

co₂nnect

Annual Event

An event series presented by the
Carbon Action Alliance

Thank you to all who attended and helped make CO₂NNECT 2024 a success!

Hosted by the Great Plains Institute's Carbon Action Alliance
from September 29 - October 1 in Colorado.

Main Takeaways

- Community engagement is not one-size-fits-all, and requires collaboration with diverse, sometimes unexpected partners. CO₂NNECT offered real-world examples of successful engagement approaches, relationship-building, and community benefit agreements.
- Colorado has positioned itself as a leader by developing a state roadmap for carbon management, engaging in regional collaborations, and pursuing extensive community partnerships to ensure project benefits flow to host communities.
- Education is crucial to the success of the carbon management sector. CO₂NNECT showcased programs like career & technical education initiatives, K-12 activities, and decision-support tools to empower communities and develop a diverse future workforce.
- Equitable community engagement requires that communities are provided honest information about risks and benefits, clear communication on what they can influence, and plain language materials to navigate the process.

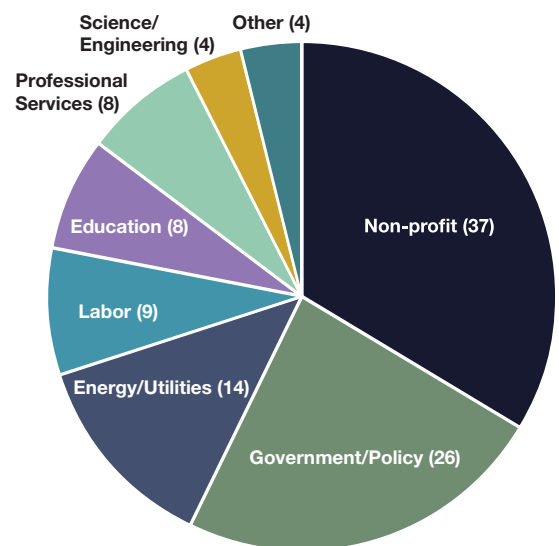
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Conference Summary

113 attendees from **2** countries
& **16** states

Attendees by sector:



Event Description

CO₂NNECT 2024 brought together a diverse group of stakeholders interested in learning more about carbon management solutions—including carbon capture, removal, transport, reuse, and geologic storage—that are needed to meet our climate goals. Speaker presentations, panel discussions, and audience participation highlighted the importance of prioritizing communities and creating space for open and productive dialogue to ensure the deployment of carbon management technologies is achieved in a responsible and timely way.

Brad Crabtree's Keynote Address:

"If we are to deploy carbon management projects and infrastructure at climate scale, we must engage meaningfully with communities, tribes, and other impacted stakeholders—and deliver high-quality projects that create economic and environmental benefits for communities where projects are built. And by meaningful, I mean engagement that not only seeks to inform, but also to provide opportunities for local community and stakeholder input that demonstrably helps shape the actual design and development of projects and their associated benefits."

Read Crabtree's [full remarks here](#).



Attendee Feedback

Testimonial #1: "The most inclusive, thought provoking and harmonious event! I enjoyed the experience!"

Testimonial #2: "CO₂NNECT was an excellent opportunity to discover more ways to communicate about carbon capture and storage and to connect with other key players in the carbon management space."

Testimonial #3: "CO₂NNECT offered valuable insights from numerous carbon management experts and created an excellent opportunity to network with policy professionals from across the country."

Testimonial #4: "I thought the conference was very good and the speakers revealed some good information."



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