



**Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America
25th Regular Session of the CEC Council
and
Sessions of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)
26–27 June 2018**

Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel
10 North Broadway Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 72102, United States

Preliminary Program of Public Events

Tuesday, 26 June 2018

The Future of Environmental Cooperation in North America

The CEC has made substantial contributions to environmental cooperation in North America. It is an innovative model organization that has fostered regional understanding and cooperation on environmental issues, in addition to promoting transparency, openness, and public participation. Over the last 24 years the CEC has pursued many initiatives that have had a significant impact in the region. The Commission has also produced high-quality research and a substantial body of reports on the North American environment and on a wide range of environmental protection issues.

Building on the successful JPAC session that took place last November in Chicago on “NAFTA’S Environmental Side Agreement: Assessing the past, looking towards the future,” the JPAC forum in June will center on two key issues: future areas of trilateral environmental cooperation, and on expanding private sector engagement in future CEC projects and initiatives.

(Central Time)

9:00–10:00 Registration of Participants + CEC Exhibition

An exhibit showcasing the CEC’s work to protect and enhance North America’s environment

10:00–10:05 Opening and Introductory Remarks, by Gustavo Alanís-Ortega, JPAC Chair

10:05–10:20 CEC Presentation, by César Rafael Chávez, CEC Executive Director

10:20–10:40 Keynote presentation, by Scott Vaughan, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

10:40–10:45 Overview of key outcomes from the JPAC Meeting in Chicago by a JPAC Member

- 10:45–12:45 Roundtable 1–Future areas of trilateral environmental cooperation**
- Given the current renegotiation of NAFTA, the CEC has a unique opportunity to renew its focus on environmental issues and economic growth, as highlighted in many JPAC public forums over the past few years. This roundtable will discuss future areas of work for the CEC.
- Moderator:** JPAC member
- Expert speakers:**
- **Andrew Mangan**, Executive Director, United States Business Council for Sustainable Development (*invited*)
 - **Alejandro Sosa Reyes**, Executive Director, Iniciativa GEMI (*invited*)
 - **Jean Piette**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Quebec Business Council on the Environment (*Conseil Patronal de l'Environnement du Québec, CPEQ*)
- 12:45–13:45 Lunch [provided]**
- 13:45–15:45 Roundtable 2–Enhancing CEC engagement with the private sector**
- Building on the discussion of the previous session, the second roundtable will focus on ways to better engage the private sector in future CEC work.
- Moderator:** JPAC member
- Expert speakers:**
- **Roger Fragua**, president, Cota Holdings, LLC
 - **Alejandro R. Nyssen Ocaranza**, Partner, Nyssen Consultores
 - **Ryan Greer**, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Policy, Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- 15:45–16:00 Break**
- 16:00–16:30 Wrap-up discussion with experts and audience (in-person and online)**
- 16:30–16:45 Update on Submissions on Enforcement Matters**
- 16:45–16:55 Report from the National and Governmental Advisory Committee Representatives**
- 16:55–17:00 Closing Remarks and Session Adjournment, by Gustavo Alanís-Ortega, JPAC Chair**
- 17:00–17:30 Break**
- 17:30–17:50 Official Opening of the 2018 Council Session**
- 18:45–20:30 Reception at Chickasaw Ballpark, Oklahoma City**

<p>Wednesday, 27 June 2018</p>

- 10:00–11:45 Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Exhibition**
- An exhibit showcasing the CEC's work to protect and enhance North America's environment
- 11:45–14:00 Lunch [provided]**

14:00–14:30 Break

14:30–17:00 **Council Public Session–Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth**

A roundtable dialogue with the Ministers and invited experts from the private sector, academia, and provincial/state governments on how innovation and green growth can be advanced through policy, partnerships, education and technology.

Presentations of the [CEC Youth Innovation Challenge](#) winners.