# Carbon Expo 2006

#### **Overview and Lessons Learned**

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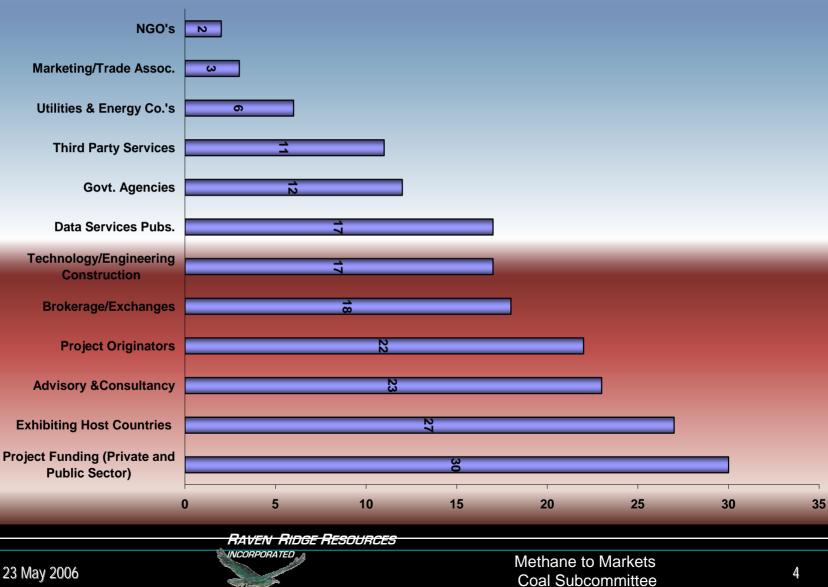
# Carbon Expo Background

- 2006 the third time that the fair and expo was held at the Cologne Germany fairgrounds
- The Carbon Expo's goal is to provide a global trade fair dedicated to the business of "the new carbon constrained economy"
- The Expo is a partnership between the International Emissions Trading Association, the World Bank Carbon Finance facility and Koelnmesse GmbH (German trade show organizer)

# Carbon Expo 2006 Profile

- The fair and conference took place over three days, 10-12 May 2006
- 188 exhibitors (almost 100% increase over 2005)
- 2,650 participants (greater than 25% growth)
- Exhibitors and visitors from 94 countries were present
- Exhibitors could be separated into at least 12 categories representing various sectors of the developing carbon economy

#### **EXHIBITORS BY CATEGORY**



23 May 2006

# Layout of the Conference

- Fair and conference was held at the Koelnmesse fairgrounds located across the Rhine river from downtown Cologne
- Plenary, sectoral, and trade sessions took place in three state-of-the art large (15m x 20m) meeting rooms on the floor above the exhibit hall
- Exhibitors' side events were held throughout each day in smaller rooms (10m x 10m)
- The exhibit hall (70m x 84m) contained both the exhibit booths and the area in which food was prepared and served for lunches. Refreshments were available all day.

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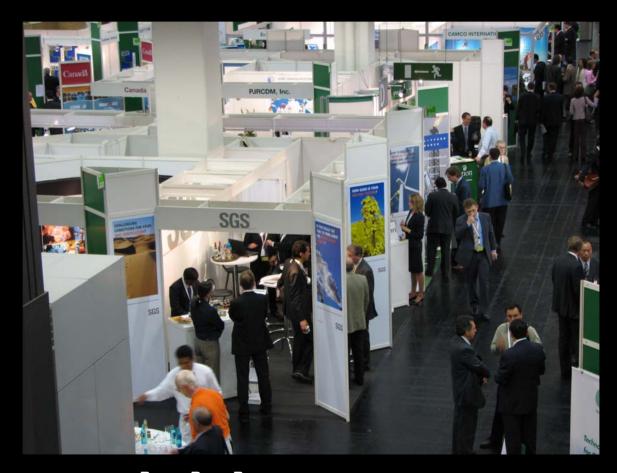
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# Booths were available in various sizes, 6m x 3m in foreground



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# 3m x 3m booths were most common



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# Sponsorship by leaders in the market was key element in the financial success of the expo

- 143 organizations provided financial support to the event at four different levels of sponsorship : 5 Platinum, 25 Gold, 84 Silver, 29 Bronze. Magnitude of financial support from sponsors impacted the cost of tickets and size of booth offered to them.
- Perhaps as much as 400-500 thousand in direct sponsorship
- Ticket prices were high for industry funded attendees, but costs were subsidized for attendees from developing countries and economies in transition
- Revenue from tickets? Perhaps as much as 1.5 million

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### Cost to Attendees

Ticket Type	<b>Cost in</b> (Does not include VAT)
3 day undiscounted ticket	980
3 day ticket for member of supporting organization	690
3 day discounted ticket for expert (World Bank defined)	190
Student	90
Opening evening event	50

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## Features of the Event

- <u>Plenary Sessions</u>: broad overarching topics, <u>i.e.</u> CDM and JI market size, strength, future
- <u>Sectoral Sessions</u>: examined specific topics in greater detail, <u>i.e.</u> Supply side energy efficiency
- <u>Trade Sessions</u>: topics related to trading carbon credits, <u>i.e.</u> Monitoring and verification
- <u>Knowledge Mart</u>: provided opportunity to meet leading experts and have short discussions
- <u>Project Corner:</u> 250 projects were described and status reported <u>i.e.</u> PDD submitted, need for investment, etc. Project details resided with the host countries
- <u>Side Events</u>: one hour sessions dedicated to introducing opportunities in a country, or describing services and products

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# Format of Plenary and Sectoral Sessions

- Sessions were conducted with several speakers talking on one theme. Speakers then participated as a panel for discussion and answered audience questions
- Positive attributes: allowed overview, identified key people and their position on topics, chance to ask questions
- <u>Negative attributes</u>: not enough time for detail, mostly qualitative and based on stated opinions, sometimes there were no slides, nothing published as a take-away from sessions

# Comments from Attendees about the Carbon Expo and the upcoming M2M Partnership Expo

- Project Operator/ Technology Provider: " any meeting we attend must be a good forum for discussing business, but would like to see more equipment providers, need a cross section of all sectors represented because not enough business potential from just the CMM sector"
- Project Originator: "have found that finance and investment groups are largely unaware of how projects are found and qualified. Would like to see more project owners and sectoral representation."

## Comments from Attendees cont'd

- Engineering Services/Technology Provider: "enjoy the opportunity to meet with the finance sector representatives and get a feeling for their perceptions of need for our technology. They need technology and services, but don't really understand enough to seek advice "
- <u>Gov't Carbon Investment Fund:</u> " want to look at more projects in the regions in which we have influence and expertise. Would consider sponsoring M2M expo."

## M2M Partnership Expo- What are some of the lessons we can learn from Carbon Expo 2006 ?

- from Carbon Expo 2006 ?
  Based on the Carbon Expo experience, demographics, and comments\* from attendees there is still an unfilled need for an expo that has project opportunities as the focus
- Funding sources follow the projects
- Should be coupled with a conference that features presentations from business and technical experts. A published record of presentations and public discussions would be a distinguishing and welcome difference
- Expo and conference must be cross-sectoral so that a variety of vendors and service providers can justify attendance

\* personal interviews and quoted in this weeks trade publications



# How Can M2M Prepare?

The successful model dictates that we need to:

- 1. Find financial sponsors that have the same goals as M2M (industry participants, governmental agencies, project finance sources)
- 2. Be proactive, find projects (at all stages of maturation)... as many as possible, from a variety of venues and get documentation for circulation at the Partnership Expo!
- 3. Plan for a large turnout and pick a suitable convention center with the capacity to support a world class meeting. Must have transportation to a variety of nearby hotels, easy access to restaurants and entertainment.

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# When should we get underway?

- The Carbon Expo just finished its third event
- The organizers have experience and a corporate trade show and meeting organizer as a partner, and planning for 2007Carbon Expo will begin shortly
- We have fifteen months...