



A two-day pre-summit event occurring in Sonoma County connecting farmers and ranchers; multinational corporations; foreign governments and NGO climate stakeholders to further the role that food and agriculture play in climate discussions. The event will combine a panel discussions and tours related to soil health and climate smart agricultural practices and the role of sustainable procurement, technical assistance, policy and farmers to rapidly scale up practices.

Central to the conversations over the two-day forum will be the role that soil carbon sequestration plays as a fundamental climate strategy. California, along with other states, countries, companies, organizations and foundations have established soil carbon sequestration policies that aim to advance and scale-up sustainable procurement and technical assistance. The overarching goal of this affiliated event is to convene key players that can announce major commitments for soil carbon sequestration and share information on the importance of climate smart agriculture to a variety of agricultural sectors—including fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

About the Global Climate Action Summit

The Global Climate Action Summit will take place from 12-14 September, 2018 in San Francisco, California. The Summit brings together state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world to showcase climate action taking place, thereby demonstrating how the tide has turned in the race against climate change and inspiring deeper national commitments in support of the Paris Agreement.

Participants:

This event will comprise 100 invitees including U.S./California agricultural leaders as well as foreign governments, international policy makers, climate stakeholders and multinational food companies.

Hotel Accommodations:

Sheraton Sonoma County – Petaluma



Venue:

La Crème Estate at Saralee's Vineyard

The event will take place at [the Pavilion at Richard's Grove](#), which is located in an old coast oak grove on the property. The adjacent vineyard is also home to a CDFA funded Healthy Soils Program demonstration project. The project is in partnership with Sonoma RCD and explores tillage and composting practices and their impact on soil health and carbon sequestration capability.

Tour:

Tour will include visits to farms and ranches in Sonoma and Marin Counties that have employed climate smart agriculture practices such as soil carbon sequestration in pasture and vineyard systems, dairy digester and alternative manure management practices such as composting.

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ITINERARY

Tuesday, September 11

8:45 a.m.	Buses depart from Sheraton to Saralee's Vineyard
9:45 a.m.	Arrival
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome/Introduction
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Panel
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Climate Smart Planning
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tour of La Crèma's Vineyard – Healthy Soils
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Panel
3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	Panel
3:45 – 4 p.m.	Commitment Announcement
4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks
4:30 p.m.	Depart for Dinner Venue
5:30-9:00 p.m.	DINNER & PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 12

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Hotel Checkout
8:15 a.m.	Depart to Tour
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Tour Location 1 – Carbon Farming and Sonoma Overview
10:30 a.m.	Depart
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Tour Location 2 – Composting
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH Discussion – Carbon Farm Partners
1:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks – Karen Ross
1:15 p.m.	Buses Depart to Hotel
2:00 p.m.	Program Ends at Sheraton Petaluma

PROPOSED PANELS

Sustainable Sourcing

This panel will bring together multinational corporations to discuss how sustainability goals are transforming purchase practices of specialty crops and other agricultural products on a global scale to reflect greenhouse gas reduction, soil health, and other climate smart agricultural practices.

Public Policy in a Changing Climate

This panel will bring together foreign governmental agricultural leaders to discuss the advancement of Climate Smart Agricultural practices to further engage farmers and ranchers on a global scale. How incentives, climate targets, and technical assistance is critical to expanding on farm adoption.

Climate Smart Farming

This panel will bring specialty crop farmers and ranchers together to discuss soil health practices, initiatives and results. What can help further expand these practices, how can they be scaled up, what are investment opportunities for NGOs and governments? A discussion highlighting the work of farmers and how stakeholders can partner for advancement of sustainable and climate smart agricultural practices.

A California Conversation

As the largest agricultural producer in the nation, California's agricultural story is of interest to many. As we discuss climate change and sustainability, what is the perspective of the state's agricultural leaders? What are the lessons and examples California can share with a global audience on the unique role that specialty crops and other agricultural products have in positively addressing a changing climate?