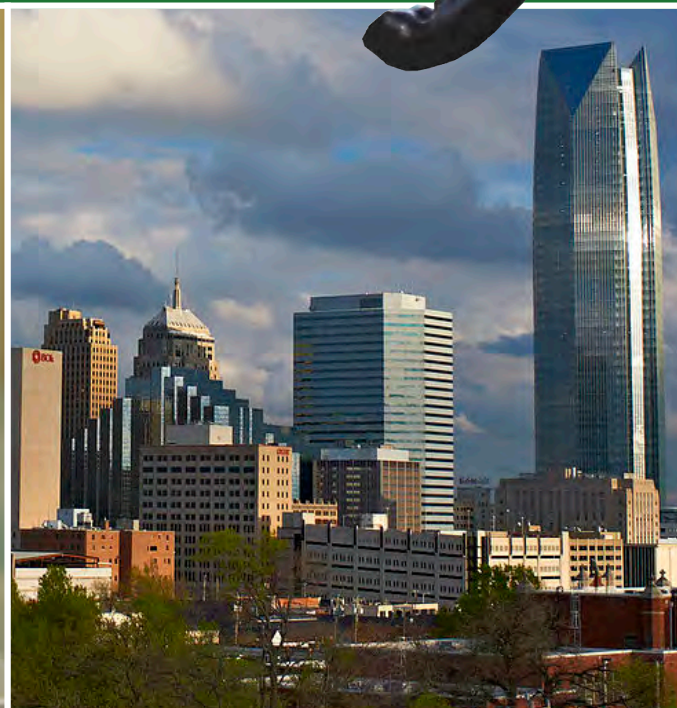


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## Program of Public Events 26–27 June 2018



Oklahoma City 2018

25<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)  
Council and Sessions of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)

Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel  
10 North Broadway Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102, United States



Tuesday, 26 June 2018

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## JPAC Forum: 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 will center on two key issues: future areas of trilateral environmental cooperation and expanding private sector engagement in future CEC projects and initiatives.

(Central Time)

**9:00–10:00**    **Registration of Participants + CEC Exhibition** – *LV2 Prefunction East*

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 – *Ballroom A-B*

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

**10:20–10:40**    **Keynote Presentation** by **Aaron Cosbey**, Senior Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

**10:40–10:45**    **Overview of key outcomes from the JPAC meeting in Chicago** by **Robert Varney**, 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:** **Paola Hernández Villalvazo**, JPAC member

Expert speakers:

**Jean Piette**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Quebec Business Council on the Environment (*Conseil Patronal de l’Environnement du Québec*, CPEQ)

**Alejandro Sosa Reyes**, Executive Director, *Iniciativa GEMI*

**12:45–13:45**    **Lunch [provided]** – *Ballroom D-E*



## Tuesday, 26 June 2018

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- 13:45–15:45 Roundtable 2 – Enhancing CEC engagement with the private sector – Ballroom A-B**  
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: Sabaa Khan**, JPAC member  
Expert speakers:  
**Alejandro R. Nyssen Ocaranza**, General Director, Nyssen Consultores  
**Ryan Greer**, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Policy, Canadian Chamber of Commerce  
**John Bradburn**, Chief Materials & Sustainability Officer, Pathway 21
- 15:45–16:00** Break
- 16:00–16:30 Wrap-up discussion with experts and audience (in-person and online) – Ballroom A-B**
- 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
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- 17:15–17:40 Official Opening of the 2018 Council Session – Ballroom A-B**
- 18:45–20:30 Reception at Chickasaw Ballpark, Oklahoma City**

## Wednesday, 27 June 2018

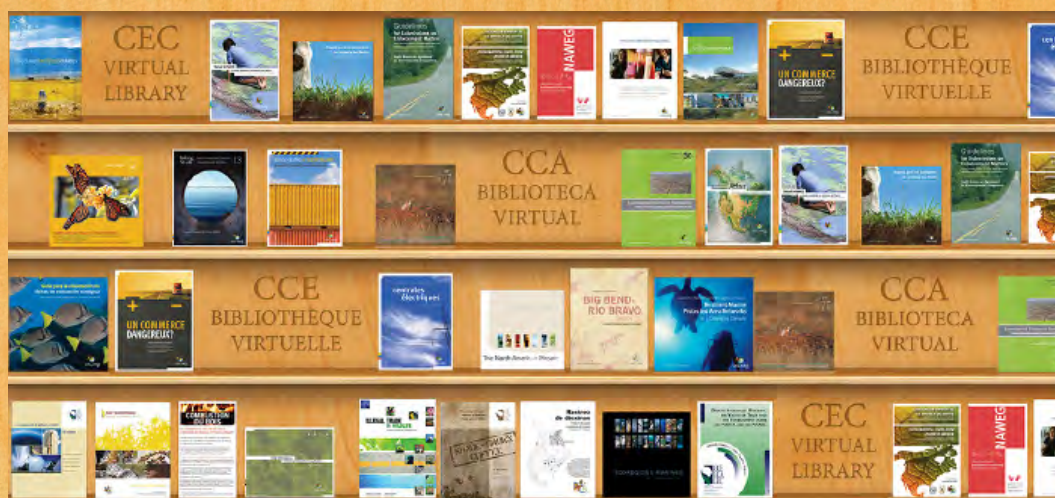
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- 10:00–11:45 Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Exhibition – LV2 Prefunction East**  
An exhibit showcasing the CEC's work to protect and enhance North America's environment
- 11:45–14:00 Lunch [provided] – Ballroom D-E**
- 14:00–14:30** Break
- 14:30–17:00 Council Public Session–Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth – Ballroom A-B**  
A roundtable dialogue with the Council 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**.



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