

Superpollutant Action Summit Impact Report

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A note of thanks

On September 23, 2026, during Climate Week NYC, the Beyond Alliance convened the first Superpollutant Action Summit in New York, bringing together over 250 leaders from business, science, government and philanthropy. The day centered on one question: what will it take to cut methane, fluorinated gases, nitrous oxide and black carbon at the pace needed to slow near-term warming?

The answer that emerged was encouraging. The solutions exist, many are low cost, and a growing group of companies and funders is ready to act. The gaps are in demand, accounting, finance and awareness, and every one of them is solvable.

None of it would have happened without your support and participation. Developed in collaboration with our knowledge partner for the event, Climate Advisers, this report recaps key insights from the day, highlighting what companies can do now, and what comes next, followed by the full list of announcements.

Thank you for joining us, and for helping to make this first summit a success.

Luke Pritchard

DIRECTOR, BEYOND ALLIANCE

The Summit at a glance

255

PARTICIPANTS

against a curated target of ~150; 53% senior leadership

36

SPEAKERS

across 10 sessions, including four concurrent pollutant breakouts

153

ORGANIZATIONS

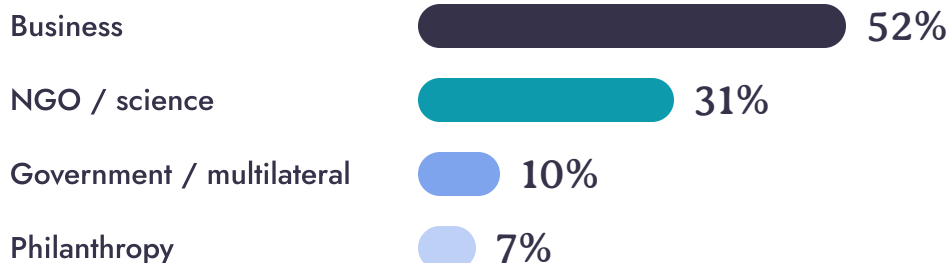
from business, science, government and philanthropy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

new commitments, launches and data releases made on the day

WHO WAS IN THE ROOM · 153 ORGANIZATIONS



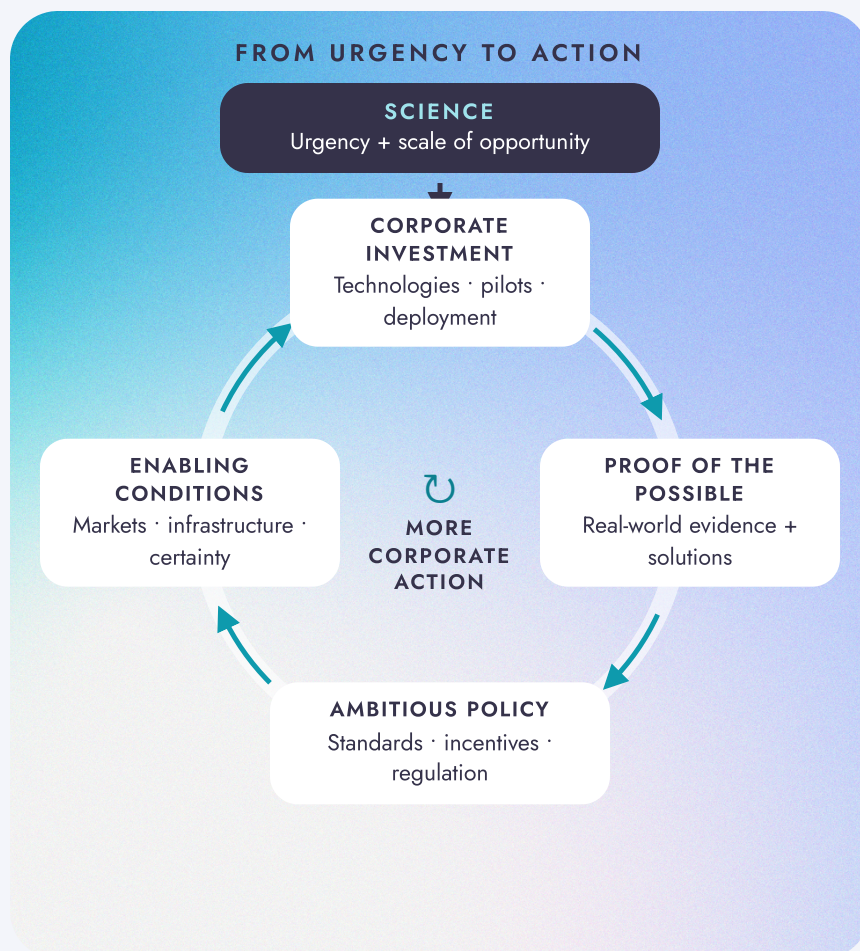
The program opened with remarks from Google and Project Drawdown and the launch of the Corporate Roadmap for Superpollutant Action, which drew responses from leaders across government, business and philanthropy. A panel on financing the emergency brake followed, before four concurrent breakouts tackled methane, HFCs, nitrous oxide and black carbon. In the afternoon, project developers, buyers and rating agencies explored voluntary carbon market solutions, and a dedicated session showcased private-sector value-chain action. A closing plenary unveiled a suite of new commitments before the day wrapped with a community-wide networking reception.

The window to act is now

The Superpollutant Action Summit made one thing clear: the window to act on superpollutants is now. Cutting methane, HFCs, black carbon and other short-lived climate pollutants is not a marginal opportunity alongside long-term decarbonization. Superpollutants are responsible for roughly half of the warming we are experiencing today, and cutting them could deliver around half of the mitigation needed this decade and beyond to keep a 2°C pathway within reach. The opportunity is enormous, but so is the urgency.

The day also highlighted the potential for a powerful flywheel where corporate action ushers in ambitious policy. As more companies move from recognizing the problem to investing in superpollutant abatement, they can help accelerate both technology and policy. Corporate investment can help bring frontier solutions to scale, demonstrate what is possible in practice, and create real-world evidence that gives policymakers greater confidence to pursue ambitious measures. Stronger policy and enabling conditions can then unlock further corporate action, helping companies move faster toward their climate goals.

But realizing this potential will require breaking out of the silos that have too often defined climate action. The Summit brought together leaders from science, government, civil society, philanthropy and business to start building a more connected community around superpollutant action. This was a beginning, not an endpoint. The science tells us we need to move quickly. The scale of the opportunity tells us we need to move together.



~50%

of today's warming is driven by superpollutants

Source: Climate and Clean Air Coalition (2025), via IPCC AR6 WGI SPM Fig.

~50%

of the mitigation opportunity needed for a 2°C pathway can come from cutting them

Source: Corporate Roadmap for Superpollutant Action

“We need to move faster — and we need to move together.”

LUKE PRITCHARD, DIRECTOR,
BEYOND ALLIANCE

Three insights from the Summit

What the day revealed beyond the headline

INSIGHT 1 OF 3

Urgent opportunities will require urgent action

Conversations moved beyond the business case for superpollutant action to underscore that some of the most cost-effective opportunities are also time-limited:

HFCs

Carbon market finance can support faster near-term progress on the Kigali Amendment phase-down of HFCs while giving policymakers the confidence to be more ambitious.

Industrial N₂O

The first new industrial N₂O credits are expected this fall. Whether buyers show up will signal to producers whether abatement is worth pursuing beyond the first projects.

Landfill methane

In some markets, such as Chile, landfills approaching the end of their operating life offer a closing window to finance gas capture.

INDUSTRIAL N₂O · REDUCTIONS, MT CO₂E · CCAC



The implication across these gases is sequencing. Buyers who commit early, and to the gases and places where windows are closing, can buy outsized climate impact per dollar and send the demand signal that producers and policymakers are waiting for.

Quality isn't what's holding buyers back. Commitment is.

Speakers repeatedly separated two concerns that are often conflated. On quality, the evidence presented was reassuring.

ON QUALITY

Rating agencies on the solutions panel reported that the superpollutant projects they have assessed tend to score well on their quality criteria, with generally low reversal risk and additionality that is often easier to evidence than for other project types. This varies by gas: HFC credits, for example, potentially face declining additionality as the Kigali phase-down proceeds.

ON COST AND COMMITMENT

Many measures are cost-effective, and project pipelines are ready. Developers working on refrigerants, orphaned wells, waste and industrial N₂O said what they lack is certainty: committed buyers, and multi-year purchase agreements signed early, ideally before verification is complete, so they can hire, build and scale.

Demand signals are already becoming clearer through efforts like the Superpollutant Action Initiative.

\$100M

POTENTIAL BUYER INVESTMENT

The Scope 3 Refrigerant RFP, coordinated by Beyond and effectera, has identified **five front-runner projects**, together representing \$100 million in potential buyer investment.

The money is hard to follow, and so are the rules

Companies lack clear guidance for counting reductions they fund in their supply chains, such as certified lower emission intensity gas or refrigerant fixes in the cold chain. Finance flows are also hard to see: speakers noted that major development banks do not yet systematically track their methane finance, and limited HFC data, including the frequent absence of HFCs from countries' NDCs, makes HFC finance hard to track as well. Waste projects in developing countries struggle to reach bankability because they depend on several uncertain revenue streams.

Both gaps are being worked on this fall. Companies that engage now help shape the rules they will later report against.

NEAR-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

OCT 14

The first global landscape of superpollutant finance, from Climate Policy Initiative and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), will be released on October 14 and will provide much-needed information on where to target efforts to address superpollutants globally.

OCT 31

RMI's attributional accounting guidance for lower-emissions gas supply, and the Relae and Green Strategies impact accounting guidance (extended) are both open for comment through October 31.

[RMI consultation ↗](#)[Relae / Green Strategies: upstream gas criteria ↗](#)[Relae / Green Strategies: supply chain impact accounting ↗](#)

Two gaps the field has yet to fill

Storytelling

Science warns us that to limit peak global warming, the world must prioritize a few solutions, including addressing superpollutants. However, participants noted in several sessions that the global climate community has been slow to mobilize around the theme. The co-benefits of superpollutant action (e.g. public health, water security, food security, job creation, energy security, cost savings, and biodiversity and ecosystem protection) came up in nearly every session, and speakers agreed people-centered stories resonate most with executives and CFOs. Yet no one owns the job of raising awareness of the need to focus global climate efforts on superpollutants and telling the stories of how they benefit people. Shared communications and aligned messaging across gases would also help keep superpollutants a priority on the climate agenda moving forward.

Public health

Water security

Food security

Local jobs

Energy security

Cost savings

Biodiversity & ecosystem protection

Policy

The Corporate Roadmap for Superpollutant Action names policy engagement as one of three corporate levers of influence, and speakers reiterated its importance throughout the day. Several examples were highlighted, including Chile as a model for clear international carbon trading rules, and CCAC's regulatory capacity program, which began with seven countries. The methane breakout discussion also focused on the EU Methane Regulation, one of the highest-impact policy opportunities on the table. Discussions around the Kigali Amendment likewise demonstrated that as the HFC phase-down continues to be implemented, policy and public funding to address HFCs will provide openings for more action as well. Despite these promising examples, policy was one of the less concrete areas of discussion throughout the day. The takeaway is clear: identifying where companies can engage to support markets and public catalytic capital remains a priority for the year ahead.

“Cutting super pollutants is one of the fastest ways to slow warming in the near term, but turning ambition into action requires governments and businesses to work together. Convenings like this help connect policy, investment and implementation, and build the partnerships needed to take proven solutions to scale.”

MARTINA OTTO, HEAD OF SECRETARIAT, CLIMATE AND CLEAN AIR COALITION

What companies can do now

From aligning with the Roadmap to advocating on policy and collaborating on communications, there are clear ways to act today

01 Use the Roadmap to prioritize

superpollutantroadmap.org maps more than 200 measures across value chain action, carbon market finance and policy engagement. Target action by time, location and co-benefits to get more climate benefit per dollar.

02 Engage on policy and leverage key international milestones (e.g. MOP38, COP31)

Support clear international carbon trading rules and public finance for HFC and N₂O action, including through funds such as the Green Climate Fund.

03 Collaborate on communications

Work across stakeholder groups who are already active in the space to raise awareness of the urgency of tackling superpollutants and increase the capacity for storytelling about existing solutions.

04 Ask suppliers for refrigerant and methane data

Better baselines are the starting point for value chain action, and for claims that hold up.

05 Sign multi-year offtakes early

Commit before projects finish verification and consider joining a buyer coalition such as the Superpollutant Action Initiative to share due diligence and pool capital. Start small rather than waiting for perfect conditions.

06 Answer the industrial N₂O call to action

NRDC and IGSD are asking companies to drive 10 million tonnes CO₂e of reductions over the next 12 months.

07 Comment on the gas accounting guidance

RMI's consultation is open until October 31, alongside the consultations from Relae and Green Strategies. Details and links are [here](#).

Work with Beyond

08 To explore the Superpollutant Action Initiative, the Scope 3 refrigerant RFP pipeline, or the working groups described below, contact info@beyond-alliance.org.

What comes next



Beyond remains committed to keeping superpollutants high on the global climate agenda. In the months ahead, we will work with our members and partners to scale Scope 3 and carbon market opportunities, including through the Superpollutant Action Initiative and the Scope 3 refrigerant RFP pipeline; convene stakeholders where doing so can resolve specific barriers and accelerate progress; and foster shared communications and collaboration that build demand for action.

We will also take stock of the outcomes emerging from the Summit and where the field is heading, and use that to decide where future convenings can add the most value in facilitating commitments and partnerships, not just surfacing opportunities.

Announcements from the Summit

A reference list of commitments, launches and data released on the day

FROM THE BEYOND ALLIANCE

Corporate Roadmap for Superpollutant Action

Launched by Carbon Containment Lab and Beyond Alliance, the Roadmap is a public database of more than 200 mitigation measures organized around three levers for companies: value chain action, carbon market finance, and policy engagement. It is live at superpollutantroadmap.org.

Superpollutant Action Initiative: six new members

Together, members have pledged to direct more than \$100 million through 2030 toward projects that reduce superpollutants. Several new members will report progress through CNaught.

FOUNDING MEMBERS · 7

Amazon, Autodesk, Figma, Google, JPMorganChase, Salesforce, Workday

NEW MEMBERS · 6

Docusign, Equinix, Seattle Chocolate Company, Peak Design, Workato, ZGF Architects

FROM PARTNERS

Friends of the Kigali Amendment

Launched at a ministerial meeting held alongside the Summit, led by Rwanda's Minister of Environment with the UK and Brazil, backed by a \$100 million funding goal from supporting philanthropies to accelerate delivery over the next decade. [Learn more here.](#)

Accounting guidance for lower-emissions gas supply

RMI released its attributional accounting guidance for lower-emissions oil and gas supply, developed with WSP in collaboration with a task force of corporate buyers and technical experts convened through Beyond Alliance. The guidance is open for public comment until October 31, with a final version expected early next year. It sits within a wider suite that includes criteria and impact accounting guidance led by Relae (formerly Carbon Direct) and Green Strategies, which is also open for comment throughout October. [Learn more here.](#)

Industrial nitrous oxide call to action

NRDC and IGSD called on companies to drive 10 million tonnes CO₂e of reductions over the next 12 months. The same morning, CCAC released a briefing note estimating potential reductions of 300 million tonnes a year by 2030 and 8 billion tonnes cumulatively by 2050, mostly at **under \$10 per tonne**. [Learn more here.](#)

Waste sector finance

The Global Methane Hub (GMH) announced a \$900,000 grant to the Catalytic Finance Foundation, supporting it in fundraising and setting up a waste methane mitigation facility: an innovative financing mechanism offering a long-term carbon credit offtake guarantee, designed by Catalytic and launched at London Climate Action Week this year. GMH's additional support and partnership will be instrumental in speeding up Catalytic's facility design into implementation.

Cool Effect Catalyst Fund

First award in the superpollutant category to Tradewater to help establish a facility in India for destroying ozone-depleting substances, alongside a training program aligned with the Montreal Protocol. Further awards are expected in the coming months.

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Summit Partners



About Beyond Alliance

Beyond brings together leading companies, NGOs, and other expert partners to make corporate climate investment go further. Founded in 2020 and hosted by the We Mean Business Coalition, we are an independent platform that helps companies move from climate commitment to climate action.

We equip companies with the knowledge and tools to invest with confidence, bring members together for trusted peer exchange, and help shape the voluntary standards and policies that make market-based climate investment possible, moving further and faster toward a net-zero future.

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