

C-AGG Meeting Agenda

Wednesday-Thursday, November 2-3, 2011

The Dupont Circle Hotel
1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC - USA

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

- 8:30 am **Breakfast**
- 9:00 am *Welcome and Introductions: C-AGG Overview and Background*
Debbie Reed, C-AGG Executive Director
- 9:30 am *Update from USDA on Relevant GHG and Environmental Services Activities*
Bill Hohenstein, Director, USDA Global Change Program Office
- 10:30 am **Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity**
- 11:00 am *The Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases*
Steven Shafer, Deputy Administrator
USDA Agricultural Research Service
- 12:00 pm **Lunch and Networking Opportunity**
- 1:00 pm *Carbon Disclosure Project Report on CDP Agriculture Supply Chain Pilot 2011, and Future Plans*
Betty Cremmins, Supply Chain Project Officer
Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
- 2:00 pm *National Cattlemen's Beef Association Sustainability Initiative Program*
Tamara McCann Thies, Chief Counsel for Environment & Sustainability
National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA)
- 3:00 pm *Presentation and Discussion of C-AGG White Paper (final draft):
The Role of Biogeochemical Process Models for Agricultural Offset Projects: An Approach for Capturing Uncertainty*
Bill Salas, Applied GeoSolutions, LLC
- 4:00 pm **Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity**
- 4:30 pm *C-AGG Facilitated Discussion:
C-AGG Principles: A review of C-AGG's guiding principles as published in April, 2010 Report (Chapter 1)*
 - *Should these be updated, or do they still apply?*

6:00 pm **Wine and Cheese Reception**

7:30 pm **Dinner on your own**

Thursday, November 3, 2011

8:30 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am *Welcome: Summary of Wednesday, overview of Thursday's agenda*
Debbie Reed, C-AGG Executive Director

9:20 am *Overview of November 4 EPRI Workshop on N2O Emissions Offsets*
Adam Diamant, Senior Project Manager
Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

9:30 am *Agricultural Protocol Development:*
Update from Voluntary Carbon Registries ACR, CAR, and VCS
Presenters:
Carolyn Ching, Senior Program Officer, Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)
Nick Martin, Chief Technical Officer, American Carbon Registry (ACR)
Kathryn Goldman, Senior Policy Manager, Climate Action Reserve (CAR)

11:00 am *Presentation and Discussion of C-AGG White Paper:*
Additionality in Agricultural Offset Protocols
Rob Janzen, ClimateCHECK

12:00 pm **Lunch and Networking Opportunity**

1:00 pm **Moderated Roundtable Discussion:**
USDA Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) GHG Project Representatives

Panelists/CIG GHG Project Representatives:

- *Bringing Greenhouse Gas Benefits to Market: Nutrient Management for Nitrous Oxide Reductions*
 - **Ryan Anderson, Delta Institute, and Eliav Bitan, National Wildlife Federation**
- *Smart Nitrogen Application Program (SNAP) Demonstration Project*
 - **Rob Janzen, ClimateCHECK**
- *Bovine Innovative Greenhouse Gas Solutions (BIGGS)*
 - **Matt Sutton Vermeulen, Unison Resource**
- *Dairy Farm Stewardship Toolkit*
 - **Matt Welch, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy**
- *Ducks Unlimited Avoided Grassland Conversion Carbon Project*

- **representative TBD**
- *Agricultural Soil Carbon in the Palouse Region: Developing a Large-scale Agricultural Soil carbon Transaction in the Palouse Region*
 - **David Tepper or Chas Taylor, Applied Ecological Services**
- *Demonstrating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions in California and Midsouth Rice Production*
 - **Belinda Morris, Environmental Defense Fund**
- *Estimating N₂O Reductions from Nutrient Management in the Chesapeake Watershed*
 - **Beth McGee, Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

2:30 pm *Capitol Hill Update: US Farm Policy*
Chris Adamo, Staff Director
US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

3:30 pm *C-AGG Facilitated Discussion:*
C-AGG Policy Recommendations: A review of C-AGG's policy recommendations as published in April, 2010 Report (Chapter 5)

- *Should these be updated, or do they still apply?*

4:30 pm *Wrap-up and Conclusions, and Suggestions and Input from Participants*
Debbie Reed, C-AGG Executive Director

5:00 pm **Meeting adjourns**