Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)- Council Session 2018

The CEC is an international organization created and funded by the Governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States (the Parties) through the 1994 North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC) to facilitate and implement cooperation among the Parties to conserve, protect, and enhance the North American environment, promote sustainable development, and support the environmental goals and objectives of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The CEC consists of a Council, a Secretariat, and a Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC).

- The **Council** is the governing body comprised of the environmental ministers of the Parties. It serves as a forum to discuss and address North American strategic, policy and substantive environmental and sustainability priorities, objectives cooperative activities for the CEC.
- The Secretariat provides logistical and substantive support to the Council to implement trilateral cooperation on shared environmental and sustainability priorities. The Secretariat also implements the Submissions on Enforcement Matters mechanism, independent reports, and facilitates transparency and public participation.
- The JPAC is a trilateral expert advisory committee to the Council on any matter under the NAAEC.

Principles: Address shared North American environmental and sustainability priorities; public participation; transparency and enforcement of environmental laws.

Council Session 2018

Administrator Pruitt is hosting the 2018 Council Session on June 26-27 on Oklahoma City and Norman. Council Sessions serve to discuss and agree on shared priorities and activities; Council dialogue with the North American public and its advisory committee; and to showcase the work and accomplishments of the CEC.

Through press/ social media, the Council can showcase:

- The value of the CEC institution and recent accomplishments
- The Council 2018 program on Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth
- Public and tribal participation
- Youth engagement and entrepreneurship
- Innovation, technology and partnerships for sustainability, resilience and green growth at OU Weather Center and Innovation Hub

Attachments:

1. Public Engagement/Media/Press opportunities/proposals
2. Council Session Program