Still delivering climate action

Our opening session puts the US federal climate agenda in context of where we are today, domestically, and internationally.

Has action on climate shifted?
With growing security, energy, and humanitarian concerns abroad, and a dramatic shift in support domestically, how will this impact climate action, and what does this mean for our international climate goals?

There are more untapped opportunities in every state
Climate change is happening, right now. Every state and every business is being impacted. But the net zero transition presents far greater opportunities. Many of them untapped.

Delivering the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
This session comes at a time when the BIL is about to kick into action. So will it deliver? And what more is needed?

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Delivering on justice and equity

The transition to net zero will only be successful if it creates opportunities for people and puts communities first.

We’ve made progress, but what’s next?
Justice40, the Building a Better America Bill, and the BIL have pushed us forward. State-based net zero and just transition plans are putting people first. But progress has not been equal from state to state and recent development on the Hill has slowed momentum. This session asks: what’s next? And how do we maintain meaningful momentum beyond these initiatives?

Justice, inclusion, and equity is everyone’s responsibility
Federal and State governments and business leaders must prioritize people in their decision making and plans. What does leadership look like today? How can companies take action? How can state and federal government align to support greater action on equity?

Beyond our boarders
We’re just 6 months until COP27. We need our leaders and high emitting countries to step up, lead the way, and show the developing world they are ready. What needs to happen in the next 6 months to show the world we’re ready to act?

Closing plenary agenda
4:00pm – 5:00pm ET

4:00pm – 4:05pm
Welcome back
Angela Barranco, Executive Director for North America, Climate Group

4:05pm – 4:20pm
In conversation: Climate, health and equity
Xavier Becerra, Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services
Moderated by: Angela Barranco, Executive Director for North America, Climate Group

4:20pm – 4:55pm
Panel discussion: Justice, jobs, and the BIL
Maintaining progress and continuing to put people at the heart of our plans is essential to meet net zero goals. Yes, progress has been good and there are many examples. But justice, equity, and inclusion won’t be met by one bill. Progress needs to be continuous.

This session explores how we can make sure the clean economy creates opportunities for all in the face of recent developments on Capitol Hill. We must continue to invest in projects that support communities most at risk, meet decarbonization goals, protect our environment, and create well paid jobs. All critical for the clean economy.

Speakers:
Shalanda Baker, Secretarial Advisor on Equity and Deputy Director for Energy Justice, US Department of Energy
Basil Seggos, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Jahi Wise, Senior Advisor for Climate Policy and Finance, White House
Moderated by: Angela Barranco, Executive Director for North America, Climate Group

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Closing remarks
Angela Barranco, Executive Director for North America, Climate Group