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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19   REGISTRATION OPEN 9 AM – 6:30 PM				
1:45–2:45 p.m.	OPENIN	G SESSION		
2:45–3 p.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits			
3–4:15 p.m.	Current & Trending Directions of Environmental Markets			
4:15–4:30 p.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits			
4:30–5:45 p.m.	Global Poli	cy Roundtable		
5:45–7:15 p.m.	<b>OPENING RECEPTION •</b> Spon	sored by Earth Recovery Partners		
	THURSDAY, JULY 20   REGISTRATIO	N OPEN 7 AM – 5:30 PM		
7:15–8 a.m.	Networking Light Continental in Exhibits			
8–9:30 a.m.	Framework and Standard Setting, Measuring and Tracking			
9:30–9:45 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits			
9:45–11 a.m.	Carbon Market Mechanisms, Pr	actice, Outcomes & Measurements		
11–11:15 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits			
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Biodiversity Market Mechanisms, Practice, Outcomes, Measurements			
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Networking Lunch – Enjoy lunch and join the Roundtable Discussions.			
1–2 p.m.	1 Agriculture & Nature-based Assets	8 Opportunities for Family Offices, Foundations, Impact Investors & Venture Philanthropists		
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS	2 Reforestation	9 Equity, Indigenous Peoples, Disadvantaged Communities		
(rotating)	3 Beaver Dam Analogs	10 Renewable Energy Credits		
	4 Biodiversity Crediting	11 Insurance and Asset Protection		
	5 Landowner Engagement	12 Freshwater, Streams, Wetlands, Water Quality		
	6 Resiliency and Pre-Disaster Natural Infrastructure and Funding	13 Living Shorelines		
	7 Data Ecosystems: Exploring How to Interface Data			
2:15–3 p.m.	Water Scarcity	Quantity Markets		
3–3:15 p.m.	Networking	Break in Exhibits		
3:15–4 p.m.	Water Qu	ality Markets		
4–4:15 p.m.	Networking	Break in Exhibits		
4:15–5:30 p.m.	Connecting Env	ronmental Markets		
6:15–8 p.m.	Water Scarcity Traveling Art Exhib	it Launch Event • CSU Hydro Building		
	FRIDAY, JULY 21   REGISTRATION	OPEN 7 AM – 3:30 PM		
7:15–8 a.m.	Networking Light	Continental in Exhibits		
8–9 a.m.		g Environmental Markets		
9:05–10 a.m.	Networking Connect with Tech and Data Solution Providers			
10–10:15 a.m.		Break in Exhibits		
10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	· ·	mitments – Part 1: Doing Good		
12:15 p.m.	Grab Box Lunch in Exhibits and Join Session			
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Corporate & Municipal Commitments – Part 2: Business Models as a Strategy			
1:45–2 p.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits			
2–3:30 p.m.	Investment and Finance			
3:30–3:45 p.m.	Closing	J Remarks		





### Driving progress for meaningful environmental outcomes.



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

#### 1:45-2:45 p.m. **OPENING**

MODERATOR: George Kelly, CEO, Earth Recovery Partners

#### Welcome to Denver

**Grace Rink**, Chief Climate Officer and Executive Director, Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency, City of Denver

#### Keynote

**Edward B. Barbier**, Author of **Economics for a Fragile Planet** University Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics and Senior Scholar, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Colorado State University

2:45-3 p.m. Networking Break in Exhibits



#### 3-4:15 p.m. Current & Trending Directions of Environmental Markets

*Perspectives and insights on trends and directions at a national and global level.* MODERATOR: George Kelly, CEO, Earth Recovery Partners

Lauren Mechak, Senior Director, Asset Innovations, ClimeCo

Pieter Krans, Deputy Director, ICF Climate Center

Adam Davis, Managing Partner, Ecosystem Investment Partners

4:15-4:30 p.m. Networking Break in Exhibits



#### 4:30-5:45 p.m. Global Policy Roundtable

A moderated discussion with policymakers. MODERATOR: Tim Male, Executive Director, Environmental Policy Innovation Center

Kevin Scott, President, RESOLVE Canada

**Laura Grant**, Policy Lead, Biodiversity Net Gain, Market and Statutory Credits, UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Charles Bedford, Chief Impact Officer, Carbon Growth Partners, Hong Kong

#### 5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. **Opening Reception**, Sponsored by Legacy Partner



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## THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:15 a.m.	Networking Light Continental in Exhibits	
8-9:30 a.m.	Framework and Standard Setting, Measuring and Tracking Standards, measurements and reporting of progress and outcomes. MODERATOR: Ben Guillon, CEO, Conservation Investment Management	
	Steve Martin, U.S. Wetlands and Species Mitigation Expert	
	Craig Ebert, President, Climate Action Reserve	
	Spencer Plumb, Manager, Forest Carbon Innovation, Verra	
	Doug MacNair, Technical Manager, Capitals Coalition	
	<b>Laura Nelson</b> , Associate Director of Market Engagement, International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation	
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits	
9:45-11 a.m.	Carbon Market Mechanisms, Practice, Outcomes & Measurements MODERATOR: Sam Gledhill, Head of Commercial, Trove Research	
	Dominic Sutton-Vermuelen, Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer, MillPont	
	Tim Brown, CEO, Tradewater	
	Clark O'Bannon, Senior Investment Analyst, Environmental Commodity Partners	
11-11:15 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits	
11:15-12:30 p.m.	Biodiversity Market Mechanisms, Practice, Outcomes & Measurements MODERATOR: Travis Hemmen, President, Westervelt Ecological Services	
	Edward Pollard, Strategic Director, Nature Strategies, The Biodiversity Consultancy	
	Mariana Sarmiento, CEO, Terrasos	
	Paul Dettmann, Founder, Cassinia Environmental	
	Tim Coles, CEO and Director, rePLANET	



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12:30-1:30 p.m.

Enjoy lunch and join the roundtable discussions.

Virtual Connect (virtual) 1-2 p.m. **Rotational Roundtable Discussions (in-person)** The following mix of rotational topic tables are for in-person attendees.

**Networking Lunch** 

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1 Agriculture & Nature-based Assets - BASF	8 Family Offices, Foundations, Impact Investors and Venture Philanthropists in Conservation Finance - Walton Family Foundation, The Conservation Fund, Conservation Investment Management
2 Reforestation - <i>Renew, U.S. Forest</i>	9 Equity, Indigenous Peoples, Disadvantaged
Service	Communities - <i>Ecological Workforce Initiative</i>
3 Beaver Dam Analogs - Ecotone,	10 Renewable Energy Credits - Environmental
5 Smooth Stones Restoration	Commodity Partners
4 Biodiversity Crediting - Terrasos,	11 Insurance and Asset Protection - Great American
Common Ground Capital	Insurance Company
5 Landowner Engagement - Bureau of	12 Freshwater, Streams, Wetlands, Water Quality -
Land Management, ENVU	Stantec, Ducks Unlimited
6 Resiliency and Pre-Disaster Natural Infrastructure and Funding	<b>13</b> Living Shorelines - <i>Ecotone, Wilkinson Ecological</i>
7 Data Ecosystems - Exploring How to Interface Data - <i>MillPont</i>	

Water Scarcity / Quantity Markets 2:15-3 p.m. Examples of practice, market-mechanisms, outcomes, and measurement. MODERATOR: Brett Bovee, President, WestWater Research Jason Lee, Director, Quantified Ventures Kate Ryan, Executive Director, Colorado Water Trust Mark Cassalia, Senior Business Engagement Manager, UNGC CEO Water Mandate and Pacific Institute envl ecotone **Networking Break in Exhibits** 3-3:15 p.m. Water Quality Markets 3:15-4 p.m. Examples of practice, market-mechanisms, outcomes, and measurement. MODERATOR: Mark S. Kieser, Senior Scientist, Kieser & Associates, LLC Mark O'Leary, Client Solutions Manager, RES and Wisconsin Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse Jordan Shockley, CEO and Founder, Blue Oyster Environmental Kevin Mercer, Co-Founder and CEO, RainGrid, Inc. ecotone Networking Break in Exhibits 4-4:15 p.m.

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4:15-5:30 p.m. Connecting Environmental Markets MODERATOR: Conor Gillespie, CEO, Ecotone Prof. David Hill, Chairman, Environment Bank, UK David Lach, Director, Natural Climate Solutions, Anew Richard Saines, Managing Director, Pollination Group

6:15-8 p.m. Water Scarcity Traveling Art Exhibit Launch Event CSU Hydro Building (see Registration for directions)

All attendees are invited to the opening of the exhibition and to meet artist David Brewster and other invited guests.

#### Traveling Art Exhibit sponsored by:

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## FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:15 a.m.	Networking Light Continental in Exhibits	
8-9 a.m.	<b>Technology Supporting Environmental Markets</b> Examples of technology assisting in positive environmental outcomes, tracking, monitoring, and emerging trends. MODERATOR: Steve Rowe, CEO, Biofiltro	
	Jay Potter, CEO, ECOR	
	Mark Desantis, CEO, Bloomfield Robotics	
	Jay Cashubec, Head of Business Development, North America, NatureMetrics	
	Ned Harvey, CEO, Digital Gaia	
9:05-10 a.m.	<b>Networking Connect with Tech and Data Solution Providers</b> Connect with Tech Panel and other participating tech and data solution providers at roundtables.	
10-10:15 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits	



10:15 a.m.	Corporate & Municipal Commitments — Creating and Delivering Good Promises	
	A two-part panel covering a wide range of commitments including Net Zero, Nature Positive, Water Foot Printing and more as they discuss their successes and challenges and strategies.	
10:15 a.m12:15 p.m.	.m. Part I: Corporate & Municipal Doing Good MODERATOR: Jody Bickel, CEO, Creekbank Associates	
	Hannie Fisher, Director, Sustainability and Decarbonization, Civitas Resources	
	Elizabeth Sheppard, Manager, ISC and Agriculture Strategy, McCain Foods	
	Kathleen Niesen, Sustainability Professional	
	Amy Bourne, Director, Global Sustainability, Marriott International	
	Jeff West, Senior Director, Xcel Energy	
	Angela Bricmont, CFO, Denver Water	
12:15 p.m.	Grab Box Lunch in Exhibits and Join Session	
12:30-1:45 p.m.	Part II: Business Models as a Strategy MODERATOR: George Kelly, CEO Earth Recovery Partners	
	Ted Brown, Senior Water Resources Engineer, Practice Leader, Biohabitats	
	Matt Nespeca, Head of ESG and New Business Models, Envu	
	Stephen D'Esposito, President and CEO, Resolve and Regeneration	
	Elliott Bouillion, Founder & Vice Chairman, Resource Environmental Solutions	
1:45-2 p.m.	Networking Break in Exhibits	
2-3:30 p.m.	Investment and Finance in Environmental Markets	
·	Experts in private and blended finance, impact investing, impact bonds, operation finance discuss examples of success, failures, and challenges. MODERATOR: Peter Howell, Interim Executive Director, The Conservation Finance Network	
	<b>Susan N. Dorsey</b> , Senior Vice President – Finance, Administration & Impact Investing, Gates Family Foundation	
	Tim Mooradd, Director of Investments, Hannon Armstrong Securities (HASI)	
	Megan Reilly Cayten, Senior Investment Manager, Climate Asset Management, UK	
	Katie Wu, Director, Global Impact, KKR	
3:30 -3:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks	