UPCOMING (Mostly) FREE AND LOW-COST, IN-PERSON
WASHINGTON DC-AREA ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE EVENTS*

* please see criteria for included events at the end of this calendar

NOTE: In light of current public health concerns related to the COVID-19 virus, virtually all in-person events have been cancelled or postponed. Therefore, while it had been the general policy for this calendar to only list in-person events, for the immediate future the calendar will list events that are being presented on-line ... assuming they originate from a DC-area organization (in most instances) and are events that most probably would otherwise have been available to attend in-person.

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Other listings of DC-area energy and climate change events:
https://www.eventbrite.com (suggestion: search on "energy" or "climate change")
http://www.ourenergypolicy.org/event-calendar (lists events nation-wide)
https://www.climatelinks.org/events (lists events world-wide)
https://www.hillhappenings.com/calendar
https://nuclearcalendar.fcnl.org
https://dc.linktank.com
http://sustainablemaryland.com
https://advancedbiofuelsusa.info (follow link to “news” and then “conference calendars”)
A.) Reimagining Appalachia - The Role of Climate Infrastructure in Modernizing a Regional Economy (April 12):

Monday, April 12
4:00 PM

On-Line Event

For the past century, the Appalachian region has powered much of the economic prosperity of the United States through its coal resources and mining workforce. Now, as the energy transition progresses and coal production declines, the many communities that make up the region are left to discover alternate drivers of local economic prosperity. A crucial element to this regional modernization is the deployment of climate infrastructure that can produce stable employment opportunities, repair the environment, and create public goods.

Please join the Atlantic Council, along with the National Wildlife Federation and Reimagine Appalachia for a discussion on the economic potential of and necessity for climate infrastructure investments in Appalachia. Timely given the Biden-Harris Administration’s recent announcement of the American Jobs Plan, this event will feature a panel of experts from the region who will lay out their ideas for an Appalachian Climate Infrastructure Plan. The conversation will highlight the types of infrastructure investments that could improve the economy and quality of life in the region, the federal policy mechanisms necessary to ensure pathways to high-quality, union jobs, and the unique features that should situate Appalachia centrally within federal infrastructure negotiations.

To register: https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/reimagining-appalachia/#event-registration

https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/reimagining-appalachia

B.) Climate-Safe 1.5°C Pathway by 2050 - Technology Solutions & Investment Needs (April 13):

Tuesday, April 13
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

On-Line Event

The recent trends show that the gap between where we are and where we should be to achieve the 1.5°C Paris Agreement goal is not decreasing but widening. IRENA’s preview of its World Energy Transitions Outlook proposes energy transition solutions for the narrow pathway available to contain the rise of temperature to 1.5°C and halt irreversible global warming. Proven technologies for a net-zero energy system already largely exist today.

IRENA’s “1.5°C pathway” indicates over 90% of all decarbonization solutions in 2050 will involve renewable energy through the direct supply of low-cost power, efficiency, renewable-powered electrification in end-use as well as green hydrogen. Carbon capture and removal technologies in combination with bioenergy will deliver the ‘last mile’ CO2 reductions towards a net-zero energy system.

This webinar will present high-level insights on energy transition technology components and investment needs in setting the world on a trajectory towards a sustainable, resilient and inclusive
energy future.

Featured speakers:
**Ricardo Gorini, Head of the Renewable Energy Roadmaps team**
**Rodrigo Leme, Renewable Energy Roadmaps team**
**Gayathri Prakash, Renewable Energy Roadmaps team**

To register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2382583837120287501

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C.) The Nexus of Climate Change, Fragility & Peacebuilding (April 13):

Tuesday, April 13
10:00 am - 11:30 am

On-Line Event

The Biden administration is taking action to center climate change in its foreign policy and national security agendas, preparing to dramatically curb U.S. emissions, and has recognized climate change’s connection to injustice. Yet, one thing has been missing from the administration’s climate agenda: The linkages between climate change action and opportunities to build peace. While climate impacts can drive conflict and insecurity, well-designed climate action can foster collaboration and promote peace, and strategic investments in peacebuilding can yield climate resilience.

The Global Fragility Act (GFA) and recently released “U.S. Strategy to Prevent Conflict and Promote Stabilization” could provide an important avenue to elevate and leverage the Biden administration’s bold climate agenda to address instability and build peace. Bridging the policy gap between climate action and peacebuilding is a crucial first step to a more climate resilient and peaceful future. In fact, research shows sustainable peace requires a climate-sensitive lens, and sustainable climate responses require a conflict-sensitive lens.

Join USIP and the Wilson Center for a timely discussion with experts on the linkages between climate and fragility, and how a more integrated approach to climate and fragility policies and responses can simultaneously strengthen resilience outcomes and minimize threats to peace and prosperity.

Introductory Remarks:
**Joe Hewitt, Vice President, Policy, Learning, and Strategy, U.S. Institute of Peace**

Moderator:
**Cynthia Brady, Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center**

Speakers:
**Dina Esposito, Vice President of Technical Leadership, Mercy Corps**
**Alice Hill, David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment, Council on Foreign Relations; Former Senior Director, Resilience Policy, National Security Council**
**Liz Hume, Acting President and CEO, Alliance for Peacebuilding**
**Erin Sikorsky, Deputy Director, The Center for Climate and Security; Former Deputy Director, Strategic Futures Group, National Intelligence Council**

To register: https://www.usip.org/events/nexus-climate-change-fragility-and-peacebuilding#

Tuesday, April 13
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

The University of North Dakota Petroleum Engineering team have new findings in the changes in the pore structure distribution after CO2 saturation. Ogochukwu Ozotta, a PHD candidate, will provide an in-depth look at the changes in the Bakken formation, the first step in providing experimental evidence to further test the mechanisms of geological storage of CO2 in organic-rich self-sourced plays.

The interaction between various components of shale and CO2 is interesting since it alters pore structures that are the governing factor in different projects. In this study, samples from the Upper (UB) and Lower (LB) Bakken were exposed to super critical CO2 for 3, 8, 16, 30, and 60 days. Then, chemical and structural changes during the process of exposure were evaluated with different methods, including X-ray diffraction (XRD), gas adsorption (N2) isotherm, and fractal theory. The results showed that quartz increased in the UB and decreased in the LB, whereas clay and other minerals had a decreasing trend for both UB and LB after CO2 saturation.

After saturation, the pore size distributions (PSDs) were skewed to smaller pore sizes at all diameters, indicating that the number of pores decreased as a result of the reaction. Fractal dimension has an increasing trend as the samples were exposed to CO2, where the roughness of the pore surface and the complexity of pore structure increased after 8–16 days of CO2 saturation and then decreased after 30–60 days of saturation to become more homogeneous.

Following the presentation, we will have a 15-minute Q&A session.

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlceyrrDouHNaS2ktM9ZVuItI-ek8rXb08
https://usea.org/event/consensus-following-bakken-co2-pore-structure-alteration-organic-rich-shale-sc-co2-exposure

E.) Joe Biden - Climate Hero? (April 13):

Tuesday, April 13
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

On-Line Event

In March, President Joe Biden called on Congress to pass the “American Jobs Plan.” The plan would achieve 100% clean electricity nationwide by 2035. It would invest $100 billion to modernize the grid, $400 billion in incentives for wind and solar and other renewables, $222 billion for electric vehicle
research and charging stations, $10 billion in a “Climate Crisis Corps,” and more. It also calls for equity and justice at every step, with investments in underserved communities like removing lead pipes from every single community in America.

Join this webinar to learn more about President Biden's climate plan! Hear firsthand why the plan is a fantastic first step towards ending the climate crisis. On the webinar, you'll learn how we can make the plan better and, most importantly, what we need to do to get it passed by Congress.

Speakers:
**Leah Stokes of Evergreen Action**
**Ben Beachy of Sierra Club**
**Andres Jimenez of Green 2.0**

To register: https://actionnetwork.org/events/president-bidens-american-jobs-plan-a-panel-discussion

F.) The Sustainability Imperative (April 14-16):

Wednesday, April 14
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Friday, April 16

On-Line Event

Environmental sustainability is no longer optional; it's become an imperative.

With the global population slated to grow to nine billion, leading nations of the world are prioritizing conservation of water and other precious resources, the greening of energy sources to establish a new equilibrium between safe and sensible growth on one side and responsible environmental stewardship on the other. The good news is that public-private partnerships abound in embracing this challenge, but more successful examples of high traction sustainability are needed.

Join The Hill for a national multi-day virtual event. Each day will include multiple tracks of programming featuring fireside chats with policy leaders and practitioners in the sustainability ecosystem.

https://thehill.com/event/545592-the-sustainability-imperative

G.) Securing the Cybersecurity of Energy Networks on the Maritime Edge (April 14):

Wednesday, April 14
10:00 AM

On-Line Event via Zoom

On behalf of the Atlantic Council’s Cyber Statecraft Initiative, within the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, and the Global Energy Center, please join us for a public fireside chat with senior leaders from government and industry to discuss how to better protect the cybersecurity of our maritime energy
The cybersecurity of systems, from fossil fuel transport to major transshipment hubs to floating production, storage, and offloading vessels, is an increasingly significant factor in the security of energy system as a whole. Continually in motion, maritime cybersecurity systems support key energy pathways and production nodes but suffer from many of the same systemic insecurities which have wreaked havoc in consumer information technology.

This conversation will focus on driving better cybersecurity outcomes throughout the maritime industry and how to encourage broader operational collaboration between the public and private sectors.

To register: https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/securing-the-cybersecurity-of-energy-networks-on-the-maritime-edge/#event-registration

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**H.) Economy Disrupted - View from Dayton (April 14):**

Wednesday, April 14
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

On-Line Event

Mayor Nan Whaley joins Matthew P. Goodman and Sarah Ladislaw to discuss trade, technology, climate change, and shifts in the workplace on “Economy Disrupted.” Every month, the CSIS Original Series examines a new set of disruptive forces shaping the U.S. economy and America's international leadership.

A Discussion with:
**Nan Whaley, Mayor, Dayton, Ohio**

Hosted by:
**Matthew P. Goodman, Senior Vice President for Economics; Simon Chair in Political Economy, CSIS**
**Sarah Ladislaw, Senior Vice President; Director and Senior Fellow, Energy Security and Climate Change Program, CSIS**

https://www.csis.org/events/economy-disrupted-view-dayton

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**I.) NREL Solar TRACE & SolarAPP+ Roundtable (April 14):**

Wednesday, April 14
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

On-Line Event
Join SEIA and NREL for a demonstration and roundtable discussion featuring the newly launched Solar TRACE and SolarAPP+. Solar TRACE will strengthen the ability for jurisdictions and utilities to identify opportunities to improve their permitting, inspection and interconnection (PII) cycle-time, accelerating realization of shorter cycle-times with the adoption of Solar APP+.

The roundtable will include key members of the SolarAPP+ development and implementation team who will discuss how these two tools can achieve joint civic and industry goals through insight gained from Solar TRACE and the adoption and implementation of SolarAPP+. The roundtable will also feature local government and utility representatives that have adopted a wide range of other best practices to improve the efficiency of PII in their area.

For more information on Solar TRACE, visit https://solarapp.nrel.gov/solarTRACE

Speakers:
**Evelyn Butler, Vice President of Technical Services, SEIA**
**Jeff Cook, Renewable Energy Policy and Market Analyst, NREL**
**Justin Baca, Vice President of Markets & Research, SEIA**
**Peter Jackson, Chief Electrical Inspector, City of Bakersfield, CA**
**Roger Salas, Engineer Manager, Southern California Edison**

To register: https://www.seia.org/webinar/start/92433988677
https://www.seia.org/events/nrel-solar-trace-and-solarapp-roundtable

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Wednesday, April 14
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

On-Line Event

Utility leaders, how do we get from where we are to where we need to be? We know the imperatives - climate change mitigation, grid resilience, social/energy justice, COVID-19, a technology revolution - and we also know that utilities cannot build a clean and equitable energy future on their own. Utilities have always had to make their case to regulators and other stakeholders every step of the way.

Building the utility of the future will require a serious reconsideration of how we collectively think about the relationship between utilities and regulators. In this webinar, we welcome Jeffrey Ackermann, former chair of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, and industry expert and former utility executive Val Jensen to share ideas and trade perspectives on what the future regulatory model might look like.

The conversation will cover hot industry topics such as:
**How to provide customers with the services they need and the experiences they deserve.**
**An insider’s perspective on the regulatory landscape and what we can expect as the industry faces the combined pressures of technology, customers, and climate.**
**How to address pressing issues such as decarbonization, affordability, modernization, community growth, equity, and resilience.**
K.) Unlocking the Energy Transition with the Keys to CCUS Commercialization (April 14):

Wednesday, April 14
1:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Zoom Webinar

As the US continues on its path of decarbonization and goal of a low to zero carbon economy, one huge opportunity in this transition is the use of CCUS.

Finalized guidance on the 45Q Tax Credit, the recently introduced Storing CO2 And Lowering Emissions (SCALE) Act supporting CO2 infrastructure and yesterday’s CCUS Bill, CCUS Tax Credit Amendments Act by Senator Manchin, all show the support to do this.

Globally, new projects are being announced daily that either are CCUS or components of clusters and hubs forming large regional CCUS programs.

Chuck McConnell University of Houston with his CCUS Commercialization Consortium will lead a panel including Nigel Jenvey of Baker Hughes and Fred Eames a partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth and *new speaker addition* Kenneth Nemeth, Secretary and Executive Director of the Southern States Energy Board

Moderated by Michael Moore

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TVzlCDD1TMirnBfSb6sb0g
https://usea.org/event/consensus-unlocking-energy-transition-keys-ccus-commercialization

L.) Accelerating Solar Access (April 14):

Wednesday, April 14
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
On-Line Event

Join SolSmart and the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to learn about how cities and counties across the country are accelerating residential solar adoption through the implementation of Solarize campaigns. RMI will discuss its work under the Renewables Accelerator which includes technical assistance to a cohort of communities. This work involves expanding solar access to communities of color as well as helping cities and counties make progress towards community wide clean energy goals.

SolSmart, a national designation program which evaluates local government programs and practices that impact solar markets will discuss how communities can take advantage of the no cost technical assistance it provides. SolSmart identifies high-prospect opportunities for improvement and recognizes
communities for their efforts. The webinar will highlight successes from two communities, both SolSmart designated and also participating in the Renewables Accelerator cohort.

SolSmart credits in the Permitting & Inspection and Community Engagement categories are available for the selected cities and counties undertaking certain specified activities in the Renewables Accelerator cohort.

To register: [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2975936386431023374](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2975936386431023374)

M.) Raising Ambitions - Modernizing the Power Grid for a Resilient Future (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
9:00 AM

On-Line Event

Please join the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center for a public panel event with global power sector leaders as they discuss the importance of grid modernization and resilience and how to enhance energy systems and infrastructure worldwide.

Grid modernization around the world is key to integrating growing shares of clean energy into the electricity mix and accommodating power demand growth as populations rise, urbanization continues, and electrification accelerates across the economy. In developing the power grid of tomorrow, national energy leaders will need to take into account cybersecurity concerns, domestic and international power system interconnections, the incorporation of distributed energy and behind-the-meter resources, and the role of advanced utilities. And they will need to do so in a way that strikes a balance between the utilities, transmission & distribution operators, as well as a host of new, smaller and more local stakeholders that will play a larger role in managing the grid of the future.

The push for grid modernization in the United States and across the world raises policy questions around how to finance grid improvements, impacts on electricity reliability and price, and operations within a variety of power market models and regulatory regimes globally.

To register: [https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/raising-ambitions-modernizing-the-power-grid/#event-registration](https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/raising-ambitions-modernizing-the-power-grid/#event-registration)

[https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/raising-ambitions-modernizing-the-power-grid](https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/raising-ambitions-modernizing-the-power-grid)

N.) IEA’s Quarterly Gas Market Report (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
9:30 am - 10:30 am

On-Line Event

The CSIS Energy Security & Climate Change Program is pleased to invite you to a presentation of the IEA's April quarterly report on gas markets, featuring Jean-Baptiste Dubreuil (IEA) and Andrew
Following a sudden decline in global demand in 2020, natural gas has experienced an increase in prices in the first months of 2021 due to extreme weather and temperatures. Despite expectations that global gas demand will reach its 2019 level, market fundamentals for 2021 and the recovery trajectory of fast-growing markets remain fragile and uncertain. This report provides a detailed review of the dynamics in 2020, an analysis of recent developments in global gas markets, and an updated outlook for 2021.

To register: https://csis.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m6npkWE_RmWI3JJC8w8PQg

O.) A Blueprint for Decarbonizing the Power Sector (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

On-Line Event

The world is reaching a consensus on net zero. More than 110 countries and more than 200 of the world’s largest companies have pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by or even before 2050, the Paris Agreement’s target date. Find out how we get there with Paul Browning the President & CEO, Mitsubishi Power Americas & Chief Regional Officer, Europe, Middle East, Africa, Americas Mitsubishi Power.

This webinar is aimed at supporting developers, owner-operators, utilities, off-takers, investors, government organizations, municipalities, and corporate energy buyers.

https://reutersevents.com/events/hydrogen/webinar/green-hydrogen/?partner=UtilityDive

P.) International Coordination in Nuclear Energy Innovation (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

On-Line Event

Programs to research and develop next-generation nuclear energy technologies are progressing apace in countries throughout the world. The ultimate success of advanced nuclear reactors may hinge on efforts to develop common regulatory standards, approaches, and frameworks internationally, facilitating access to markets where projected energy demand growth is greatest.

Given emerging competition in this space, the near-term focus of international collaboration may need to be on non-traditional markets and applications for nuclear--for example, joint programs that develop and highlight nuclear energy’s capacity to integrate with and complement other clean energy technologies may be helpful in enhancing global perceptions of nuclear as a critical tool for
decarbonization and climate mitigation.

Speakers:
**Rumina Velshi - President, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)**
**Jeong-Ik Lee - Professor, Department of Nuclear and Quantum Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)**
**Stephen Greene - Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council Global Energy Center**

Moderator:
**Alan Ahn - Director of Programs and Communications, Global America Business Institute (GABI)**

To RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQNOV01-WCFIY2WiNi9Plmv5OrHEWYAqw7jgLbkY8xg2KFA/viewform

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Q.) Senate Energy Committee Hearing on the DOE & Energy Innovation (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
10:00 AM

SD-366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will convene a hearing to examine the leading role of the Department of Energy in American energy innovation and how its research, development, demonstration, and deployment programs may be enhanced to further boost the economic competitiveness of the United States.


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R.) House Appropriations Committee Hearing on NOAA & Climate Change (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
10:00 am

On-Line: YouTube

The House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing entitled “Increasing Risks of Climate Change and NOAA's Role in Providing Climate Services.”

Witnesses:
**Ms. Nicole LeBoeuf, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service**
**Dr. Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator for NOAA's National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service**

S.) The Race to a Fossil Fuel-Free Transportation Sector (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

On-Line Event

Transportation is the top-emitting sector in the United States, affecting the health, air quality and economies in communities across the country. As the U.S. works to build back better from COVID-19, investments in electric vehicles and green transportation policies could not only help create jobs and tackle air pollution, but also accelerate the auto industry’s transition to zero-emissions. Recent announcements by Volvo Cars and General Motors that they will stop producing petroleum-powered vehicles by 2030 and 2035, respectively, and instead focus on electric, zero-emission vehicles is a major shift for the auto industry.

Nordic countries are leading the way in clean energy transition in the transportation sector as GM recognized in their lighthearted Super Bowl ad. Over 50% of all car sales in Norway and Iceland are electric vehicles. Other Nordic countries are developing pathways to decarbonize the transport sector, including through active and public transportation, electrification, and use of sustainable renewable fuels.

Join World Resources Institute and the Embassies of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to the United States for a high-level conversation with U.S. and Nordic government officials, automakers and transportation leaders on how to decarbonize the transportation sector, lessons learned from Nordic countries, and how accelerating the transition to fossil fuel-free transportation can help the U.S. build back better.

To register: https://wri.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZhDNUD2dSjWA0jbOoJ4XjA

T.) House Energy Committee Hearing on the CLEAN Future Act (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
10:30 am

Virtual Hearing via Cisco Webex

The House Energy & Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change will hold a legislative hearing entitled, "The CLEAN Future Act and Environmental Justice: Protecting Frontline Communities."


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U.) Senate Budget Committee Hearing on the Cost of Inaction on Climate Change (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
11:00 AM

Russell Senate Office Building
Room SH-216

The full Senate Committee on the Budget will convene a hearing to consider “The Cost of Inaction on Climate Change.”

https://www.budget.senate.gov/hearings/the-cost-of-inaction-on-climate-change

V.) House Transportation Committee Hearing on a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
11:00 AM

2167 Rayburn House Office Building
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The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will hold a hearing on “Practical Steps Toward a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Updates on Fuels, Ports, and Technology”


W.) House Climate Crisis Committee Hearing on Risks of Climate Inaction (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
12:00 pm

Zoom Video Conference

The House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis will hold a remote hearing titled “Making the Case for Climate Action: The Growing Risks and Costs of Inaction.”


X.) US Climate Ambition in 2030 - Insights from Recent Modeling (April 15):
Nationally determined contributions (NDCs)—country-specific commitments to reduce emissions—are the backbone of the Paris Agreement. In 2020, countries were requested to submit new or updated NDCs. The idea of a 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (from 2005 levels) by 2030 has emerged in the United States as a focal point of discussions around future commitments in order to put the country on a path to net zero by midcentury.

Join Resources for the Future (RFF) for a virtual meeting on what’s needed to achieve economy-wide, deep decarbonization in the United States. We will host six leading analysts who have modeled possible net-zero pathways.

Each study author will share reflections on relevant findings, including:
**What emissions reductions can be achieved by 2030, and at what cost?**
**What are the key sectors and technology pathways to achieving this result?**
**What are the critical technology and cost assumptions underlying these results?**
**How do choices concerning the 2030 milestone position the United States for more ambitious future goals?**

The conversation will also explore similarities and differences across the studies, aiming to shed light on points of divergence and the overall feasibility of “50 by 30.”

Speakers:
**Tory Clark, Energy + Environmental Economics (E3)**
**Leon Clarke, Joint Global Change Research Institute**
**Marc Hafstead, Resources for the Future**
**Ben Haley, Evolved Energy Research**
**Erin Mayfield, Princeton University**
**Mei Yuan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Moderator:
**Karen Palmer, Resources for the Future**

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOqsrzkrE9yW9bWiSWIznLNufh_c7TwV

Y.) Greening U.S. Trade Policy (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

On-Line Event

On March 17, Ambassador Katherine Tai was confirmed as U.S. Trade Representative by the Senate by a unanimous vote. During the confirmation process, Ambassador Tai emphasized the important role
U.S. trade policy can play in protecting the environment and contributing to collective solutions to the climate crisis.

U.S. trade agreements, including the recently enacted U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, have sought to advance environmental goals, but there is little question that more can be done to improve the international trade system to account for shared challenges such as climate change, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, and overfishing. As world leaders prepare for a major climate summit on April 22, the need for U.S. leadership in creating a sustainable and just global economy is more urgent than ever.

Please join the Center for American Progress for a discussion of U.S. trade policy and the environment featuring keynote remarks by Ambassador Tai. The event will also feature a panel of leading experts from environmental organizations moderated by CAP founder John Podesta.

To RSVP: https://rsvp.americanprogress.org/page/28204/event/1?_ga=2.149365366.176036044.1618239378-1411288765.1586170571
https://www.americanprogress.org/events/2021/04/07/497929/greening-u-s-trade-policy/

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Thursday, April 15
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
On-Line Event

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), BloombergNEF (BNEF) and Clean Energy Economy Minnesota (CEEM) invite you the release of the “2021 Minnesota Energy Factsheet,” a companion piece to the “Sustainable Energy in America Factbook” released earlier this year.

The “2021 Minnesota Energy Factsheet” will provide an overview of the state’s energy landscape, including the progress of the clean energy industry made in 2020. Attend this webinar to learn more about the impacts on the energy sector of the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota, from energy use to greenhouse gas emissions to renewable energy project development.

Speakers:
**Gregg Mast, Executive Director, Clean Energy Economy Minnesota
**Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy
**Melina Bartels, Associate, BloombergNEF
**Aditya Ranade, PhD, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Energy Resources, Minnesota Department of Commerce
**Brad Heitland, Business Development Executive, Solar & Emerging Renewables, Mortenson
**Ken Smith, President & CEO, Ever-Green Energy

To register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U-NFMGJLS4iDF8yj4D2jcA
https://bcse.org/bcse-support-events/release-of-minnesota-energy-fact-sheet/

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i.) Rebuilding American Infrastructure for the 21st Century (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

On-Line Event

Infrastructure has always supported America’s economic competitiveness, but demographic, technological, and environmental change have left our outdated systems in peril. The country needs a renewed sense of purpose around—and a commitment to—cutting-edge energy, transportation, water, and telecommunications systems. As evidenced by the enormous response to the Biden-Harris administration’s American Jobs Plan, the country wants a new infrastructure vision.

Coupled with the release of a new Brookings-authored infrastructure strategy, the Metropolitan Policy Program will host an event on Thursday, April 15 highlighting a forward-looking set of national policy priorities to revitalize the infrastructure systems that move the American economy. Event speakers will discuss their vision and priorities for comprehensive infrastructure reform and offer their reactions to the proposals shaping the national debate.

To register: https://connect.brookings.edu/register-to-watch-rebuilding-american-infrastructure

https://www.brookings.edu/events/rebuilding-american-infrastructure-for-the-21st-century

ii.) House Natural Resources Committee Hearing on Reclaiming Orphaned Wells (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
2:00 PM

On-Line Event

The House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold a hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Creating Jobs and Reducing Pollution by Plugging and Reclaiming Orphaned Wells.”

The hearing will be held remotely via the Cisco Webex Virtual Platform. Public access will be available via the Committee's website and social media links.


iii.) The Effects of Climate Change on Migration & Stability in Guatemala (April 15):

Thursday, April 15
7:30 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

On-Line Event
Within the past 30 years, the three major recent hurricanes/storms that hit Guatemala have become significant push factors of increased dislocation and economic insecurity. As a result of the political upheaval and loss of agricultural opportunities that followed, hundreds of thousands of Guatemalans have been displaced and migration has spiked.

Through this event, we are inviting scholars and experts to unpack the complex and extensive factors that create migration issues and displacement, such as the political instability, social unrest, industrial misuse of land, climate change, and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender. Participants will then be encouraged to directly dialogue with the experts in a moderated discussion.

To RSVP:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFEvhsLaWfo60SIffttKJSI08CudjwnV8AvHzwJNIO9wgepg/viewform

https://calendar.gwu.edu/effects-climate-change-migration-and-stability-guatemala-0

iv.) The Challenges of Climate Change in Central America - Opportunities for the Biden Administration (April 16):

Friday, April 16
9:00 am – 10:30 am

On-Line Event

Central America is acutely vulnerable to climate change. The impacts of temperature increases, extreme weather events, flooding and drought are magnified by the continued degradation and loss of soil cover, the growing influence of criminal organizations, fiscal constraints, and a rights crisis reflected in forced displacement and the killings of indigenous, Afro-descendant, and other local populations. These phenomena are particularly evident in the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

As the Biden administration looks to enhance climate resilience in Central America, understanding how climate change is interacting with the multiple drivers of migration in the region is critical to developing responses that reduce inequalities and build the capacity of communities on the ground.

Please join us and our co-sponsor, the Ford Foundation, for a discussion with senior Latin American and U.S. experts on the challenges and opportunities for the Biden administration as it develops policy responses to the climate-related crises that affect the region.

To RSVP: https://engage.wilsoncenter.org/a/challenges-climate-change-central-america-opportunities-biden-administration


v.) Protecting Vulnerable Communities from Climate Impacts (April 16):
Climate events like sea-level rise, extreme precipitation, and dangerous heatwaves and cold snaps—like the one Texas recently endured—stress our already vulnerable affordable housing stock and disproportionately impact low-income, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Preparing for climate shocks by assessing the vulnerability of buildings and communities to climate events and improving the resilience of affordable housing and neighborhood infrastructure are necessary to avoid future financial and social impacts on owners, residents, and communities.

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing hosted in coordination with the National Housing Trust and the Natural Resources Defense Council (national partners with the Energy Efficiency for All project) about the challenges and opportunities involved in protecting physically and socially vulnerable communities from the worst impacts of climate change. Speakers will discuss a new data resource developed by Climate Central that identifies federally-subsidized affordable housing at risk of chronic flooding due to sea-level rise; property-level climate risk assessment tools that are being piloted in Miami; a recently published scorecard of state flood-risk disclosure policies; and resilience measures in Los Angeles.

Speakers:
**Dr. Benjamin Strauss, President and CEO, Climate Central**
**Laurie Schoeman, National Director, Resilience and Disaster Recovery, Enterprise Community Partners**
**Anna Weber, Policy Analyst, Healthy People & Thriving Communities Program, Natural Resources Defense Council**
**Heather Rosenberg, Associate Principal – City Resilience Leader in the Americas,**

This event is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP to expedite check-in at: https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/041621eefa#RSVP

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**vi.) Shedding Light on the Legislative Response to the Texas Blackouts (April 16):**

The February blackouts in Texas left millions in the dark and the financial implications will continue to reverberate for years. Since that time, we have seen a flurry of resignations and of legislative proposals to deal with the fallout and prevent it from happening again. Join our panel of experts as we sift through the various changes to see what will work, what won’t, and who will be paying for it.

Moderator:
**Josiah Neeley, Director, Texas; Resident Senior Fellow, R Street Institute**
Panelists:
**Pat Wood, former FERC commissioner
**Beth Garza, Senior Fellow, R Street Institute
**Katie Coleman, Texas Industrial Electric Consumers

To register: https://rstreet-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yrMlH9SpQn-KY4nkMFYOLw
https://www.rstreet.org/event/shedding-light-on-the-legislative-response-to-the-texas-blackouts

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### vii.) The Ocean - Turning a Climate Change Problem into a Solution (April 19):

Monday, April 19  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
On-Line Event

Healthy Oceans are a crucial component in regulating the climate on the planet. Although pollution, overfishing and acidification has seriously affected the health of ocean ecosystems, the ocean can also be a source of innovation and optimism in mitigating the effects of climate change by absorbing heat and carbon. The solutions range from blue carbon stored in coastal and marine ecosystems or underneath the sea, reviving and protecting coral reefs, to a sustainable use of marine sources.

Join the Wilson Center for a transatlantic conversation during the Smithsonian's Earth Optimism Week with American and European experts on how ocean solutions can combat climate change.

To RSVP: https://engage.wilsoncenter.org/a/ocean-turning-climate-change-problem-solution
https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/ocean-turning-climate-change-problem-solution

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### viii.) Does the United States Need China to Fight Climate Change? (April 19):

Monday, April 19  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Virtual Webinar

The Biden administration has rightly made fighting climate change a top priority. But that has raised a strategic question: Does the United States need China’s cooperation to succeed? And, if it does, then will that cooperation come at the expense of leverage that the U.S. government needs to maintain in order to press China on other critical matters, especially its rampant and unfair “innovation mercantilism”?

Please join ITIF for a robust debate on this question. Professor Michael Klare has written that “Biden’s Tough Stance on China Will Lead to Global Climate Doom.” He will argue that cooperating is essential and can be done in parallel without weakening the U.S. negotiating position on other matters. ITIF President Rob Atkinson will take the opposing position.
ix.) Are Forests Crucial to Reach Our Climate Targets? (April 19):

Monday, April 19
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

On-Line Event

To build back better in the wake of COVID-19, while continuing to advance the Paris Climate Agreement goals, governments and their infrastructure and development partners must do more than patch wear-and-tear on existing systems, and instead harness Nature-based Solutions (NBS) to build societal resilience and deliver a low-carbon future for all. Forests are crucial for clean and ample water supply, storing carbon, and for reducing risk of floods and drought. By investing in locally-appropriate forest-water NBS, we can cost-effectively accelerate the pace of progress on climate commitments, while also building resilient communities and a thriving economy.

In the run up to the Leaders’ Climate Summit - Earth Day - 2021, this webinar will discuss the importance of the forest-water nexus in cost-effectively accelerating progress on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Featuring speakers from Peru, The NDC Partnership, the government of Colombia and the Inter-American Development Bank, we will showcase examples of how forest and water-based Nature-Based Solutions are being used to enhance climate commitments and consider a way forward.

To register: https://siwi.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8EQ7GVs3T5epTQ9jqvTkaA

https://www.wri.org/events/2021/04/using-forest-water-connections-accelerate-implementation

x.) Hydrogen – Fuel of the Future? (April 20):

Tuesday, April 20
10:00 am – 11:00 am

On-Line Event

Hydrogen has been hailed as a green alternative to fossil fuels and the harbinger of a completely new economic model. The EU Commission’s European Green Deal and the Biden Administration’s Infrastructure Plan chart a course that is phasing out fossil fuels and emphasizing the need for investing in green hydrogen to hit emission targets. The hope is to develop an economy with hydrogen as a viable large-scale energy source that can be transported via pipes or trucks as a liquid or gas, similar to oil and natural gas. But can hydrogen live up to the promise?

Join us for a conversation during the Smithsonian's Earth Optimism Week with European and American experts about the prospects of a hydrogen-powered economy, areas of transatlantic collaboration, and
xi.) Introduction to Grid Modernization (April 20):

Tuesday, April 20
10:00 am

On-Line Event

Electric power systems around the world are undergoing an unprecedented transformation. From integrating distributed energy resources (DERs) to smart grids, these 21st century developments require cutting-edge solutions to increase resiliency and flexibility.

In this webinar, our speakers will present trends and best practices on grid modernization and dive into case studies of their experiences on the subject.

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Iehfb0OVTYiDhH8yhOlqBg

https://usea.org/event/introduction-grid-modernization

xii.) Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing on the American Jobs Plan (April 20):

Tuesday, April 20
10:30 AM

Senate Dirksen Office Building
Room 106

The Senate Committee on Appropriations will convene a hearing to examine the American Jobs Plan, focusing on infrastructure, climate change, and investing in our nation's future.

https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings

xiii.) The Road to COP26 - From Climate Ambition to Climate Action (April 20):

Tuesday, April 20
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

On-Line Event

The COP26 Climate Summit, hosted in the United Kingdom this November, will represent a pivotal
moment in the global effort to combat the effects of climate change. As the successor to the watershed COP21 Summit in Paris in 2015, COP26 will be an important benchmark for determining the progress countries around the world have made in announcing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), finalizing their long-term plans for decarbonizing their economies by 2050, and building capacity to help those countries most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

As the U.S. prepares to host a “Leaders Climate Summit” to mark Earth Day on April 22, this panel will explore what impact the U.S.’s re-entry into the Paris Agreement will have for COP26 outcomes and what the world might expect from the US as the Biden administration prepares to unveil its NDC. More broadly, the panel will also explore the ambitions for this year’s summit, the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on climate efforts and the opportunity it presents to “build back better” in crafting a greener future for the planet.

This event is cosponsored by the Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Science, Technology and International Affairs program. The discussion is open to the public, but registration is required to attend.

To register: https://georgetown.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MuC-6M_nRoaNq6DQSIZxg
https://www.georgetown.edu/event/the-road-to-cop26-from-climate-ambition-to-climate-action


Tuesday, April 20
11:30 am
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Wednesday, April 21
3:30 pm
On-Line Event

Everywhere we look across the energy landscape, there are new terms and new rules. Over just the last few months, the U.S. energy policy universe reoriented towards aggressive goals to mitigate climate change risks. Concurrently, growing awareness of socio-economic disparities and evolving methods to value energy services create challenges and opportunities for regulators and the business community alike.

With these changes comes a host of new terms and challenges. Most of us can agree on the definition of GHG, but what does net zero really mean? What about CCS vs CCUS? Is DAC a real thing? What are the implications of ESG? Even those who have worked at the energy-environmental nexus for years acknowledge that changes are occurring at an unprecedented rate. Except for intermittent oil shocks, the energy industry was anything but high profile in the past. Now, energy is making news headlines every day.

The NCAC-USAEE conference will help make sense of the major shifts taking place across this new energy landscape. Economists, policy analysts, industry experts, and investors will gather to decipher critical emerging trends and policies facing the energy industry.

Cost: Member – $25.00; Non-Member - $65.00
**xv.) Low Carbon Business - How Climate Ambition Leads to Job Creation, Economic Growth (April 20):**

Tuesday, April 20
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

On-Line Event

With the Biden administration set to host world leaders this month for the Leaders’ Summit on Climate, the signal sent by American actions as a partner, leader, and advocate presents an invaluable opportunity for greater global ambition. As U.S. leaders prepare to announce a bold NDC, the most aggressive targets can only be met through support and collaboration between government and the private sector. Achieving an ambitious 2030 target in line with the ultimate aim of net-zero emissions by 2050 requires an all-in effort by all sectors of the U.S. economy, and the cooperation and support of a wide range of stakeholders will be needed.

Ahead of the April 22–23 summit, C2ES will host a discussion with leading U.S. companies with ambitious climate targets and an emissions modeling expert on how government and private sector collaboration can drive investments in climate solutions across the global economy to facilitate the net-zero transition, accelerate economic growth, create jobs, and address equity issues.

To register: https://c2es.zoom.us/webinar/register/8216179105851/WN_XaafjkR7SLGi6AAT5DO2UQ

**xvi.) Offshore Energy - Favorable Winds for Renewables? (April 21):**

Wednesday, April 21
10:00 am – 11:00 am

On-Line Event

Offshore wind farms have become an important part of global energy markets with investments steadily rising over the last years. The “Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy” from the European Commission aims to make offshore wind capacity hit at least 60 GW by 2030. The U.S. government just recently announced a plan that sets a target to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030, which the administration said would be enough to power 10 million homes and cut 78 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

Join us during the Smithsonian's Earth Optimism Week for a conversation with European and American representatives of offshore wind projects about the potential for the use of offshore winds on both sides...
of the Atlantic, the role it has in the fight against climate change, and new innovations that are driving implementation.

To register: https://engage.wilsoncenter.org/a/offshore-energy-favorable-winds-renewables
https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/offshore-energy-favorable-winds-renewables

xvii.) Climate Town Hall with Eleanor Holmes Norton (April 21):

Wednesday, April 21
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

On-Line Event

Citizens’ Climate Lobby is excited to announce a Climate Town Hall with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. Representative Norton will share her beliefs and strategies around climate action and answer questions from Citizens’ Climate Lobby about viable solutions to climate change. Attendees will also be invited to raise their own questions, comments and concerns with Representative Norton during the meeting.

Guests are invited to stay after the Town Hall for a brief orientation on climate change and climate activism.


xviii.) The Path Forward for Education & Climate Action (April 22):

Thursday, April 22
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

On-Line Event

What if, with a little leadership from global heads of state, there was an opportunity to catalyze a movement that simultaneously combats climate change, strengthens the civic health of communities, and bolsters teacher capacity?

When education helps students develop a strong personal connection to climate solutions, as well as a sense of personal agency and empowerment, it can affect students’ daily behaviors and decisionmaking in ways that reduce their overall lifetime carbon footprint. Imagine if 100 percent of students in the world received such an education! In 2019, Italy became the first country in the world to make education on sustainable citizenship mandatory in all schools.

On April 22—Earth Day—the Center for Universal Education and Education International will host a webinar to discuss the path forward for education and climate action, and the recent Brookings policy brief “Unleashing the creativity of teachers and students to combat climate change: An opportunity for global leadership.” As millions of students have engaged in civic action over the last several years by
leaving school to protest the lack of progress in addressing the climate crisis, how can we flip the script? How can students, teachers, and schools be on the forefront of addressing climate action by helping support the development of young people’s green civic skills? What do teachers and student leaders need to do here in the U.S. and around the globe?

To register: https://connect.brookings.edu/register-to-watch-education-climate-action

https://www.brookings.edu/events/the-path-forward-for-education-and-climate-action

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xix.) A Conversation on the Geopolitics of Energy (April 22):

Thursday, April 22
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

On-Line Event

The Johns Hopkins SAIS Global Risk Conference will feature:
**Sarah Emerson, Energy Security Analysis, Inc.
**Martin Fraenkel, S&P Global Platts

Moderator:
**Marco Dell'Aquila, Senior Adjunct Professor of Energy, Resources and Environment at SAIS Europe

To RSVP: https://jh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_63n1B4evSWqBdTXwSwcmXw

https://sais.jhu.edu/campus-events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D497220650

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xx.) Assessing the Costs of Climate Change Mitigation & the Cost of Falling Short (April 22):

Thursday, April 22
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

On-Line Event

This is the latest in the Decarbonization Webinar Series – “Pathways to a Decarbonized Economy and a More Livable Planet.”

Participants:
**Todd Eisenstadt, American University
**Helen Mountford, World Resources Institute
**Paul Bledsoe, American University
**Kevin Rennert, Resources for the Future
**Mary Boyer, The World Bank

To register: https://american.swoogo.com/decarbonization/begin
Living with Chernobyl - Personal Stories from the World's Worst Nuclear Disaster (April 25):

Sunday, April 25
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

On-Line Event

How do we tell the Chernobyl nuclear disaster story? Through the testimonials of 500 eyewitnesses? The lives of imagined characters in a novel? By researching the often buried archives to uncover the truth? Or by bringing humanitarian aid to the children of Belarus?

We will explore each of those paths, with our stellar lineup of guests. Actor Maxine Peake will read from Svetlana Alexievich’s Nobel Prize-winning book Chernobyl Voices/Chernobyl Prayer and we will talk to novelist Darragh McKeon, historian Kate Brown, and activist Linda Walker, followed by an audience Q&A.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-with-chernobyl-personal-stories-tickets-148769279921

ABOUT US

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  a.) have a clear and explicit nexus to energy or climate change issues (i.e., not merely general environmental issues)
  b.) be open to the public
  c.) be in-person events (i.e., usually webinars & other on-line events are not listed w. exception of during the current COVID-19 crisis period)
  d.) be free or low-cost (i.e., usually $100 or less)
  e.) usually originate within the Washington, DC area (roughly defined as being within the Beltway but during the pandemic some virtual non-DC events are also being included)
  f.) not be in violation of the SUN DAY Campaign's 501 c-3 tax status (e.g., political candidate fundraisers)