WBCSD @ Climate Week NYC

September 21 to September 25, 2025 Program overview



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Pre-Climate Week (19-22 September 2025)	Tuesday, September 23	Wednesday, September 24	Thursday, September 25		
	NCSA at New York Climate Week				
Friday, Sept. 19 8am-6pm Brazil Climate Summit New York City 2025	9am-7pm: Emission Reduction Accelerator (ERA)	7:30am-11am: Critical Materials Collective: unlocking circular value chains	8am-10am: The materiality mindset: transforming assessments into strategic opportunities		
	8am-10am: Powering up real economy action: COP30 Action Agenda & Business Barometer 2026	8:00am-10:30am: A balancing act of global regulatory accountability: US corporate perspectives	8:30am-11am: Industry alignment on carbon assessment in Building Information Modeling (BIM)		
	8am-10am: From impact to competitiveness: steering toward sustainable portfolios	8:30am-10:30am: Powering business growth by accelerating electrification and grid flexibility	10am-12pm: Solving the price tag: innovative value chain approaches for low-carbon products		
	8:30am-12pm: Internal carbon pricing and integrating climate with financials	8:30am-12pm: Embedding climate into product strategy and innovation	11am-1pm: The value of integrated transition planning		
Sunday, Sept. 21 6pm-10.30pm WBCSD Council Dinner Monday, Sept. 22 07.30-8.30pm WBCSD Council Day	8:45am-10:15am: Driving business accountability for nature action along the value chain	9am-11am: Avoided Emissions: updated WBCSD guidance & implementation in Agriculture & Food and Built Environment	1pm-3pm: Re-WIRE: rethinking the food system's wiring		
	9am-12pm: How to make & implement the business case for climate transition	9am-11am: <u>Cross-sector collaboration enables scalable water- and energy-efficient homes</u>	4pm-6pm: Americas regional networking event		
	11am-12pm: Unlocking adoption of sustainable chemical feedstocks	9am-11.30am: Maximizing value: aligning trade associations with business & climate goals			
	11am-1pm: Advancing implementation and investment in Transport & Mobility decarbonization	10am-11:30am: Just Transition: tools to crafting equitable pathways to Net Zero			
	11am-1.15pm: COP Action Agenda on regenerative landscapes & landscape accelerators dialogue	10am-11.15am: Climate Innovation in NYC: farmers, food & our future			
	1.30pm-3pm: Cultivating connectivity: data infrastructure for sustainable agriculture	10am-12pm: Built Environment C-Suite roundtable	WBCSD flagship events		
	2pm-4pm: Executive Roundtable on Physical Risk in Value Chains	12pm-2.30pm: Integrating sustainability in financial valuation	Streamlining the corporate accountability system for impact Accelerating emissions reduction		
	2pm-5pm: PACT Scope 3 Summit	5.30pm-8.30pm: Climate-Nature strategies to accelerate the end of <u>deforestation</u>	Growing impact & reach of value chains Policy ask & outreach		
	5.15pm-7pm: Sowing the seeds of resilience: Enterprise Risk Management for a changing food system	6pm-9pm: WBCSD Liaison Delegate networking dinner	Education		
	5.30pm-8pm: Blended finance solutions for a Just Transition		Member networking events Main program		





Integrating sustainability in financial valuation

Wednesday, 24 September 12:00 – 14:30 EDT Co-host: KPMG

This session will explore key challenges and opportunities associated with the business case for sustainability, including both risk mitigation and value creation opportunities. It will focus on integration in financial analysis and valuation, and examine the role of different stakeholders and standards, outlining key gaps, priorities and needs. It will bring perspectives and experience from companies, capital markets, standard setters and professional bodies and academics.

Info & registration

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A balancing act of global regulatory accountability: US corporate perspectives

Wednesday, 24 September 08:00 – 10:30 EDT Co-host: Baker McKenzie

This executive discussion will explore how corporate leaders are maintaining their drive to improve sustainability-related performance and accountability while balancing the interplay between headquarters and subsidiary strategies across diverse operating environments – each with its own business, legal, and market realities all while navigating different regulatory expectations, stakeholder demands, and competitive pressures.

Info & registration

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The value of integrated transition planning

Thursday, 25 September 11:00 – 13:00 EDT Co-host: ERM

This roundtable will gather corporate leaders for an interactive discussion on integrating climate, nature and social considerations in transition planning, with particular focus on resilience and financial planning. Together, we'll examine the strategic case for integration surfacing cobenefits, trade-offs, and decision criteria. Designed to spark ideas and solutions, the event will identify practical steps companies can take to drive business value through holistic strategic planning.

Info & registration

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Strategic priority:

Streamlining
the corporate
accountability
system for
impact





Emission Reduction Accelerator (ERA)

Tuesday, 23 September 09:00 – 19:00 EDT Co-host: EY

ERA is WBCSD's innovative solution to help members close their emissions gap while strengthening business performance across a series of sessions including Al & Innovation, Carbon Markets, Carbon Removal, Al & the workforce dimension, Demand Signals, Real Estate Decarbonization, and Green Fertilizers. Each session will explore how to tackle emissions hotspots, scale solutions, and unlock business value. Participants are invited join the sessions most relevant to their interests.

Info & registration

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PACT Scope 3 Summit 2025

Tuesday, 23 September 14:00 – 17:00 EDT Co-host: SAP

The third edition of the PACT Scope 3 Summit will focus on one key question: How can low climate maturity companies and SMEs be enabled to actively participate in Scope 3 decarbonization? Through panel discussions, interactive workshops, and case studies, participants will exchange experiences and co-design solutions. Highlights include supplier engagement, digital enablement, policy alignment, as well as announcements on PACT's new membership model and related programs.

Info & registration

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Avoided Emissions: updated guidance and sectoral deep dives

Wednesday, 24 September 09:00 – 11:00 EDT Co-host: ERM

Through the lens of the updated Avoided Emissions (AE) Guidance v2 and new sector-specific work on Agriculture & Food and the Built Environment, this session will explore how a robust avoided emissions methodology can drive climate innovation, strengthen competitiveness, and accelerate system-wide decarbonization. Industry leaders and technical experts will share real-world applications demonstrating how AE captures not only your organisation's decarbonization potential, but also benefits competitiveness and monetisation of low-carbon innovation.

Info & registration

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Strategic priority: Accelerating emissions reduction





Unlocking adoption of sustainable chemical feedstocks

Tuesday, 23 September 11:00 – 12:00 EDT

Over 95% of products today depend on fossil-based chemical processes, making the transformation of feedstock inputs a critical but often overlooked lever for decarbonization. Defossilizing carbon through recycled, bio-based, and captured inputs is essential to build circular, low-emission value chains. This session will explore how collective action can align demand signals, unlock investment, and scale new feedstock pathways to accelerate the transition to sustainable materials.

Info & registration

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COP Action Agenda on Regenerative Landscapes & Landscape Accelerators dialogue

Tuesday, 23 September 11:00 – 13:15 EDT Co-host: BCG

Under the COP Action Agenda on Regenerative Landscapes umbrella, and in collaboration with the Landscape Accelerator Brazil – this strategic multistakeholder dialogue will discuss business-led solutions to tackle critical barriers to scaling regenerative landscapes and to deliver resilient, adaptive and sustainable agrifood systems. The session will include a panel focusing on transition finance as well as interactive roundtables to discuss the future priorities of existing and new landscape accelerators.

Info & registration

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Powering business growth by accelerating electrification and grid flexibility

Wednesday, 24 September 08:30 – 10:30 EDT Co-host: Siemens

Tripling renewables is essential to deliver the required CO₂ reductions by 2030, but electrification of transport, buildings and industry, alongside flexible market mechanisms and infrastructure, is not keeping pace. Grid bottlenecks, weak price signals and siloed efforts are slowing progress, despite technology being ready. This roundtable will convene business leaders, regulators, system operators and international organizations to align commitments, scale electrification and flexibility, and shape a joint business and regulatory agenda toward COP30.

Info & registration

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Strategic priority:
Growing the
impact and
reach of value
chains





Sowing the seeds of resilience: Enterprise Risk Management for a changing food system

Tuesday, 23 September 17:15 – 19:00 EDT

As sustainability becomes a defining driver of value creation and risk exposure, companies across the agriculture and food value chain are facing increasing pressure to respond to a rapidly evolving landscape. Climate change, biodiversity loss, water stress, and shifting policy and consumer expectations are reshaping the way businesses operate — and demanding more robust, forward-looking risk management strategies. This interactive workshop convened by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) will bring together leaders from the agriculture and food industry to explore emerging sustainability trends and the critical risks they pose to the sector. Participants will engage in collaborative discussion to better understand how sustainability-related risks can be identified, assessed, and managed at the enterprise level.

The session will include a deep dive on applying Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) as a strategic tool to strengthen corporate resilience and long-term value. It will draw on the WBCSD-COSO "Guidance for Applying ERM to ESG-Related Risks", offering practical insights into integrating sustainability into core risk governance frameworks.

Info & registration

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Strategic priority: *Education*





Brazil Climate Summit New York City 2025

Friday, 19 September 08:00 – 18:00 EDT Co-hosts: Brazil Climate Institute, Columbia Climate Hub Rio, Columbia University and Brazil Club

The Brazil Climate Summit (BCS) is an opportunity for climate innovators, investors, and policymakers to learn about Brazil's boldest climate solutions, unlock investment opportunities, forge partnerships, and accelerate a low-carbon future through collaboration.



Powering up real economy action: COP30 Action Agenda & Business Barometer 2026

Tuesday, 23 September 08:00 – 10:00 EDT Co-host: Bain & Company

This interactive workshop over breakfast brings together senior leaders to shape real economy outcomes for COP30 and beyond, focusing on scaling solutions for hard-to-abate sectors and overcoming fragmentation. It will also gather input to refine the Business Breakthrough Barometer as a tool to guide policy, investment, and sectoral transitions in 2026.



Maximizing value: aligning trade associations with business & climate goals

Wednesday, 24 September 09:00 – 11:30 EDT Co-hosts: WMBC and other coalition partners

WBCSD is convening corporate sustainability leaders for a focused workshop on mobilizing trade associations to advance climate policy. Building on the Trade Association Engagement Playbook and the upcoming activation phase, the session will align advocacy with the goal of tripling renewable energy and doubling energy efficiency by 2030, and engage companies shaping how trade associations can drive the clean energy transition.

Info & registration

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Strategic priority: Policy ask & outreach





WBCSD Liaison Delegate networking dinner

Wednesday, 24 September 18:00 – 21:00 EDT

This intimate dinner will bring together Liaison Delegates for a moment of celebration, reflection, and forward-looking dialogue as we mark 30 years of WBCSD leadership in advancing sustainable business. It is a chance to reconnect with peers, exchange perspectives on the road ahead, and strengthen the community that has been at the heart of WBCSD since its creation.

Held annually during Climate Week NYC, the LD Dinner offers a vital pause from the week's intensity—a chance to connect with peers more personally and enjoy conversations that matter most to you.

Info & registration

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Americas regional networking event

Thursday, 25 September 16:00 – 18:00 EDT

This regional dialogue platform and reception will bring together leaders from across the Americas to foster collaboration on evolving geopolitical dynamics and sustainability priorities. To spark the conversation, Robert Eccles (University of Oxford) will reflect on how companies can cut through polarized ESG debates by focusing on material issues that drive financial performance and meet investor demand for transparency.

This session will move beyond political theater to surface a common ground, strengthen a shared language, and explore how companies across the Americas can align on pragmatic, materiality-driven approaches to sustainability and value chain collaboration.

Info & registration

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Networking events for members & guests



Other engagements on Tuesday, 23 September (1/2)

Events	Strategic priority	Registration link
NCSA at New York Climate Week From 23 September to 26 September Five events hosted by the Natural Climate Solutions Alliance and members to explore innovations and best practices in the voluntary carbon market. • Carbon Removals for Business: Nature and Technology-Based CDR to Meet Climate Goals – with Mitsubishi • Solving for Permanence: A Pathway to More Durable Climate Impact – with American Forest Foundation • What incentives and policies would strengthen the business case for carbon credits? – with ERM • Managing multi-stakeholder risks in nature-based carbon programs – with Bain & Co., Catholic Relief Services, Kita • The Role of Additionality in REDD+, HFLD, and Nature Stewardship – with Wildlife Conservation Society Key Contact: Joseph Wagner, wagner@wbcsd.org	Accelerating emissions reduction	Check the full agenda and register
From impact to competitiveness: steering toward sustainable portfolios 08:00 – 10:00 EDT Explore how portfolio sustainability assessment can translate impacts into business risks and opportunities, enabling strategic resource allocation and resilient business growth strategies. Key Contact: Anne-Laure Brison, brison@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Internal carbon pricing and integrating climate with financials, co-hosted with BCG 08:30 – 12:00 EDT Interactive cross-functional workshop for senior business decision-makers to accelerate company efforts in embedding climate into product design, value creation, and decision-making. Key Contact: Inês Amorim, amorim@wbcsd.org	Accelerating emissions reduction	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Driving business accountability for nature action along the value chain 08:45 – 10:15 EDT Join us for the launch of WBCSD's latest Insight Piece on the challenges of measuring and disclosing nature impacts in forestry and agriculture supply chains. This dialogue will explore how regulators and standard setters can enable more accurate traceability and reporting to drive accountability and stronger action for nature across value chains. Key Contact: Maria Campos, campos@wbcsd.org	Streamlining the corporate accountability system for impact	<u>Click here</u> to express interest



Other engagements on Tuesday, 23 September (2/2)

Events	Strategic priority	Registration link
How to make & implement the business case for climate transition, co-hosted with AB InBev & Carbon Trust 09:00 – 12:00 EDT Join an interactive session for senior sustainability leaders, co-hosted by WBCSD, AB InBev and The Carbon Trust. In the session, we'll tackle two of today's biggest decarbonization challenges—making the business case for business model innovation and turning transition plans into action. Expect expert insights, real case studies, and peer networking to help you unlock solutions for your own strategy. Key Contact: Diane Buzea, buzea@wbcsd.org	Accelerating emissions reduction	<u>Click here</u> to express interest
Advancing implementation and investment in Transport & Mobility decarbonization, co-hosted with Breakthrough Agenda (Road Transport) 11:00 – 13:00 EDT This executive roundtable convenes leaders from across the transport value chain with governments and partners to share best practices, identify high-impact opportunities, and strengthen coalitions that can turn commitments into scalable outcomes on the road to COP30. Key Contact: Urska Skrt, urska.skrt@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Cultivating connectivity: data infrastructure for sustainable agriculture, co-hosted with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Farmers' Organization 13:30 – 15:00 EDT Join leaders from business, government, farmer organizations and civil society to explore a shared vision for trusted digital infrastructure in agriculture, linking global public data initiatives with private-sector innovation and farmer priorities to advance climate, nature and food security goals Key Contact: Joana Mateus Carneiro, carneiro@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	Click here to express interest
Executive Roundtable on Physical Risk in Value Chains, co-hosted with BCG 14:00 – 16:00 EDT Extreme weather, environmental shifts and nature loss are disrupting assets and supply chains. This session will share insights from the CEO Handbook on Physical Risk and Resilience and convene senior executives to explore how companies can engage suppliers and customers to manage risks, protect continuity, and gain a competitive edge. Key Contact: CP&A team cp-a@wbcsd.org	Streamlining the corporate accountability system for impact	<u>Click here</u> to express interest
Blended finance solutions for a Just Transition, co-hosted with BCG and Council for Inclusive Capitalism 17:30 – 20:00 EDT This workshop and networking event convenes leaders from finance, business, and civil society to explore how blended finance can scale socially inclusive climate solutions. Participants will generate actionable ideas to enhance effectiveness, build collaboration, and position blended finance as a driver of climate and social equity outcomes. Key Contact: Wouter van Monsjou, vanmonsjou@wbcsd.org	Streamlining the corporate accountability system for impact	Click here to express interest



Other engagements on Wednesday, 24 September

Events	Strategic priority	Registration link
Critical Materials Collective: unlocking circular value chains, co-hosted with Apple 07:30 – 11:00 EDT This session convenes leaders to shape the next phase of WBCSD's Critical Materials Collective, expanding real-world pilots, circular value chains, and demand aggregation for low-carbon recycled materials. We'll explore opportunities across aluminum, copper, rare earths and beyond. Key Contact: Bethany Edwards, edwards@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	<u>Click here</u> to register
Embedding climate into product strategy and innovation, co-hosted with BCG 08:30 – 12:00 EDT Interactive cross-functional workshop for senior business decision-makers to integrating climate with financials with a focus on internal carbon pricing. Key Contact: Inês Amorim, amorim@wbcsd.org	Accelerating emissions reduction	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Cross-sector collaboration enables scalable water- and energy-efficient homes 09:00 – 11:00 EDT This event explores how cross-sector collaboration can enable scalable solutions that cut household water and energy use while improving quality of life, and identifies barriers and accelerators to bring 50L homes from pilots to everyday reality. Key Contact: Gregory Holliday, holliday@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	Click here to express interest
Climate Innovation in NYC: farmers, food and our future, co-hosted with Bayer, USFRA, Clim-Eat, Cornell AgriTech and 4SD 10:00 – 11:15 EDT This roundtable aims to craft a joint message for COP30, strengthen the Climate Innovation Community, and shape the future of agriculture and food systems. Key Contact: Matilda Evans, evans@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Just Transition: tools to crafting equitable pathways to Net Zero, co-hosted with Amazon 10:00 – 11:30 EDT This hands-on workshop explores how to integrate people considerations into corporate transition planning to accelerate decarbonization. Through practical exercise and dialogue, we will equip business leaders with concrete steps to operationalize social impact into their climate strategy. Key Contact: Wouter van Monsjou, vanmonsjou@wbcsd.org	Streamlining the corporate accountability system for impact	Invite-only & limited capacity; if interested contact vanmonsjou@wbcsd.org
Built Environment C-Suite roundtable, co-hosted with Arcadis 10:00 – 12:00 EDT Explore how leading companies are driving the Built Environment Market Transformation Action Agenda and signaling to COP30 that decarbonizing buildings and infrastructure can deliver profit alongside environmental and social benefits. Key Contact: Roland Hunziker, hunziker@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Climate-Nature strategies to accelerate the end of deforestation, co-hosted with CEBDS and PMI 17:30 – 20:30 EDT This event aims to showcase business readiness to support TFFF implementation; highlight practical pathways for zero-deforestation supply chains; explore innovative finance mechanisms to ensure long-term sustainability of conservation efforts; and elevate voices from the frontlines of deforestation. Key Contact: Matt Inbusch, inbusch@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	Invite-only; if interested contact inbusch@wbcsd.org

Other engagements on Thursday, 25 September

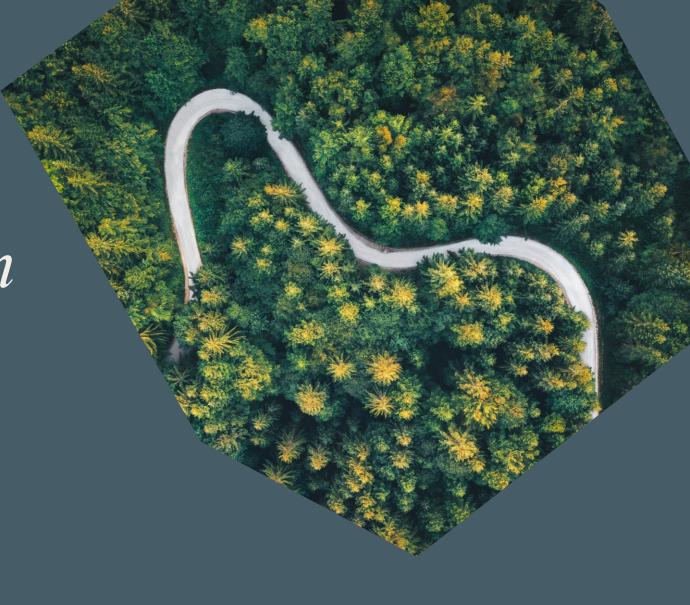
Events	Strategic priority	Registration link
The materiality mindset: transforming assessments into strategic opportunities, co-hosted with Deloitte 08:00 – 10:00 EDT Join senior leaders to explore how materiality assessments can move beyond compliance to become living management tools that inform strategy, governance, and capital allocation — embedding sustainability at the core of business resilience and performance. Key Contact: Aswathi Raj, raj@wbcsd.org	Streamlining the corporate accountability system for impact	<u>Click here</u> to register
Industry alignment on carbon assessment in Building Information Modeling (BIM), co-hosted with Arcadis 08:30 – 11:00 EDT Join us for the launch of WBCSD's recommended guidelines for carbon assessment in Building Information Modeling (BIM), developed with six leading architecture and engineering firms to align practices and enable consistent, comparable building carbon footprints. Key Contact: Victoria Falcone, falcone@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	By invitation only <u>Click here</u> to express interest
Solving the price tag: innovative value chain approaches for low-carbon products, co-hosted with BCG 10:00 – 12:00 EDT This interactive workshop will reframe the "green premium deadlock" and explore solutions beyond product pricing, that use a value chain lens to unlock shared benefits and lower costs. Through real-world examples and collaborative discussions, participants will examine risk-sharing models, financial mechanisms, and cross-sectoral partnerships to unlock investments into decarbonization, while strengthening resilience and competitiveness. Key Contact: Mariana Heinrich, heinrich@wbcsd.org	Accelerating emissions reduction	Click here to express interest
Re-WIRE: rethinking the food system's wiring, co-hosted with Food & Land Use Coalition (FOLU) 13:00 – 15:00 EDT Join us for Re-WIRE: Rethinking the Food System's Wiring, a two-hour, high-impact session for food system leaders. Through candid insights, rigorous analysis and collaborative roundtables, it will unpack what's broken, explore the new Re-WIRE framework, and align on targeted solutions, with deep dives in the soy, beef, wheat, and cocoa value chains. Expect actionable strategies, cross-sector dialogue, and a clear call to rewire and respond to the food system's urgent challenges. Key Contact: Melanie Levine, levine@wbcsd.org	Growing the impact and reach of value chains	Click here to register



Emission Reduction Accelerator (ERA)

Tuesday, 23 September @Climate Week NYC





ERA
Unlocking AI &
innovation

10:30 – 12:00 | Presentation of WBCSD's ERA and draft Action Plan, and engagement with innovators shaping solutions for value-chain emissions reduction and business creation.

(PoC: filip@wbcsd.org)

REGISTER

Carbon markets role in the transition to net zero

10:30 – 12:00 | Explore the use cases for carbon credits in the transition to net zero and alignment with current policies and standards.

(PoC: gordon@wbcsd.org)

REGISTER

How to procure a diversified carbon removal portfolio

12:15 – 13:45 (lunch) | Practical discussion to grasp the essentials of carbon removal and learn how to procure resilient diversified portfolios

(PoC: buskie@wbcsd.org)

REGISTER

Unlocking AI: the workforce dimension

12:15 – 13:45 (lunch) | Explore the risks and opportunities of Al for the workforce with insights from experts and peers (PoC: kija.brown@wbcsd.org)

REGISTER

The missing piece for decarbonization: demand policies that unlock investment

14:00 − 15:45 | Explore which demand-side policies business needs now and how they unlock investments into near-zero products for industrial decarbonisation

REGISTER

(PoC: heinrich@wbcsd.org)

Accelerating decarbonization of commercial real estate assets

16:00 – 19:00 | Workshop on new business and finance models to retrofit and upgrade real estate assets towards net zero (PoC: ogut@wbcsd.org)

REGISTER

Decarbonizing
fertilizers:
from field to
value chain

15:30 – 17:00 | Launch of the Green Fertilizers pilot to cut Scope 3 emissions, improve farm economics, and support sustainable food systems.

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REGISTER

