



**RGGI Stakeholder Workshop on GHG Offsets  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
New York**

**P R E L I M I N A R Y   A G E N D A**

**8:30 – 8:45**                      **Introduction and overview of workshop: *including summary of past discussions and general definitions (e.g., difference between offsets, set asides, and opt-ins)***

Joe Kruger, RFF

**8:45 – 10:45**                      **Panel 1. *Reviewing existing programs***

How do current offsets programs operate? What are the critical issues that practitioners have considered – and how have barriers been overcome?

- Maurits Henkemans, Netherlands Economics Ministry, on Dutch CERUPT/ERUPT Program, UNFCCC JI and CDM and EU program
- \* Ken Newcombe, World Bank, on Prototype Carbon Fund
- Michael Burnett, Oregon Climate Trust
- David Harrison, NERA, on economics and linking to trading programs, including offsets examples from criteria pollutants

Discussion Moderator: Jonathan Pershing, WRI

**10:45 – 11:00**                      **Break**

**11:00-12:00**                      **Panel 2. *Developing an Offset Program: Pros and Cons***

What are the advantages and disadvantages of including offsets in RGGI's cap and trade program? What are the tradeoffs that must be addressed in offset programs?

- Dale Bryk, NRDC, on the case for a limited offset program
- Michael Bradley, MJB&A, on the case for an expansive offset program

Discussion Moderator: Judith Greenwald, Pew Center on Global Climate Change

**12:00 – 1:15**                    **L U N C H**

**1:15 – 4:00**                    **Panel 3. *Design Issues***

Session to address the HOW and WHAT of offset projects, focusing on the criteria should be for project inclusion. How can offsets be monitored, verified and quantified? How should an offsets program be structured? How should additionality be addressed? What are the opportunities, and what issues and concerns arise, with respect to offsets in specific sectors and with respect to non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases or sinks? What are the administrative requirements? What are the appropriate roles for case by case review, the development of protocols, and selection of approved lists of eligible offset categories?

- Janet Ranganathan, WRI, on GHG-Protocol project module
- \* Ken Colburn, NESCAUM, on project offsets operation, certification and administration
- \* Jane Ellis, OECD, on cement, iron and steel, renewable energy and energy efficiency projects
- Neil Sampson, The Sampson Group, on agriculture and forestry
- \*Karl Schultz, Climate Mitigation Works, on non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases

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**2:45 – 3:00**                    **Break**

**3:00 – 4:00**                    **Continuation of Panel 3. *Design Issues***

**4:00 - 4:30**                    **Wrap – up**

Judi Greenwald, Pew Center on Global Climate Change

\* Invited