 Social & Community Benefit-sharing A panel of stakeholders will discuss how regions and communities can contribute to carbon farming policy and practice to deliver sustainable and equitable community and regional benefits.	
		SESSION 4.3 Barrier Busting – Market Readiness This session will address current market barriers, challenges & perceptions and requirements to overcome them to scale the carbon farming industry. With a focus on CMI's Market Readiness program, this session will examine contracts, land valuations, legacy perceptions and complexities.	
15:45 – 16:15 Afternoon Break & Networking			
16:15 – 16:45		CLOSING PLENARY: Towards A National Carbon Market Strategy Join the closing session of the 2024 Carbon Farming Industry Forum to discuss the learnings from across the two days and set out the key priorities for the next 12 months, as we embark on a Roadmap to 2050 and help develop a National Carbon Market Strategy.	
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