

AGENDA



Global Ethanol Summit 2025

Expanding Global Ethanol Markets through Innovation, Renewable Solutions, and Trade

Washington, D.C. | 📅 October 19-22, 2025

Event Overview

The Global Ethanol Summit (GES) 2025 will bring together top policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and trade stakeholders to advocate for the value of U.S. ethanol in various sectors—including on-road, synthetic aviation fuel (SAF), industrial applications, clean cooking, and maritime fuels. Discussions will center on ethanol's role in expanding global trade with renewable, competitive products, supporting international goals around carbon-negative targets, and improved health and environment outcomes, as well as the strategies and policies needed to facilitate global growth.

Draft Agenda

📅 Sunday, October 19, 2025 | Pre-Conference Day

- **10:00 AM – 5:30 PM | Registration Open**
- **1:00 – 5:00 PM | Side Meetings & Private Consultations**
 - *Bilateral & multilateral discussions with policymakers, trade teams, and industry partners*
- **1:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Industry Showcase & Hospitality Lounge Open**

🎓 Ethanol Technical Workshops

1:00 – 3:00 PM | Ethanol 101: Agriculture, Ethanol Fundamentals, and New Applications

💡 *A high level overview of ethanol production and supply chains, environmental, social and economic benefits. This session is great for individuals who are new to ethanol, or unfamiliar with grain-based ethanol production.*

Speakers:

- *Doug Berven, POET: Agriculture*
- *Rowena Torres-Ordonez, Consultant: Ethanol production*
- *Tad Hepner, RFA: Advanced biofuels and new applications*

3:00 – 5:00 PM | Ethanol 201: Retailing, Transportation Logistics and Infrastructure

💡 *An in-depth exploration of ethanol use in fueling stations, transport logistics, and infrastructure considerations. This session is great for individuals familiar with ethanol production that are interested to know more about the downstream opportunities.*

Speakers:

- *Jake Comer and Kristy Moore, Growth Energy: Retail considerations*
- *Ron Lamberty, ACE: Infrastructure/transportation*
- *Hagan Rose, Eco-Energy: Trade dynamics*

 **Welcome Reception & Industry Showcase**

📌 **5:30 – 7:00 PM**

♦ **Featured Guests:** *Industry leaders & trade representatives*

 **Mon, October 20, 2025 | General Sessions & Keynotes**


♦ **Sponsor:** Growth Energy and Renewable Fuels Association

♦ **Theme:** Ethanol is Renewable and Abundant

- **7:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Registration Open**
- **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Breakfast & Networking**
- **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Side Meetings Available**


- 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Industry Showcase & Hospitality Lounge


Opening Keynotes: Global Leadership on Ethanol's Future


 9:00 – 10:40 AM

Introduction by USGC

 **Keynote 1:** *Global Policy and Trade Overview*

 **Keynote 2:** *Trade Flows and International Opportunities*


 **Keynote 3:** Emily Skor, Growth Energy

 **Keynote 4:** Geoff Cooper, Renewable Fuels Association

 10:40 – 11:00 AM | Coffee Break

Flash Talk: Ethanol's Role in Global Commitments and Energy Security


 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

 *How ethanol supports countries globally through their energy transitions and in achieving carbon negative goals.*

Speakers (TBC)


Flash Talk: Scaling Global Market Access with Proven Models

 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM


 *Highlight how U.S. ethanol policies—such as the RFS, LCFS, and 45Z tax credit—along with carbon accounting tools like the GREET model, can serve as reference points for other nations developing or refining their low-carbon fuel frameworks; share real-world examples of how models are adapted to local context.*


Speakers (3 TBC):

- *Claudia Bulgheroni, MEO*

 **12:30 – 1:45 PM | Lunch**

Panel: Leveraging Regenerative Agriculture for Ethanol Opportunities


 **1:45 – 2:30 PM**


 *Highlighting how regenerative agriculture demonstrates producer commitments to renewable feedstock and opens opportunities for ethanol in global markets.*

Speakers (1 TBC):

- *Robin Vercrease, LCF Coalition*
- *Chris Malone, Indigo Ag*
- *Lindsay Fitzgerald, GEVO*

A Conversation: Agriculture + Energy – Expanding Ethanol’s Benefits

 **2:30 – 3:00 PM**

 *Discussing the challenges of food and fuel conversations in varying contexts around the world, and ensuring ethanol is a success story for agriculture and energy.*

Speakers:

- *Emily Marthaler, Growth Energy (Moderator)*
- *Doug Berven, POET*

 **3:00 – 5:30 PM | DC Experience – Site Visits & Private Meetings**

 **7 PM – 10 PM | Off-Site Dinner Experience**



Tue, October 21, 2025 | Innovation & Market Expansion

- ◆ **Sponsor: Growth Energy and Renewable Fuels Association**
- ◆ **Theme: Ethanol is Compatible**
 - 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Registration Open
 - 7:30 – 8:30 AM | Breakfast & Networking
 - 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Industry Showcase & Hospitality Lounge



Ethanol as a Strategic Decarbonization Tool in the Energy Transition



8:15 – 8:45 AM

Speakers:

- *Former DOE Secretary Ernie Moniz*



Flash Talk: Innovation in Emerging Markets with Ethanol



8:45 – 9:30 AM



Examining ethanol's innovation in on-road, clean cooking, and industrial sectors along with the associated environment and health benefits.

Speakers (1 TBC):

- *Gail Dennison, Hormel Institute*
- *Sophie Odupoy, KOKO Networks*
- *Mark Heckman, Edeniq*



Panel: Advanced Vehicle Compatibility and Infrastructure Requirements



9:30 – 10:15 AM

💡 *The ability of ethanol to meet the growing need for increased use of clean fuels across a variety of engine requirements.*

Speakers (2 TBC):

- *Bob McCormick, International case study (Indonesia, Nigeria, Mexico – NREL)*
- *Tuomo Isokivijarvi, StepOne Tech (EFLEX)*
- *Randy Gard, Nebraska Ethanol Board and Bosselman Enterprises*

☕ **10:15 – 10:45 AM | Coffee Break**

 **Panel: Ethanol in Marine Fuel – Policy, Technology and Feasibility**

📌 **10:45 AM – 11:30 AM**

💡 *Exploring ethanol's potential as a maritime fuel and the associated regulatory landscape.*

Speakers (3 TBC):

- *Maritime Innovation Coalition*
- *Lucas Correa, Wartsila*

🥗 **11:45 – 1:00 PM | VIP Lunch**

 **Flash Talk: Scaling a Proven SAF Pathway | Ethanol-to-Jet**


📌 **1:00 – 1:45 PM**


💡 *Reframe the SAF discussion around ethanol's near-term viability and readiness to supply real SAF volumes at scale through the Alcohol-to-Jet process.*

Speakers (3 TBC):

- *Jennifer Aurandt-Pilgrim, Marquis*

Flash Talk: Collaboration Around SAF | The Airline Perspective


 **1:45 – 2:15 PM**


 *Discuss the roadmap to implementation and how airlines are prioritizing SAF and supporting multiple technologies to hit targets; their role as demand drivers*

Speakers (4 TBC):

- *Sean Newsum, Airlines for America Representative*

Panel: Scalable Feedstocks for a Global Bioeconomy

 **2:15 – 3:00 PM**

 *Position U.S. corn and sorghum as climate-resilient, scalable, and technologically proven feedstocks for low-CI fuels, with special value in global SAF and bioeconomy strategies.*

Speakers (2 TBC):

- *John Duff, Sero Ag Strategies*
- *Renato Tibble*

 **3:00 – 5:30 PM | DC Experience – Site Visits & Private Meetings**


 **8:00 – 11:00 PM | Closing Networking Event**


Wed, October 22, 2025 | Trade & Economic Growth

Theme: Ethanol is Affordable

- **7:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Registration & Vendor Show Open**
- **8:00 – 9:30 AM | Breakfast & Networking**
 - Breakfast meeting: global biofuels associations
- **8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Industry Showcase & Hospitality Lounge**

A Conversation: Ethanol Economics – Affordability and Market Expansion

 **9:30 – 11:00 AM**

 *Discussing ethanol's economic benefits in global markets, including octane economics and pricing structures.*


Speakers (1 TBC):

- *Scott Richman, Renewable Fuels Association*

 **11:00 – 11:30 AM | Coffee Break**

Closing Session: Trade, Tariffs and Opportunities for Global Market Access

 **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

 *Addressing policy challenges, tariff and non-tariff barriers, and fuel subsidy removals; evaluating trade dynamics and opportunities through inclusion of ethanol in national policies*

- **Speakers (2 TBC):** *Andrea Kent, Greenfield Global*
- *IICA*

Closing by USGC