

# PROGRAM

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2024 HOST PARTNER

# 29 - 30 October 2024

## CENTREPIECE, Melbourne Park, Melbourne

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### Pre-Summit Day

12.00pm – 4.30pm

#### MASTERCLASS

*Tickets sold separately.*

5.30pm – 7.30pm

#### PRE-SUMMIT DRINKS

*Invitation-only networking event for event sponsors & special guests.*

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### Summit Day One

from 7.00am

#### REGISTRATION

7.00am – 8.30am

#### NETWORKING BREAKFAST

8.45am – 5.30pm

#### SUMMIT PROGRAM

7.00am – 5.30pm

#### EXHIBITION OPEN

10.00am – 2.00pm

#### WELLNESS ROOM OPEN

5.30pm – 7.00pm

#### SUNDOWNER

7.00pm – 10.00pm

#### GALA DINNER

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

#### Summit Day Two

from 8.00am

#### REGISTRATION

9.00am – 5.00pm

#### SUMMIT PROGRAM

9.00am – 5.00pm

#### EXHIBITION OPEN

10.00am – 2.00pm

#### WELLNESS ROOM OPEN

4.25pm – 6.00pm

#### SUNDOWNER

## DAY 1 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024

TIME   LOCATION	SESSION
7.00am	REGISTRATION OPENS
7.00am – 8.30am	<p><b>NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b></p> <p>Kickstart the two-day Summit Program with the Networking Breakfast, an informal panel discussion and networking event.</p> <p>Available to in-person attendees only.</p>
8.45am – 9.00am	<p><b>WELCOME TO COUNTRY</b></p> <p><b>OPENING ADDRESS</b></p>
9.00am – 9.15am	<b>MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE</b>
9.15am – 10.30am	<p><b>PLENARY ONE NET ZERO GEOPOLITICS, PATHWAYS AND INVESTMENT</b></p> <p>Countries are planning for stronger 2035 emission reduction targets and engaging in the transition to net zero economies amidst turbulent political, economic and social circumstances. It is also a time of exciting innovation in technology, sustainability, policy and disclosure. Join our opening Summit plenary for key perspectives from the US, Europe, the Asia Pacific and Australia which will be followed by a discussion on investment and market implications.</p>
10.30am – 11.00am	MORNING TEA
11.00am – 11.55am	<p><b>PLENARY TWO CORPORATE CLIMATE PERSPECTIVES</b></p> <p>Join corporate leaders to discuss challenges in the corporate transition to net zero emissions. This panel discussion will provide insights into achievements, challenges, and opportunities in developing credible business strategies in a world of some policy uncertainty but accelerating expectation, oversight and urgency.</p>
12.00pm – 12.45pm	<b>FIRST CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b>
	<p><b><u>1.1 FINANCE</u> Scaling Public &amp; Private Finance</b></p> <p>In November, COP29 – “the finance COP” – will deliver the new collective quantified goal on climate finance, which will replace the 2009 Copenhagen climate finance goal of USD100 billion a year channelled to developing countries by 2020. It is well recognised that private sector finance has a critical role in supporting public finance for climate change mitigation and adaptation globally. This workshop will explore initiatives, such as the UNEP FI/PRI sustainable finance taxonomies to scale up sustainable finance and the Australian equivalent, ASFI - in supporting the global transition towards net zero.</p>
	<p><b><u>1.2 NET ZERO PLAN SECTORS</u> Industry &amp; Resources</b></p> <p>As the renewable energy transition accelerates, greater focus will fall on industry and resource sectors emission contributions. This workshop will examine the role of the enhanced Safeguard Mechanism, its potential evolution, and the role of aligned policies as well as corporate and consumer expectations in changing investment strategies. As with the rest of the 6 sectors under consideration for Net Zero Plans, cross cutting issues like sustainable finance, carbon market strategies, circular economy and growing social equity, including for First Nation and regional communities, will also be discussed.</p>
	<p><b><u>1.3 NET ZERO PLAN SECTORS</u> The Built Environment</b></p> <p>Australia’s built environment accounts for roughly one fifth of our emissions, and with a growing population decarbonising physical infrastructure is a clear priority. While innovators exist, they come against a challenging flux of market and policy conditions that often hinder rather than help essential low carbon innovations. This workshop will explore the policy puzzle pieces that must come together to support a decarbonised construction industry in Australia. As with the rest of the 6 sectors under consideration for Net Zero Plans, cross cutting issues like sustainable finance, carbon market strategies, circular economy and growing social equity, including for First Nation and regional communities, will also be discussed.</p>
	<p><b><u>1.4 POLICY</u> Carbon Markets 2.0 – from offsetting neutrality to removals for negative emission future</b></p> <p>2024 has seen significant reports from leading international climate change bodies around beyond value chain, Scope 3, mitigation, and new research into the level of carbon dioxide removals needed after achieving net zero emissions for a safer climate future. The Revised Oxford Principles for Net Zero Aligned Carbon Offsetting note that low reversal risk carbon removals must scale up one thousand-fold by 2050. While decarbonising industry, electricity and transport remain urgent priorities, and as intense scrutiny remains on carbon crediting, this workshop will explore how private and public carbon market strategies can move beyond offsetting neutrality approaches to net zero and net negative emission alignment.</p>

12.45pm – 2.00pm	LUNCH
1.00pm – 1.10pm	CLIMATE HOT SPOT – FIRST NATIONS
1.10pm – 1.55pm	WOMEN IN CLIMATE LUNCH
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<p><b>PLENARY THREE NATIONAL DECARBONISATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES</b></p> <p>Progress has continued on substantial climate-related policy reforms as well as investment initiatives and guidelines building on the private investment outcomes leveraged by the CEFC and ARENA. This session will examine the key issues and institutions for Australian investors, taxpayers and stakeholders to maximise opportunities and minimise risks in accelerating Australia’s transition to net zero emissions.</p>
3.00pm – 3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm – 4.15pm	SECOND CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
	<p><b>2.1 NET ZERO PLAN SECTORS Transport</b></p> <p>Transport is Australia’s third highest emitting sector, contributing roughly 21% to Australia’s total emissions profile. While the Government’s electric vehicle target and new vehicle fuel efficiency standards are supporting emissions reductions in light vehicles, longer distance transport continues to pose challenges for decarbonisation. Join this panel as we discuss the challenges and opportunities for decarbonisation in long distance freight and passenger transport, including rail, air and road. As with the rest of the 6 sectors under consideration for Net Zero Plans, cross cutting issues like sustainable finance, carbon market strategies, circular economy and growing social equity, including for First Nation and regional communities, will also be discussed.</p>
	<p><b>2.2 POLICY Ensuring social licence for the transition</b></p> <p>With the Net Zero Economy Authority, Australia will soon have a formal authority to help guide its transition to net zero emissions, while ensuring that workers, primarily in the energy industry, are not left behind and that regional communities are engaged in opportunities of the transition. Some states have similar institutions or support, and companies are recognising their responsibility in helping to manage the transition. This workshop looks at the role of just transition planning and social licence in supporting successful decarbonisation or other transitions in rural and regional Australia.</p>
	<p><b>2.3 STRATEGY Corporate Net Zero Transition</b></p> <p>As businesses prepare for mandatory climate-related financial disclosures in Australia, international best practice guidance on net zero transition plans also continues to mature and converge. The Australian Government has committed to developing guidance for disclosing net zero transition plans. Work is also underway to develop an independently verifiable international standard on net zero, that would establish a real economy standard to complement the financial standards developed by the International Sustainability Standards Board. This panel will explore how companies can navigate the rapidly evolving ecosystem of net zero standards to demonstrate market leadership.</p>
	<p><b>2.4 STRATEGY Carbon Market and Policy Evolution in the Asia Pacific</b></p> <p>Climate policies, carbon markets and the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, will be key to achieving nationally determined contributions in the critical Asia Pacific region. Carbon taxes, regulations and markets are emerging across Asia and support for market development and financing is increasingly becoming an integral aspect of bilateral and multilateral partnerships such as the Australia-Singapore Green Economy Agreement and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity. This workshop will build on insights and outcomes from the recent CMI Singapore Carbon Market and investor Forum.</p>
4.30pm – 4.40pm	CLIMATE HOTSPOT - TECHNOLOGY
4.40pm – 5.30pm	<p><b>PLENARY FOUR MAKING REGULATION AND DISCLOSURE DELIVER DECARBONISATION</b></p> <p>The last 12 months have seen significant developments in governance, disclosure and on corporate claims with growing scrutiny from regulators, investors and the community. Meanwhile, the introduction of mandatory climate change reporting will also re-write expectations for company management of climate-related financial risks and opportunities. But how do we ensure that regulation and disclosure deliver more than just more reporting and drives real change?</p>
5.30pm – 7.00pm	SUNDOWNER DRINKS

7.00pm – 10.00pm

# 2024 Summit Gala Dinner

Christiana Figueres Oration

DAY 2 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

TIME   LOCATION	SESSION
8.00am	REGISTRATION OPENS
8.45am – 9.00am	MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE
9.00am – 9.50am	<p><b>PLENARY FIVE CLIMATE CHANGE Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>In the style of Australia’s weekly ABC discussion program, Australian political, business and community leaders will discuss the climate crisis, the role of carbon markets in the net zero challenge, and the long-term national policy framework we need to scale up decarbonisation investment to meet Australia’s fair share of global climate action.</p>
9.50am – 10.00am	KEYNOTE
10.00am – 10.30am	MORNING TEA
10.30am – 11.20am	<p><b>PLENARY SIX SCALING NATURE POSITIVE</b></p> <p>The World Bank estimates that annual nature investment needs to scale up to USD700 billion over the next decade, up from current levels of roughly USD120-140 million per year. Following the inaugural Global Nature Positive Summit, this plenary session will consider the changes required to achieve this monumental shift in financial flows, alongside increasing finance for projects that address both nature and climate change simultaneously.</p>
11.30am – 12.15pm	THIRD CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
	<p><b>3.1 POLICY Article 6 and other COP29 priorities</b></p> <p>As well as focusing on the new collective quantifiable goal on climate finance and the Loss and Damage Fund, Article 6 cooperation and carbon market frameworks are a key priority of the COP29 Presidency. As the Presidency notes, the Article’s “full functioning will be a significant step to bolster ambition in mitigation and adaptation, enhance capital markets, create viable economic models for climate positive action and technologies, channel financial and technical resources, including to the developing world, and enable those who need carbon markets to implement their climate plans.” The Presidency notes past disappointments in this task but some progress was made in the recent Bonn intersessional, and countries have been pressing ahead with MOUs, capacity building and first transfers under Article 6.2. This workshop will discuss the opportunities and challenges for COP29.</p>
	<p><b>3.2 NET ZERO PLAN SECTORS Energy</b></p> <p>Electricity is Australia’s largest emitting sector, and while momentum builds towards the 2030 82% renewable energy target, challenges remain around supply, firming, grid upgrades, social licence and ecological conservation. This panel will bring together industry experts to consider the opportunities in large scale renewable energy uptake, and how momentum and investment can be boosted pre and post 2030. As with the rest of the 6 sectors under consideration for Net Zero Plans, cross cutting issues like sustainable finance, carbon market strategies, circular economy and growing social equity, including for First Nation and regional communities, will also be discussed.</p>
	<p><b>3.3 STRATEGY Data to drive decarbonisation and integrity</b></p> <p>Effective data collection, coordination and communication will be critical as efforts continue to build integrity in Australia’s carbon crediting framework and as mandatory and voluntary, such as the Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct, disclosure requirements evolve. This workshop will discuss key requirements and developments in establishing a national data platform that enables interoperability and enhances transparency between carbon, water and ecological data. It will also discuss data issues to assist investor and community confidence in corporate transition plans.</p>
12.15pm – 1.10pm	LUNCH
1.10pm – 2.00pm	<p><b>PLENARY SEVEN BOARDROOM MASTERCLASS</b></p> <p>Company directors need to weigh up the competing risks and opportunities that their organisations face in responding to the climate challenge and the net zero transition. With growing scrutiny from investors and the community, and growing disclosure and accounting standard requirements, it’s often hard to navigate the twists and turns of boardroom strategy, particularly in the process of building consensus on climate-related strategy, risk and opportunity. Gather around our ‘mock boardroom’ table to see how our experienced board-level panel face and respond to a range of real climate scenarios, covering commercial risk, liability, litigation, carbon market engagement and activism – and how they drive change within an</p>

organisation at the highest levels.

2.10pm –  
2.55pm

#### FOURTH CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

##### **4.1 NET ZERO SECTORS Agriculture and Land**

The Agriculture and Land sector has already contributed considerably to Australia's emission reductions and has many opportunities to do more. Plans for the land and agriculture sector will need to boost climate smart agriculture while supporting efforts to reverse deforestation, repair nature and engage First Nation rights and aspirations. It is estimated that land-based sequestration will need to increase eightfold alongside industrial decarbonisation for Australia to help limit warming to 1.5C. This workshop will consider how policy frameworks can support these goals alongside restoration of healthy, biodiverse ecosystems. As with the rest of the 6 sectors under consideration for Net Zero Plans, cross cutting issues like sustainable finance, carbon market strategies, circular economy and transition issues will also be discussed.

##### **4.2 MARKETS Trade Mechanisms for Net Zero**

With Phase 2 of the European Union's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) already being implemented, and as Australia considers its own CBAM to support the decarbonisation of domestic industry, we look at how trade mechanisms and agreements can support the net zero transition. Experts consider not only domestic applications, but also how countries across the Asia Pacific region are already accounting for projected economic constraints for heavy emitting industries.

##### **4.3 POLICY Integrating state-based policy frameworks**

State governments and agencies have played a historic role in carbon and energy investment, pioneering greenhouse gas, energy efficiency and other markets alongside expanding responsibilities in pollution licensing and other regulations. State aspirations have helped build national ambition but also come amongst competition for global and national investment in industries and expertise critical for the net zero transition. This workshop will examine how state initiatives can boost or hinder national policies and investments in industrial decarbonisation and carbon crediting supported climate action.

2.55pm –  
3.25pm

AFTERNOON TEA

3.25pm –  
3.35pm

KEYNOTE

3.35pm –  
4.25pm

##### **CLOSING PLENARY NEXT NET ZERO STEPS AND INTERNATIONAL ALIGNMENT**

This session will take stock of discussions from the Summit and consider next steps required for net zero aligned 2035 national plans as well as the international cooperation that accelerate investment in decarbonisation and other climate and nature positive solutions. Join our experts as they draw together threads from across the full two-day program to discuss the climate realities and prosperity opportunities in acceleration policy and investment.

4.25pm –  
6.00pm

CLOSING DRINKS