

PROGRAM

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2024 HOST PARTNER

29 - 30 October 2024 CENTREPIECE, Melbourne Park, Melbourne

Monday 28th 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 29th 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

5:45pm – 7:00pm

SUNDOWNER

7:00pm – 10:00pm

GALA DINNER

Wednesday 30th October

Summit Day Two

from 8:00am

REGISTRATION

8:30am – 5:00pm

SUMMIT PROGRAM

8:30am – 5.00pm

EXHIBITION OPEN

10:00am – 2.00pm

WELLNESS ROOM OPEN

5:00pm – 6:00pm

SUNDOWNER

DAY 1 Tuesday 29th October 2024

TIME LOCATION	SESSION
7.00am	REGISTRATION OPENS
7.00am – 8.30am	NETWORKING BREAKFAST Kickstart the two-day Summit Program with the Networking Breakfast, an informal panel discussion and networking event.
8.45am – 9.00am	WELCOME TO COUNTRY Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung OPENING ADDRESS John Connor, <i>CEO, Carbon Market Institute</i>
9.00am – 9.15am	MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Victorian State Government
9.15am – 10.30am	PLENARY ONE ACCELERATING POLICY & INVESTMENT With just over five years until 2030, we look at gains made in the clean transition over the past five years, and at the policy frameworks and at the investment still needed to achieve and exceed 2030 emissions reduction targets. Join our opening Summit plenary for an overview on the state of global climate action and the path forward, presented by leading climate champions from science, policy, First Nations leadership and markets.
10:30am – 11:00am	MORNING TEA
11.00am – 11.55am	PLENARY TWO CORPORATE CLIMATE PERSPECTIVES 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 accelerating expectation, oversight and urgency.
12.00pm – 12.45pm	FIRST CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
	1.1 FINANCE Scaling Public & Private Finance 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 including development of the Australian Sustainable Finance Taxonomy being led by ASFI in partnership with the Commonwealth Treasury, to scale up and guide investments toward supporting the global transition towards net zero.
	1.2 INDUSTRY & RESOURCES Reformed Safeguard Mechanism: Current and Future Impact Following the first year of reporting under Australia’s reformed Safeguard Mechanism, this panel will look at the impact of the reforms through project emissions reductions and changing corporate investment strategies from captured facilities. While the decreasing baseline will continue to capture greater numbers of industrial facilities in the mechanism, we explore the prospects of expanding the mechanism to include sectors such as electricity and transport, and how an economy wide carbon price through the mechanism can support Australia’s emissions reduction targets.
	1.3 STRATEGY Corporate Net Zero Transition 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.
	1.4 POLICY Net Zero-Aligned Removals 2024 has seen significant reports released by leading international climate change bodies around beyond value chain mitigation, and new research in the level of carbon dioxide removals needed after net zero to maintain a safe climate. The Revised Oxford

Principles for Net Zero Aligned Carbon Offsetting note that low investment reversal risk carbon removals must scale up one thousand-fold by 2050. This increase not only reflects a balance of emissions, but accounts for residual emissions. While Australia continues to make strides in decarbonising its industry, electricity and transport, this workshop will explore the role of a national removals target in supporting a resilient net zero trajectory.

12.45pm – 2.00pm	LUNCH
1.00pm – 1.10pm	CHRISTIANA FIGUERES ORATION
1.10pm – 1.55pm	WOMEN IN CLIMATE LUNCH
2.10pm – 2.20pm	USA KEYNOTE
2.20pm – 3.10pm	PLENARY THREE NATIONAL INVESTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE Progress has continued on an agenda of substantial climate-related policy reforms and investment guidelines. However, as we approach an election year, where have the shortcomings been and where is additional support through policy required to enable the required investments? As the importance of just transition principles, sectoral decarbonisation pathways, adaptation funding and others continue to grow, this plenary session will explore how the next Australian Government can build on work already achieved, to continue accelerating Australia's transition to net zero emissions.
3.10pm – 3.40pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.40pm – 4.30pm	SECOND CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
	2.1 SECTORS Zero Emissions Transport 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.
	2.2 POLICY Ensuring a Just Transition With the Net Zero Economy Authority Bill progressing through the Federal Parliament, Australia will soon have a formal authority to guide its transition to net zero emissions, while ensuring that workers in impacted industries are not left behind. This workshop looks at the role of just transition planning in supporting successful decarbonisation trajectories, while also considering important linkages and knowledge sharing opportunities at an international level.
	2.3 SECTORS Decarbonising the Built Environment 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.
4.40pm – 5.30pm	PLENARY FOUR FACILITATING PRIVATE FINANCIAL FLOWS It is well acknowledged that private finance into climate solutions, adaptation and mitigation needs to increase substantially, but what are some of the practicalities of facilitating these flows? Join this workshop to hear from finance and investment experts on how they're contributing to the climate transition, while still ensuring the economic feasibility of their investments.
5:45pm – 7:00pm	SUNDOWNER DRINKS

7:00pm – 10:00pm

2024 Summit Gala Dinner

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

DAY 2 Wednesday 30th October 2024

TIME LOCATION	SESSION
8:00am	REGISTRATION OPENS
8.30am – 8.45am	MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE – Hon. Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change & Energy
8.45am – 9.30am	<p>PLENARY FIVE CLIMATE CHANGE Q&A</p> <p>In the style of Australia’s weekly ABC discussion program, Australian business and community leaders will discuss the climate crisis, and the long-term national policy framework we need to scale up mitigation efforts to meet Australia’s fair share of global climate action.</p>
9.45am – 10.00am	KEYNOTE
10.00am – 10.30am	MORNING TEA
10.30am – 11.20am	<p>PLENARY SIX SCALING NATURE POSITIVE</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>3.1 POLICY Article 6</p> <p>While there were some backwards steps in negotiations under Article 6 at COP28, momentum was restored at this year’s Bonn intersessional meetings as early movers continued to sign memoranda of understandings (MoUs). Ahead of COP29, we take a look at the progress expected and needed in the formal Article 6 negotiations, and their possible impact on existing MoUs. Equally, our experts provide insights on the role of Article 6 in channelling finance to developing countries against the backdrop of a new collective quantified goal on finance.</p>
	<p>3.2 SECTORS Energy Transition in Australia</p> <p>Electricity is Australia’s largest emitting sector, and while we currently have a target for 82% renewable power by 2030, remain challenges to achieve this remain around supply, firming, grid upgrades and ecological conservation. This panel will bring together industry experts to consider the opportunities in large scale renewable energy uptake, and how these are balanced with human rights, ecological protection and circular economy principles.</p>
	<p>3.3 INVESTMENT Regulator Perspectives on the Transition</p> <p>As the Australian Government seeks to mobilise the significant private capital required to achieve net zero, including through its sustainable finance strategy and associated policies and market reforms, Australian regulators are playing a more active role in the green transition. Regulatory guidance, market surveillance and enforcement will play a critical role in guarding against the risk of corporate greenwashing as companies deal with mandatory climate-related financial disclosure obligations and more mature compliance market frameworks. The workshop will explore Australian regulators’ recent focus on greenwashing and misconduct and the implications for investment.</p>
12.15pm – 1.10pm	LUNCH
1.10pm – 2.10pm	<p>PLENARY SEVEN BOARDROOM MASTERCLASS</p> <p>It can be hard for company directors to weigh up the competing risks and opportunities that their organisations face in responding to a changing climate. It’s often hard to navigate the twists and turns of boardroom strategy, particularly in the</p>

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, and activism – and how they drive change within an organisation at the highest levels.

2.10pm –
2.55pm

FOURTH CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4.1 Land and Agriculture Delivering Scalable Biodiversity Solutions

Ahead of COP16 under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity we look at the ecological impact of rapidly dwindling biodiversity and consider how policy frameworks can support the restoration of healthy, biodiverse ecosystems. This session combines lived experiences and high-level policy perspectives to offer a holistic discussion on the role of market-based solutions in supporting biodiversity improvements.

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 take a 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 Regional Pacific collaboration

How would a national carbon market strategy build domestic emissions reduction ambition, and support the credible use of carbon credits in decarbonisation? As the Federal Government prepares for an election year, we take a closer look at the role of a formal carbon market strategy in Australia's climate policy suite.

2.55pm –
3.55pm

AFTERNOON TEA

3.55pm –
4.05pm

KEYNOTE

4.05pm –
5.00pm

CLOSING PLENARY: NET ZERO PATHWAYS AND INTERNATIONAL ALIGNMENT

As we draw the Summit to a close, we look at not only the path to net zero emissions, but the path to net negative emissions. What are the semantics of net negative, and why should businesses and governments alike be pushing their ambition beyond neutralisation? Join our experts as they draw together threads from across the full two-day program to discuss the prosperity to be found in net negative.

5.00pm –
6.00pm

CLOSING DRINKS