



The Association of Climate Change Officers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization for executives and officials worldwide in industry, government, academia and the non-profit community. ACCO seeks to enable all organizations to be more sustainable by building enterprise capacity and empowering leaders to respond to climate change threats and increase business competitiveness.

MISSION: ACCO defines, develops and supports the functions, resources and communities necessary for effective organizational leadership in addressing climate-related risks and opportunities.

Highlights

- Professionals from more than 150 leading organizations have formally participated in ACCO as members, partners or advisors
- Sole partner to the White House Council on Environmental Quality in producing the GreenGov Symposium in 2011 and 2012
- Partner to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in administering the EPA's Climate Leadership Awards since 2011
- Recognized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as an NGO Observer in 2013
- Founded in 2008 and incorporated in 2009; first membership oriented professional development organization for climate change practitioners across all sectors
- More than 4,000 climate, sustainability and environmental professionals have participated in ACCO programs since 2011

Key Initiatives

CCO™ Certification

ACCO envisions the transformation of business practices to reduce global warming pollution; partnerships that revolutionize the resiliency of supply chains; and governmental engagement to achieve climate change mitigation and adaptation ensuring a world economy based on resiliency. In effort to achieve this transformation, ACCO is establishing a modular certification program that enables leaders to pursue tailored curriculum for their individual needs, organizational sectors and job functions. This program is designed to develop a climate-savvy workforce, as well as recognize individuals with the CCO™ designation and modular certificates related to their respective roles.

Women's Climate Collaborative

Positioning women to demonstrate leadership and advance their careers while harnessing their commitment to address climate change. The WCC was established to encourage and promote the professional advancement of women in the climate and sustainability professions.

Community: Climate Change Professionals

- Professionals whose responsibilities are focused exclusively upon addressing climate change impacts on operations
- Professionals charged with addressing sustainability and environmental issues related to an organization's operations
- Professionals whose primary functions are in areas not traditionally considered environmental roles (e.g. procurement)
- Professionals with expertise in climate change whose efforts are not focused upon their own organization's operations

Current Research

- Analyzing climate governance structures in national and subnational government
- Researching stress impacts upon climate-focused professionals in large organizations

Future CCOs Fellowship Program

This program establishes a professional track for graduates pursuing opportunities in the profession of climate change leadership. Employer partners have included The Coca-Cola Company, City of Las Vegas, Lockheed Martin, Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and WGL Holdings, and university partners are Duke University's Nicholas School for the Environment, Arizona State University School for Sustainability, Bren School of Environmental Management at UC-Santa Barbara, and Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Knowledge Center

Development and publication of a growing library of research projects, case studies and white papers. Current long-term projects include research on climate governance structures and practices in the public sector, job stress amongst climate practitioners, and best practices for large-scale renewable energy strategies

Annual Programs

- **Climate Strategies Forum** (www.ClimateStrategiesForum.org)
- **Defense, National Security & Climate Change Symposium** (www.ClimateSecurity.US)
- **Operation Supply Chain Workshop** (supplychain.ACCOonline.org)
- **Rising Seas Summit** (www.RisingSeasSummit.org)
- **Climate Leadership Conference and Awards Program** (www.ClimateLeadershipConference.org)

In partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Climate Registry, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Scores of renowned experts and public officials have been featured on ACCO programs, including:

- Senators Sheldon Whitehouse & Bernie Sanders
- U.S. Department of the Interior Asst Secretary Anne Castle
- Congressmen Paul Tonko & Scott Peters
- Tom Steyer, Philanthropist and Environmentalist
- EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy
- Former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter
- White House OSTP Director John Holdren
- Bank of America Board Chair Chad Holliday
- White House CEQ Chairs Nancy Sutley & Michael Boots
- Climate Scientists Michael Mann and Richard Somerville
- Renowned Author Dan Esty
- Oceanographer Sylvia Earle

Convening and Collaborating Across Communities

ACCO partners and collaborates with more than 50 nonprofit institutions on wide range of educational activities and research initiatives. Partners have included:

- AASHE
- California Office of Planning & Research
- ICLEI-USA
- The Climate Registry
- ACORE
- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- USGBC
- Alliance to Save Energy
- C2ES
- NOAA
- American Carbon Registry
- CDP
- NYCDEP
- U.S. EPA
- Climate Action Reserve
- Second Nature
- White House CEQ

Delivering Value: ACCO Members & Partners Tell How

“ACCO has been a significant element of my growth and success as a carbon and energy professional. I have found the content, opportunity to make an impact and networking top notch.”

TJ DiCaprio, Sr. Director, Carbon & Energy, Environmental Sustainability, Microsoft Corporation

“ACCO is a tremendous resource for anyone working on climate change issues, either within a company, inside a government agency or otherwise. Despite the shifting politics of climate change, it is essential that professionals continue sharing the knowledge, best practices and strategies for effectively managing greenhouse gas emissions and for mitigating the impacts. ACCO is making a real contribution in that area.”

Bruce Klafter, Senior Director, EH&S, Flextronics

“I have found ACCO an important venue to learn what peer companies are thinking, to learn how the U.S. Government's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are evolving, to learn best practices and to share The Hartford's own lessons and ideas. ACCO is also a great venue to learn the views of the environmental community. My membership in ACCO has been well worth the investment.”

Jay L. Bruns III, Vice President, Public Policy, The Hartford

“Being a member of ACCO has been valuable to me professionally as it has helped me to understand and respond to the expectations of knowledgeable climate stakeholders, and enabled me to give back what I have learned being in the profession for the last 4 years to others in the profession.”

Valerie Patrick, Sustainability Coordinator, Bayer Corporation (retired)

“ACCO is committed to helping individuals, corporations, organizations and governments manage energy use in a more sustainable, cost-effective way. It's an honor to support ACCO in its mission to address climate-related challenges and opportunities.

Louis Hutchinson, Chief Revenue Officer, WGL Holdings Inc.

“The best practices and lessons learned from my industry counterparts at ACCO Have made me a more valuable employee, enhanced the insights I can provide to my suppliers and customers, and made me a more effective collaborator across my professional network.”

Michael Mondshine, Vice President, Sustainability and Energy, WSP