



European - North American dialogue
**Effective public policy on carbon pricing in support of climate objectives:
views from North America and Europe**

June 15th, 2022

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Maison de France, French Embassy, Washington

Join us for a high-level review of key trends and lessons learned in pricing the external cost of carbon emissions – the cost borne by society and the environment due to human-induced climate change – with renowned experts, decision-makers, and elected representatives from the United States, Canada, France and the European Commission.

Recent weeks and months have illustrated the volatility of energy prices worldwide and some worrying disruptions of the traditional supply of energy, while at the same time the need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions has become increasingly pressing. Against this background, the French Embassy (under the auspices of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union) and the Delegation of the European Union to the United States will bring together experts in carbon policies from both sides of the Atlantic, with policy- and law-makers to assess policy options to meet the challenge of managing carbon emissions externalities.

This half-day conference will feature three sessions of panel-driven discussions, a review of the day's outcome with comments by distinguished elected officials, and a networking reception.

Conference Program

1:30 – 2:00pm Welcome coffee. Registration.

2:00 – 2:30pm **Opening keynote comments**

Introductory remarks:

Moderator/Event coordinator: Justin WORLAND, Senior Climate correspondent at TIME

Welcoming remarks:

Ambassador of France: Philippe Etienne (confirmed)

Ambassador of the European Union: Stavros Lambrinidis (confirmed)

High-level US speaker

2:30 – 3:15 pm

Roundtable 1: Overview of North American and European experiences of carbon pricing policies

Longstanding and recent policies at the state, supra-national and sub-national levels.

Moderator:

Stefano de Clara (ICAP)

Panelists:

- **XXXX**, (DG CLIMA European Commission), The European Union Emissions Trading Scheme, a tool for fighting climate change: what results since 2005
- **Gervais Coulombe** (Ministère des Finances du Canada) and **Judy Meltzer** (Ministère de l'environnement et des changements climatiques du Canada), presentation of Canada's federal law (Confirmed)
- **Representatives from Quebec (Director for carbon markets,) and California (Jamie Callahan**, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor): overview of the joint experience of the two jurisdictions
- **Representatives from World Bank. Venkat Putti**, Program Manager for the Partnership for Market Implementation and carbon-pricing expert: overview of the global state of play on carbon pricing and highlights of select case studies based on the World Bank's experiences. (Confirmed)
- **Representatives from Washington State**
- **Microsoft**: A private sector perspective on effective carbon pricing mechanisms

3:15 – 3:30pm

Networking break

3:30 – 4:15pm

Roundtable 2: Promoting climate ambition while managing the risk of carbon leakage

Domestic and subnational carbon policies as well as the overall global progress in climate mitigation could be undermined by the risk of carbon leakage. What responses and measures have been tested or are being considered to address this risk?

Moderator: Dr. Rachael Jonassen, Director of Climate Change, Environmental and Energy Management Institute, The George Washington University

Panelists:

- **Anthony Agotha**, cabinet of European Commission Executive Vice President Timmermans (confirmed)
- **Sue Biniaz**, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change at the U.S. Department of State
- Government of British Columbia (on BC's ground-breaking carbon policy) **and/or Tom Green, David Suzuki Foundation.**
- **Bryan Parry**, IMF
- **International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)**,

4:15 – 5:30pm

Networking break

4:30 – 5:15pm

Roundtable 3: The way forward: building on lessons learned.

Policy options tested in the new millennium are now facing a major health crisis and the energy implications of the war in Ukraine, both of which require paradigm shifts. As we move towards a net zero future, what innovative responses should be considered to turn the new context into an opportunity for climate action?

Moderator:

David Levai IDDRI (Confirmed)

- **Keynote interview: Laurence Tubiana** - European Climate Foundation: *The Paris Agreement as a starting point for global carbon integration*
- **Student delegation of George Washington University:** *Next-generation vision on how to best integrate carbon externalities in the future*

Speakers:

- **Laurent Michel** Director general for energy and climate, French Ministry of Ecological Transition
- **Charif Souki**, CEO of Tellurian
- **Kristin Igusky** U.S. Climate Alliance (USCA)
- **Melanie Nakagawa**, NSC Director for climate, Special Advisor to the President of the United States and Director of the National Security Council on Climate and Energy

5:15 – 5:30pm

Networking break

5:30 – 6:15pm

Concluding session

Respondent's summary: [Justin WORLAND](#)

Special guests: Members of Congress and from the European Parliament will react to the day's findings and share their vision for the coming years

- **Mohammed Chahim**, European Parliament rapporteur for the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- **Keynote respondent: U.S. Senator (Sen. Cassidy, Sen. Manchin, Sen. Whitehouse).**
- **Keynote respondent: U.S. Representative (Rep. John Curtis, Rep. Scott Peters)**

6:30 – 8:00pm

Networking reception/dinner
