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## **CARBON EXPO 2012: The Interface between Industry and Technology & Climate and Carbon Finance**

**From 30th May to 1st June 2012 in Cologne**

**2012 is going to be an important and labour-intensive year as far as the emissions-trading process is concerned. The CO<sub>2</sub> market and all participating interest groups will be addressing a large range of fundamentally significant topics. The focal points of discussion will include the effects of the Global Climate Conference in Durban and economic forecasts for the EU and their influence on emissions trading. Such topics will once again be discussed in great depth at the ninth CARBON EXPO — the world's leading international trade fair and congress for climate and carbon finance, emissions trading, solutions for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction and new technologies, which will take place in Cologne from 30th May to 1st June.**

The pattern of international climate change policy has been fundamentally changed by Durban; and the emissions trading world is being changed by the actions both developed and developing countries are now taking. Although the compromise formula reached by all 194 countries at the end of the Global Climate Conference in Durban on 11th December 2011 leaves many questions and challenges still to be addressed, a second commitment period for the Kyoto Protocol has been established and a pathway has been created towards negotiating – by 2015 at the latest – a new legal agreement operating from 2020 that applies to all countries – developed and developing, with existing Kyoto targets or without.



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At the same time, more countries, cities and states have become convinced that emissions trading is the most important instrument when it comes to reducing emissions. Europe continues to lead the way. In the past year, great strides have been made in China, California, Australia, Quebec and other Canadian provinces. Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and Chile are also moving. Yet in every location political risk, as well as opportunity, abounds. Using an inclusive approach, CARBON EXPO provides the ideal platform for interface between different worlds – where the green tech scene meets the climate financing scene. Around 3,000 participants are coming to Cologne for Carbon Expo 2012, as well as close to 200 exhibitors from more than 80 countries.

Many of them have already registered, representing a wide range of sectors such as technology industries, conventional energy and renewable energy providers, exchanges and financial corporations, consulting and legal firms, governments and investment promotion agencies. Examples of these include the Green Exchange, SGS, RWE Power, BlueNext - NYSE, Corporacion Andina De Fomento, Co2 Global Solutions International, Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, Norton Rose Group, EDF Trading, Linklaters, TÜV Nord CERT, Nasdaq OMX, The Gold Standard Foundation, European Investment Bank, European Energy Exchange, Carbon Trade Exchange, The Carbon Neutral, Endress+Hauser Conducta, Virtuse Energy, Inter-American Development Bank, CDC Climat, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation, South Pole Carbon Asset Management, The Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems, Eneco Energy Trade, AitherCO2, EcoSecurities International, Geotechnical Instruments, CM Capital Markets, Pro2 Anlagentechnik, Perspectives GmbH, myclimate foundation-The Climate Protection, Standard Bank, AENOR, Allen & Overy, TÜV Rheinland Group and many more.

The two main pillars of CARBON EXPO — the Trade Fair and Congress — form the interface between sellers, buyers of emission rights and their intermediaries, thus ensuring that the CO2 market functions successfully at the international level. The driving forces behind the international emissions market are above all the activities of the international community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the voluntary measures of multinational

corporations and industries that wish to make a contribution to climate protection and more sustainable production processes.  
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**Note for journalists:** You can obtain further information about the trade fair and congress (including images and information on media services) in the Press section of the website ([www.carbonexpo.com](http://www.carbonexpo.com)), by calling +49 (0)221 821-2960, or by sending a fax enquiry to +49 (0)221 821-3285.

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