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### **Industry leaders convene to debate cutting-edge climate change solutions**

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 24, 2021 - On July 22, SPLC is convening global sustainability and procurement leaders in a critical discussion aimed squarely at the challenge of curbing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in extended supply chains.

As organizations scramble to find adequate tools and strategy for the immense task ahead, SPLC is forging a path, bringing sustainable procurement and supply chain leaders together to move the conversation forward with the virtual event *Defining the Delta – Supply Chain GHG Reduction Strategies*.

Keynote Speaker Bill Wehl, former sustainability executive at Google and Facebook, and Executive Director of ClimateVoice, says, "For many companies, the emissions in their supply chains far exceed their own operational emissions. Companies have leverage over suppliers and can use that leverage to drive emissions reductions with individual suppliers, and also more broadly with the regions where those suppliers operate. This may require collaboration with other customers of those suppliers, and direct engagement with policy makers in those regions to achieve changes at the pace and scale required."

SPLC CEO Sarah O'Brien explains, "Large organizations know that to achieve greenhouse gas emissions at the scale needed to address the climate emergency, they will have to drive massive changes through their supply chains, where 70-80% of most organizations' GHG impacts occur. Yet the world still lacks fully mature, agreed-upon GHG accounting methods to adequately assess the nature and size of existing supply chain emissions, much less best practices for driving and credibly documenting real GHG emissions reductions through far flung global value chains."

Get a seat at the table for this critically important discussion. Join SPLC, sustainability experts, industry leaders, and public sector representatives to launch a process of convening, learning, and aligning for impact.

This virtual event, held on July 22 from 12-6 pm EST, features an expert panel on Supply Chain GHG Reduction Strategies featuring Anand Narasimhan (Microsoft), Cynthia Cummis (WRI), Patrick Flynn (Salesforce). Event workshops include a WRI-led session on Getting Started on Supply Chain GHG Emissions, and a critically important session led by Anastasia O'Rourke (Yale) on the Role (Innovations and Limitations) of Offsets in Supporting Net Zero Commitments.

For more information or to register, visit <https://splcdeepdives.org>

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The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC), founded in 2013, convenes a global community of purchasers, suppliers, advocates, and researchers to develop and propel best practices in sustainable procurement. A membership-driven non-profit SPLC enables public and private organizations to be strategic in their sustainable purchasing for the greatest social, economic, and environmental impact. Based in Portland, OR, SPLC has over 150 active members wielding \$300 billion in annual purchasing power. <http://sustainablepurchasing.org>