



**Official Meeting of the  
National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the  
U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (local time)**  
*(7am -2pm Pacific, 9am-4pm Central, 10am-5pm Eastern Time)*

**San Xavier District Community Center  
2018 West San Xavier Rd.**

**Tucson, Arizona 85746**

**Zoom link:**

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8:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 am	<b>Call to Order and Introductions</b> Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, EPA
8:40am	<b>Invocation</b> Austin Nunez, Elder, Tohono O’odham Nation
8:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Robbie Young-Mackall, Director, Federal Advisory Committee Management & Oversight Division, EPA
8:50 am	<b>Welcome and Overview of Agenda</b> Austin Nunez, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee Vincent Nathan, Chair of the National Advisory Committee
9:00 am	<b>Update on U.S. Priorities &amp; Guidance</b> Mark Kasman, Director for EPA’s Office of International Affairs
9:10 am	Question & Answer Period
9:20 am	<b>CEC Update: Strategic Plan Overview</b> Jorge Daniel Taillant, CEC Executive Director
9:40 am	Question & Answer Period
9:50 am	<b>JPAC Report-out</b> Esteban Escamilla, Chair, Joint Public Advisory Committee
10:05 am	Question & Answer Period
10:15 am	<b>Update on Arizona Project (CEC EJ4Climate Grant)</b> Jordan Sene, Education Program Manager, Borderlands Restoration Network
10:30 am	Question and Answer Period

- 10:45 am      **BREAK**
- 11:00 am      **Hot Topics & Joint Open Discussion on Presentations**  
Vincent Nathan, Chair of the National Advisory Committee  
Austin Nunez, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee  
(Each member reports hot environmental topics related to the CEC, occurring in their regions and/or sectors)
- 11:30 am      Question & Answer Period
- 11:35 am      **Public Comment Period**
- 11:40 am      **LUNCH**
- 12:45 pm      **Committees Meet Separately to Discuss Charge Questions**  
**Charge:** *(Related to the CEC 2026-2030 Strategic Plan)*  
**1. As CEC looks to strengthen its impact and adapt to emerging environmental challenges, we are seeking your advice on the following:**  
    a) *Should any pillars be updated or expanded to address evolving/emerging environmental issues in North America?*  
    b) *Do you see a need for new/additional strategic pillars to address gaps in the current approach?*  
    c) *Are there any emerging technologies or partnerships that should be integrated into the cross-cutting approaches?*  
**2. As the CEC develops its new strategic plan, we are prioritizing the triple planetary crisis (climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss):**  
    a) *Beyond this focus, what other emerging environmental challenges should the CEC address? (e.g., the increase in vector-borne diseases linked to climate change)*  
    b) *What opportunities exist to enhance collaboration and engagement with Indigenous communities, particularly in leveraging Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) to address the triple planetary crisis and emerging environmental threats?*  
    c) *Are there specific emerging technologies, tools, or approaches (such as artificial intelligence or earth observation technologies) that the CEC should consider integrating into its efforts?*
- 2:45 pm      **Summary and Next Steps**  
Vincent Nathan, Chair of the National Advisory Committee  
Austin Nunez, Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee
- 3:00 pm      **ADJOURN**  
Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer