carbon unbound EAST COAST

The Definitive Roadmap for Global Carbon Removal



Intro

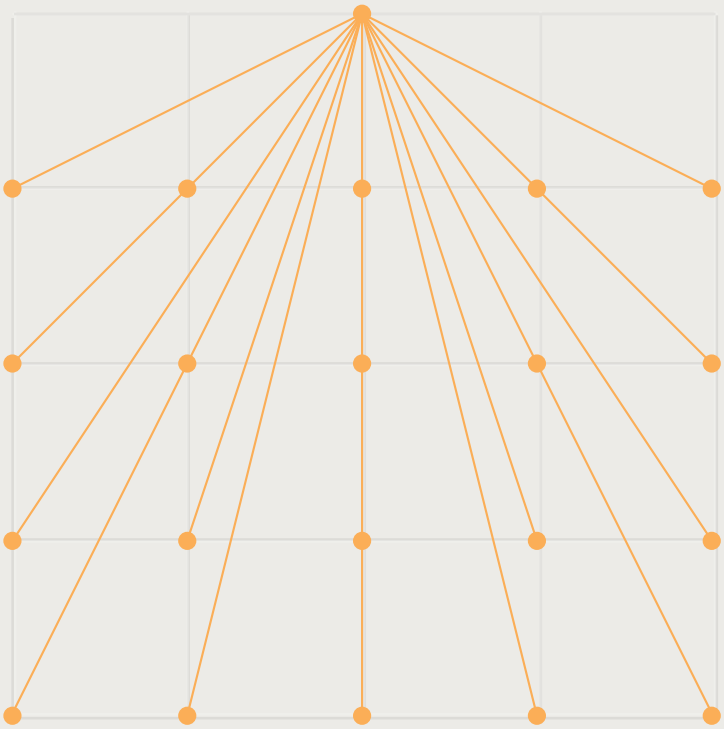
Oliver Katz
Founder & CEO
Unbound Summits



The carbon dioxide removal industry is entering a new phase of maturity. What began as a climate imperative by a few is now being tested against the hard realities of commercial markets, capital discipline, and institutional trust by the many. Carbon Unbound East Coast brought over 400 senior attendees from across the world together to confront that shift head-on.

Many key themes emerged from the program this year - and this report brings together the insights, data, and candid conversations from the summit. A snapshot of an industry moving from promise to proof.

Three that really stood out from the sessions we've chosen to showcase;



1

First, captured carbon is being repositioned not as a liability to be stored, but as an industrial feedstock with real economic value. It's a shift that could unlock demand well beyond climate-driven buyers and strengthen supply chain resilience across sectors.

2

Second, capital is flowing, but on stricter terms. As Marie Clara Buellingen of Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking put it, discussing the bank's landmark $210 million credit facility for Chestnut Carbon, financing negative emissions today is "all about risk allocation, benefits, capital stacks and access to lower the cost of capital". Every party's risk is qualified, mitigated, and priced.

3

Third, the voluntary carbon market itself is at an inflection point, wrestling with whether new infrastructure can raise the bar on integrity without undermining the regulatory credibility the industry has spent years building.

> "Let's not try to be big at the beginning. Let's start small, develop our ideas, and start with something today, even though we don't have all the solutions yet."
>
> -Nicole Sozzi, Chief Operating Officer, Carbon Standards

Underpinning it all was a call for humility and pace. As Nicole Sozzi of Carbon Standards reminded us; the path forward isn't about arriving with every answer solved, it's about starting: "Let's not try to be big at the beginning. Let's start small, develop our ideas, and start with something today, even though we don't have all the solutions yet." Stronger calls of why that urgency matters came from Paula DiPerna with likening our stewardship of the planet to overstaying our welcome in a borrowed home.

On the backdrop of continued political opposition in the US, and starker climate impacts being experienced globally, our team felt incredibly privileged to be chosen by so many to facilitate these conversations. We take this position of industry convener very seriously and will continue to invest countless hours, effort and resources into building events that move the needle and connect the ‘doers’. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new CDR leaders as we shape the future together.

75%
Director-level or above

1256+
meetings booked

250+
unique organisations

40+
unique CDR buyers in attendance



> “SGCIB came in as lenders, and it was all about risk allocation, benefits, capital stacks and access to lower the cost of capital. There was a risk qualification of all parties. How it is mitigated and the residual risks to how to make it all possible.”
>
> - Marie Clara Buellingen, Head of Sustainable Finance Americas, Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking (SGCIB) on the landmark $210 million project finance credit facility for Chestnut Carbon, a first-of-its-kind debt financing for a nature-based CDR project.

Audience Experience

8.2/10
Aggregate Rating

95%
of attendees reported they gained commercial value from attending

89%
registered interest to attend future Carbon Unbound events

"The best carbon conference in North America for both high-value discovery and long-term relationships."
- Matt Wilson Plasek, Terrafront Ventures

"Encouraging to see the full carbon removal ecosystem represented: tech developers, buyers, investors, and more. The conversations clearly showed that the carbon removal market is maturing."
- Jeroen Hakkaart - CO2 CleanUp - SCW Systems

"An amazing experience with amazing people! We always leave this event feeling incredibly energized"
- Thomas Lubin, Interholco

"One of the most grounded carbon market events I've been part of in a while!"
- Bishwa Ranjan Roy, Grow Indigo

Hear
From The Experts



Scaling Carbon Removal in Latin America With Isaac De León (Carbon Business Council)

Watch the interview



The Future of Mitti Labs | Interview with Xavi Laguarta Soler

Watch the interview



Unfiltered Opinions from Carbon Unbound East Coast 2026

Watch the interview

Carbon as a Commodity: Unlocking the Economic Value of Captured Carbon

Listen now

Captured carbon is increasingly being recognised as a valuable industrial feedstock rather than a waste product. This session explored how commercial markets, supportive policy, and cross-sector partnerships can unlock demand, strengthen industrial competitiveness and supply chain resilience, and position carbon dioxide removal as a commercially viable industry beyond climate-driven markets.

Chair: Haley McKey - Associate Director of Partnerships, Carbon Business Council

SPEAKERS:

- **Etosha Cave** - Co-Founder & CSO, Twelve,
- **Jennifer Aurandt-Pilgrim** - VP of Innovation, Marquis Management Inc,
- **Savita Bowman** - Program Director, Advanced Manufacturing & Carbon Innovation, ClearPath



Strengthening the Carbon Market by Rebuilding Trust

Listen now

The voluntary carbon market stands at a critical crossroads as it attempts to mature beyond the early registry models that initially launched the industry. Experts examined why the market has struggled to evolve and discussed how new infrastructure providers can challenge incumbents without destabilizing regulatory acceptance or credibility.

Chair: Paula DiPerna - Co-author, "CARBON HUNTERS: Reflections and Forecasts on Climate Markets in the 21st Century

SPEAKERS:

- **Fredrik Ekström** - Chairman, Nasdaq Stockholm & Puro.earth,
- **Ludovic Chatoux** - Co-Founder & CEO, Rainbow,
- **Madeleine Carnemark** - Director of the Verified Carbon Market (VCM+) Coalition at the Carbon Policy and Markets Initiative, High Tide Foundation,
- **Peter Minor** - Founder & CEO, Absolute Climate,
- **Sinclair Vincent** - Senior Director Program Development, Verra



Financing Negative Emissions: Making Capital Work with Confidence

Listen now

The global transition to a net-zero economy requires carbon removal to mature from a niche climate solution into a mainstream, bankable asset class. Industry experts analyzed what projects must demonstrate to satisfy investors and insurers in today's tighter capital markets and more rigorous due diligence environments.

Chair: Sarabeth Brockley - Partner, Wild Assets

SPEAKERS:

- **Marie Clara Buellingen** - Head of Sustainable Finance Americas, Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking (SGCIB),
- **Lara Whitmore** - Carbon Credits Strategic Advisor, Marsh,
- **Vijnan Batchu** - Global Head, Center For Carbon Transition, Investment Bank, J.P Morgan



Interview with Isometric, Varaha and Supercritical

Q1: How did Isometric, Supercritical, and Varaha first align on the opportunity to create a verifiable biochar category together?

Isometric: Distributed biochar has real climate potential. It brings production to where the biomass is, can scale faster than industrial models, and delivers genuine benefits to the farming communities involved. But the certification frameworks available hadn't matched that potential, which kept distributed biochar out of reach of major buyers.

Suppliers like Varaha wanted access to fast, accurate certification. Buyers like Supercritical wanted a scientifically rigorous framework for high-quality credits. Isometric created the Distributed Biochar Module to close that gap, and experts from both Varaha and Supercritical fed into its development during consultation.



Watch the full interview

Q2: What was the biggest technical or methodological challenge in making this new biochar category "verifiable"?

Isometric: Rigorously certifying distributed biochar required solving two main challenges. The first is emissions management. Traditional artisanal kiln designs can generate methane during pyrolysis if the process is not properly managed, and left unaccounted for, those emissions can negate a project's climate benefit. Isometric's module addresses this directly. Kiln designs must meet specifications for combustion efficiency, feedstock moisture must be below 15% at pyrolysis, and any residual methane and black carbon are explicitly netted off the carbon removal claim.

The second challenge is data quality, specifically how to collect consistent, accurate production data across dozens of distributed kilns. The module requires every kiln to have a registered GPS location, and pyrolysis time and temperature must be recorded for every batch. That creates an auditable production history, and it's what makes rigorous certification of distributed biochar projects possible for the first time.

Q3: How does this category differ from existing carbon removal verification standards already on the market?

Isometric: Three things set Isometric's module apart. First, distributed projects are held to the same bar for quality as industrial biochar. Other certifiers have historically treated distributed production as a lower-quality category, accepting weaker monitoring because the sites are decentralized. Isometric's module doesn't accept that compromise.

Attended by



> “The planet is like a luxurious hotel we are invited to spend time in, and as a thank you, we leave dirty diapers behind”.
>
> - Paula DiPerna - Co-author, “CARBON HUNTERS: Reflections and Forecasts on Climate Markets in the 21st Century"

Presentations

If you would like to use or quote any part of this presentation, please email **production@unboundsummits.com** so that we can obtain authorisation from the speakers.

Select a presentation below to download the slides directly.

Day 01

- Alexander Rink - Insights into the Global Durable Carbon Removal Market
- Gillian Lui: The Next Phase of CDR: Innovation, Finance and Deployment
- Isaac De León - The Next Phase of CDR_ Innovation, Finance and Deployment
- Michelle You - The Next Phase of CDR: Innovation, Finance and Deployment

Day 02

- Na'im Merchant - Canada's Carbon Removal Landscape Update
- OpenAir's 2026 Carbon Removal Challenge Final Showcase

Durable CDR Market Update: From Ambition to Execution

The durable carbon dioxide removal (CDR) market is growing, but becoming more selective. The market is well on its way in the transition from vision to reality".

— By Alexander Rink, Co-Founder CDR.fyi

Read the full report




coast
Gigaton-Scale
Removal
carbon unbo

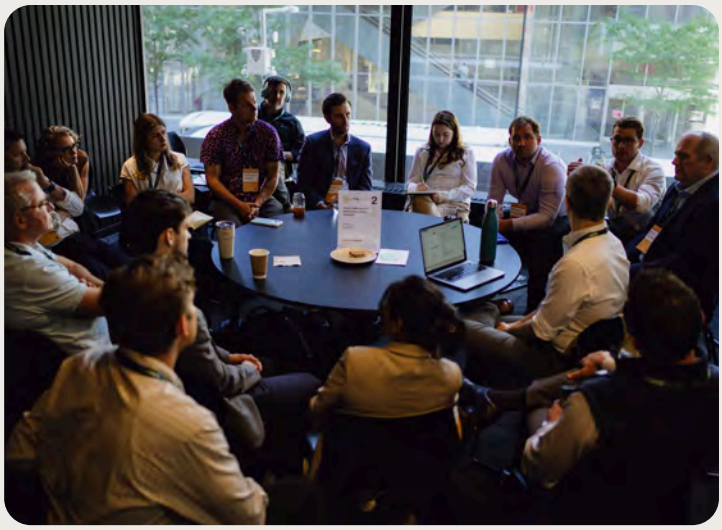


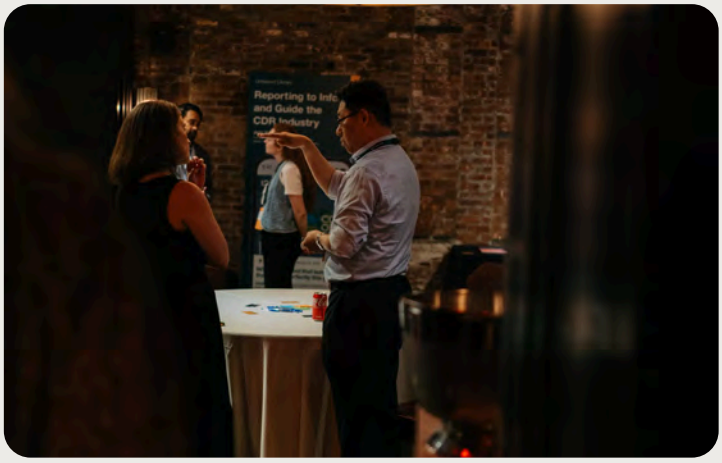





Accelerating Gigaton-Scale
Carbon Di ide Removal
*Carbon levels in the atmosphere
2023
First signs of Neanderthals,
c. 400,000 BCE


carbon unbound east coast
Varsha Walsh
CEO
Offstream





Upcoming Events

Built by a team of event experts, in collaboration with trusted industry leaders, our summits and side events convene the world's decision-makers to scale carbon removal.

Carbon Unbound Europe 2026

Europe's most senior CDR summit returns convening over 400 of the most influential names to accelerate deal flow, procurement and scale.

London **20-21 October 2026**

Secure my place | Become a sponsor



Europe Buyer's Workshop 2026 (Invite-only)

Creating a safe space for CDR buyers of all stages to learn and collaborate.

London
19 October 2026

Carbon Unbound North America 2027

By sea, land & air - removing carbon to prosper

Vancouver
23–24 March 2027

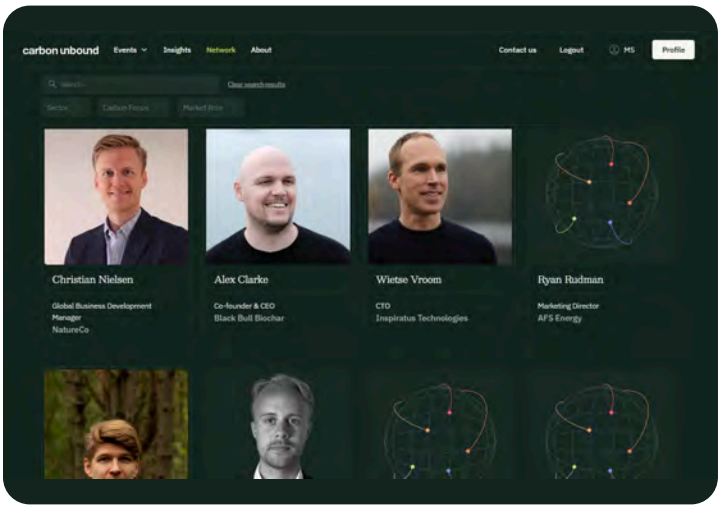
Carbon Unbound Asia 2027

We're expanding to Asia for the very first time! Share your preferred dates and location to help us plan our inaugural launch.

Submit your feedback

Insights & Intelligence

For us, 1+1=4. The CDR landscape is changing fast. We're doing our part by giving it a small, strategic nudge in the right direction. We share our insights to drive long-term progress, and we build our network to power genuine, win-win partnerships.



Unbound Network

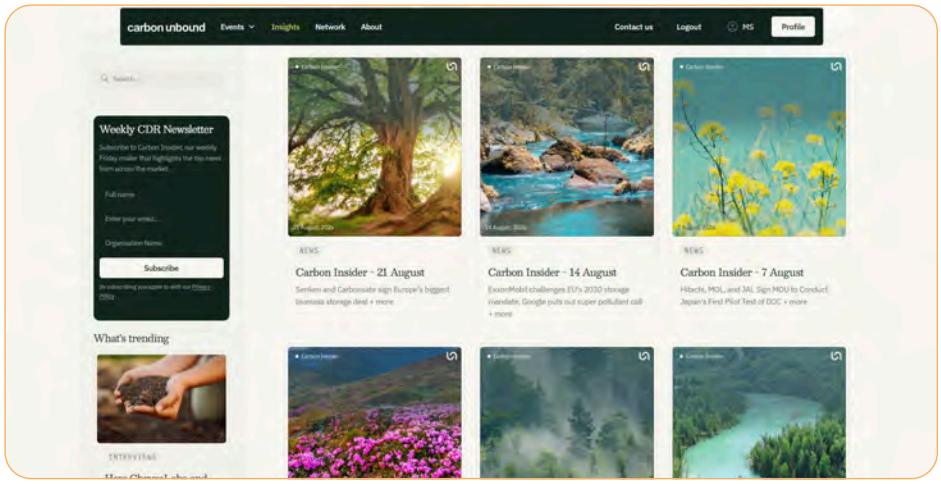
Join more than 2,400 CDR leaders by creating a public profile to showcase your expertise and interests. Use industry-specific filters to easily find and connect with other influential experts at the click of a button.

Explore

Unbound Insights

Featuring the latest insights and learnings from leading carbon experts from around the world. Listen and connect to gain the practical knowledge needed to drive real-world climate solutions forward.

Explore



Thank You
to Our Partners

Gold

akerman
ChrysaLabs
eco engineers AN LRQA COMPANY
ISOMETRIC
Nasdaq
puro earth
Rainbow
Supercritical

Breakfest Briefing

Carbon Standards

Silver

TORYS
IFS Fueling Sustainability
Svante

Bronze

PHILIPLEE
ClimeCo

Kickstarter

MittiLabs