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# Clean Energy Ministerial 7 (CEM7)

#### 1-2 June 2016, San Francisco, California, USA



Photo: Discussion during the 5th Global Event of the Low Carbon Technology Partnerships initiative (LCTPi) at the seventh Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM7) in 2016. Photo courtesy of IISD Reporting Services: Source.

#### **Parallel Events**

#### Roundtable Discussion about Offshore Wind

Hosted by the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, this roundtable discussion provided a unique opportunity for multilateral engagement and sharing of experiences with international governments, state policymakers, experts in offshore wind, and members of industry to discuss the future of offshore wind in the U.S., Europe, and Asia Pacific. More specifically, the roundtable allowed stakeholders to assess the state of the market, highlight progress that has been made in the industry, explore floating turbine technology and determine what further actions should be taken to support the sustainable development of offshore wind, especially in the Pacific. According to the National Research Energy Laboratory (NREL), the west coast of the United States (including Hawaii) has the potential to generate over 1.5 TW of offshore wind energy. This potential presents a compelling market opportunity that would assist states in meeting many of their ambitious and critically important renewable energy goals. The roundtable also built on the White House Offshore Wind Summit held in September 2015. I

#### Carbon Management via CCUS: A Complement and Enabler of Renewable Energy

Recent developments in carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) projects across the globe suggest that CCUS technologies are evolving to serve as a low-carbon complement to—and even enabler of—large-scale renewable energy deployments. This parallel session to the 7th Clean Energy Ministerial meetings hosted by the Global CCS Institute explored the state of international CCUS technology and project developments today. The event featured discussion on how CCUS systems can work with renewables to provide grid stability and pave the way for negative emissions energy systems, as well as how industrial sources of CO2 emissions can enable innovative manufacturing processes using recycled CO2 that help encourage economy-wide deep decarbonization. The event featured two panels that will discuss recent advances in technologies as well as updates on international collaborations and project developments around CCUS. For more information please visit the event website.

# Green Banks, Green Bonds: Recent Clean Energy Trends for Public and Private Financial Institutions

This event, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy, and featuring the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Green Bank Network, brought together government and finance leaders to discuss how national, subnational and private financial institutions--including green banks--can drive investment in domestic clean energy projects. The discussion considered how such financial institutions can serve as a critical pathway for countries developing strategies for achieving national clean energy and emission reduction targets. The event included case studies of recent transactions, including green bond issuances.

#### The 2nd Market Accessibility of Clean Energy Products (MACEP) workshop

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) of Republic of Korea together with the Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI) held the 2nd Market Accessibility of Clean Energy Products (MACEP) Workshop on Local Contents Requirements (LCRs) in the solar energy sector. This event explored current LCRs programs and their impact on local and international solar markets. The workshop provided an opportunity to share views among government officials, scholars, international institutions, and other stakeholders in the solar energy sector in order to improve market accessibility of clean energy products.

#### Subnational Clean Energy Ministerial Event

Hosted by the office of California Governor Edmund G. Brown, this event brought together subnational entities including states, regions, provinces, and cities that have or are interested in signing/endorsing the Under 2 Memorandum of Understanding (Under 2 MOU), which calls for deep economy-wide GHG reductions—2 metric tons per capita or 80 to 95 percent below 1990 level—by 2050. This event served as the first major milestone for the Under 2 MOU members post-Paris, furthering multilateral dialogue and progress towards the agreement's goals. Learn more.

### Low Carbon Technology Partnerships Initiative (LCTPi)

Hosted by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), a series of events were planned parallel with CEM7. The cornerstone event, LCTPi 5, was eld at the Westin St Francis and shared 2016 priorities of the LCTPi working groups as they move forwards from Paris and deliver on a set of business led action plans for renewables, low carbon transport solutions, climate smart agriculture, forests, cement, chemicals and energy efficiency in buildings. The event was open to business representatives and partners who are interested to discover how together we can overcome key barriers and enable scaled up climate action.

#### Berkeley Lab's Science at the Theater's Cleantech Pitchfest

Berkeley Lab's Science at the Theater brought its Cleantech Pitchfest to San Francisco's Marines' Memorial Theatre on June 1 from 7-9 pm. Audiences thrilled to 6 Big New Ideas designed to transform our world—from turning CO2 into fuel and desalinating seawater in an energy-efficient way to capturing carbon from smokestacks using nanotech. Scientists had 8 minutes each to earn audience votes for the most promising technology. The free event was cosponsored by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

## **Energy Productivity Pioneers**

An event to shine a light on energy productivity pioneers, their business models and technologies, and how smart government policy can scale up and transfer successes across the globe. Hosted by ClimateWorks in partnership with the Global Alliance for Energy Productivity, The Climate Group, and Energy Unlocked.

#### OXFAM and WRI—Designing for Increased Access

Hosted by OxFam and WRI, this 2-hour workshop utilized the principles of human-centered design and ethnographic research to challenge attendees to think about the end user of the products, policies and financing initiatives that surround clean energy. The event focused on highlighting the real-world realities, environmental and financial constraints facing the global poor, and asks stakeholders to examine how their current and future plans meet the needs of these groups.

#### GRID Alternatives—Interconnection

GRID Alternatives' third annual Interconnection event for those creating a successful transition to clean, renewable energy that includes everyone. The event featured celebration, networking, food, drink, and music.

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