MIDWEST CLIMATE SUMMIT

If the 12 states that comprise the Midwest were a country, they would be the 5th largest greenhouse gas emitting nation on the planet.

Global change starts with local action

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The prevalence of industry and agriculture in the Midwest means that the region uses 20% more energy per dollar of GDP than the national average.

Climate solutions are economic solutions.

The Great Lakes contain 84% of North America's surface freshwater and provide drinking water to more than 40 million people.

It's crucial to protect Midwestern natural resources.

Nearly 150 Fortune 500 companies are founded or headquartered in the Midwest.

Together we can build a thriving green economy.

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The Midwest is home to one-third of all U.S. manufacturing operations.

Together we can change the conversation on climate.

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More than 40 million Midwesterners experience air quality that fails to meet national ambient air quality standards.

We can work together to improve regional air quality.

The Big Ten Academic Alliance, based in the Midwest, enrolls 600,000 students, employs 50,000 faculty, and conducts $10.6 billion in research.

Let’s use our expertise to create change.

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The Midwest is home to several of the nation's fastest-growing tech talent markets, including Chicago, Cleveland, and St. Louis.

We have the opportunity to lead on climate action.

The Midwest Climate Summit is a truly collaborative event.
Thanks to our partner institutions who helped make this Think Tank happen.

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Mission and Vision

Mission:

The Midwest Climate Summit will expand climate knowledge, accelerate climate action, and catalyze new partnerships that deepen expertise and develop a Midwestern response to the climate crisis.

Vision:

The two-part Midwest Climate Summit will launch the Midwest Climate Collaborative: A collective movement to accelerate climate action in the Midwest by creating evidence, catalyzing action, informing public knowledge and public policy, and developing the future leaders needed to sustain and expand this work.

Structure

Two Part Event:

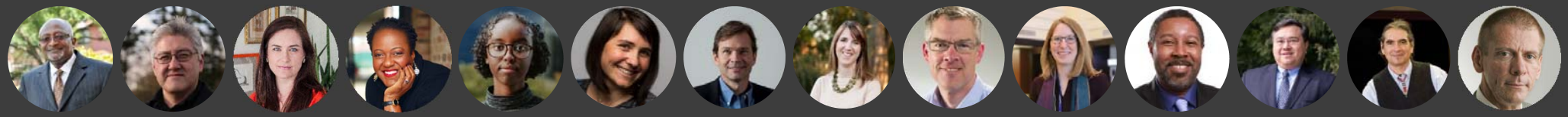
Fall 2020 “Think Tank” virtual series taking place five Fridays: October 2, October 9, October 23, November 6, and November 20. A Spring 2021 major Summit event where cross-sector organizations throughout the Midwest will reconvene to announce new tangible climate actions, expanded commitments, and new cross-sector partnerships.

Planning Committees:

- Climate Action
- Science & Research
- Outreach & Engagement
- Teaching and Education

Summit keynote schedule:

- Friday, October 2 – **Kick-Off**
- Friday, October 9 – **Science & Research:** "The Future of Extreme Climate Events in the Midwest"
- **TODAY** – **Climate Action:** "Ambition, Economics, and a Just Transition in the Midwest"
- Friday, November 9 – **Teaching & Education:** "Building New Partnerships: Finding Common Ground for Successful Climate Action"
- Friday, November 20 – **Outreach & Engagement:** "Communicating the Crisis: Should We Just Change the Subject?"



Friday, October 2:

- 10:00-10:55 am, CT – **Keynote Speaker:** Robert Bullard
- 11:00-11:15 am, CT – **Science & Research Presentation** – Chris Caldwell
- 11:15-11:30 am, CT – **Teaching Presentation** – Katharine Wilkinson
- 11:30-11:45 am, CT – **Outreach and Engagement Presentation** – Heather McTeer Toney
- 11:45-12:00 pm, CT – **Climate Action Session** – Isra Hirsi
- 12:00-12:30 pm, CT – Panel Discussion and Closing Remarks

Friday, October 9

- 10:00-10:40 am, CT – Keynote Presentation: “The Future of Extreme Climate Events in the Midwest”
  - **Heidi Roop** – University of Minnesota
  - **Gabe Filippelli** – Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
  - **Jessica Hellman** – University of Minnesota
  - **Daniel Vimont** – University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 10:45-12:00 pm, CT – Concurrent Workshops
  - **Science & Research** - The Future of Extreme Climate Events in the Midwest
  - **Teaching & Education** - Being Sustainability
  - **Outreach and Engagement** - Climate Change Coverage in a Changing Media Environment
  - **Climate Action** - Rising to the Challenge: Setting Ambitious Climate Commitments

Friday, October 23:

- 10:00-10:40 am, CT– **Keynote:** "Ambition, Economics, and a Just Transition in the Midwest"
  - **Carla Frisch** – Rocky Mountain Institute
  - **Delmar Gillus** – Elevate Energy
  - **Neil Hawkins** – Erb Family Foundation
- 10:45-12:00 pm, CT – **Concurrent Workshops**
  - **Climate Action** – "Building Cross-Sector Partnerships to Accelerate Action"
  - **Outreach & Engagement** – "Building New Partnerships: Finding Common Ground for Successful Climate Action"
  - **Science & Research** – "Climate Solutions in Public Health and Communities"
  - **Teaching & Education** – "Teaching Climate Across the Curriculum"

Friday, November 6

- 10:00-10:40 am, CT– **Keynote:** "Building New Partnerships: Finding Common Ground for Successful Climate Action"
  - **Daniel Wildcat** – Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group
- 10:45-12:00 pm, CT – **Concurrent Workshops**
  - **Climate Action** – "Planning for a Resilient Future"
  - **Outreach & Engagement** – "Actions Speak Louder than Words: Moving Discussions towards Solutions"
  - **Science & Research** – "Agriculture as a Climate Solution"
  - **Teaching & Education** – "From Campus to Community: Educating Today's Climate Experts"
- 1:00-3:30 pm, CT – **Student Systems Conference**

Friday, November 20

- 10:00-11:15 am, CT – Concurrent Workshops
  - Climate Action – "Advancing Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization"
  - Outreach & Engagement – "The Science of Climate Communication: How to Reach Conservatives and Moderates"
  - Science & Research – "Challenges and Solutions in Renewable Energy for the Midwest"
  - Teaching & Education – "A Rising Tide Must Lift All Boats: Redefining Workforce Development in a Green Economy to Ensure Just Transition"
- 11:20 am-12:15 pm, CT– Keynote and Closing Remarks: "Communicating the Crisis: Should We Just Change the Subject?"
  - Justin Gillis – Former New York Times Climate Reporter

Spring Summit

March 26 or April 9. Details to be announced at November 20 wrap-up.

High-profile event that is an action-forcing event – a deadline to come back together with new commitments, new action, new partnerships, and new resources.

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