# **CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2024**



Keystone Resort Lodge, CO

# What is CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2024?

CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2024 is a three-day event that brings together experts and enthusiasts in the field of carbon management. <u>Carbon management</u> (carbon capture, transport, storage, reuse, and removal) is one of many tools necessary to decarbonize our energy and industrial sectors, meet midcentury climate goals, and create and retain high-wage jobs. With CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT, we aim to create a space for open and productive dialogue to ensure the deployment of carbon management technologies is achieved in a responsible and timely way. Our 2023 event focused on stakeholder engagement, environmental justice, and community and worker benefits. Our 2024 event aims to build on these discussions and continue to expand and diversify attendance.

"The GPI team has built a can't-miss conference."

#### **Registration:**

Registration for CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2024 will open soon! Please check out our event website for the most upto-date event information (<u>http://carbonactionalliance.</u> <u>org/co2nnect</u>).

"The conference provided a unique space to learn from and network with solutionsoriented business, community, labor, and advocacy leaders."



#### Here's what you can expect:

At  $CO_2NNECT$  2024, you can expect interactive discussions and opportunities to engage in the following topics:

- Why we need carbon management: Hear experts discuss the role of carbon management in decarbonizing the US economy.
- **Public engagement:** Discuss methods for effective community building to ensure active participation in shaping carbon management policies and projects.
- **Colorado roadmap for carbon management:** Discuss the state's roadmap for carbon management and strategies for effective public engagement and participation.
- Workforce development: Explore initiatives for cultivating a diverse and inclusive workforce in carbon management.
- Business models and financing mechanisms: Explore innovative financing models for carbon management projects.
- **Tools & resources for carbon management:** Showcase innovative tools that can help align stakeholders and enable equitable engagement and decision-making for carbon management.

#### When:

In person from the evening of Sunday, September 29 to the afternoon of Tuesday, October 1

#### Where:

At the picturesque **Keystone Resort Lodge**, one of Colorado's most laid-back mountain destinations and only one and a half hours from Denver. With three gorgeous 14,000 ft. mountains and verdant landscapes lush with fir, aspen, and pine trees, this beautiful location provides a serene backdrop for meaningful discussions and networking opportunities.

"The conference was very well organized, including the arrangement of content in order of topic-relatedness, relevancy, and timeliness. I appreciated the well-thoughtout schedule of breaks and meals and loved that the conference was held on the same property as the rooms. Very well done!!"

## Who should attend?

Anyone interested in carbon management is encouraged to attend  $CO_2NNECT$  2024. This includes researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, labor leaders, NGOs, community organizations, public health professionals, and members of the public who want to learn more about this important topic. We welcome a broad range of perspectives and want to create a diverse and inclusive community of stakeholders.

# "CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT is the most diverse carbon management conference I've attended."

# Why Colorado?

Colorado is a key state for carbon management technology deployment and has seen a sharp increase in project announcements and federal investments. In partnership with the Colorado Energy Office, the Great Plains Institute (GPI) is developing the state's Carbon Management Roadmap, assessing Colorado's carbon management opportunities and outlining key policies and recommendations to promote climate and economic benefits. GPI is also developing a Colorado Decision Support Tool, which aims to enhance transparency and align community values when evaluating proposed carbon management projects, to be released in fall 2024.

Hosting CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2024 in Colorado provides a timely platform to discuss the state's carbon management plan while providing stakeholders across the country an opportunity to learn from various approaches to policy design and community engagement.

#### How can you support the event?

The Carbon Action Alliance is offering several <u>sponsorship packages</u> that can be tailored to your organization's requirements and objectives. Sponsoring CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2024 offers visibility, connection, and community impact. It boosts recognition among clean energy advocates, fosters collaboration with diverse stakeholders, and guarantees accessibility for all participants, strengthening the conference's impact on achieving midcentury climate goals and deploying solutions responsibly.



The  $CO_2NNECT$  event series is presented by the Carbon Action Alliance.

The Carbon Action Alliance is an initiative of the <u>Great Plains Institute</u>, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization aiming to accelerate the transition to net-zero carbon emissions for the benefit of people, the economy, and the environment.