

# What Environmental Market Experts and Educators Say About *CarbonSim*



Dan Dudek Former Vice President, Asia, EDF Over the last 30 years, emissions trading has proven itself as an environmental compliance program that makes the right thing easy and the wrong thing hard. *CarbonSim* is a fabulous tool that synthesizes those years of learning into one interactive experience that teaches the principles of emissions trading, demystifies how to develop and implement a carbon portfolio management strategy, and demonstrates that results are driven by design. Highly recommended for advocates, industry practitioners, and policymakers.



Sumon Sumetchoengprachya Director, Low Carbon City and Society Office, Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization) *CarbonSim* exercises are a great way to provide practical knowledge for industries and decision makers on how carbon trading and ETS works. It can change people's attitude from "ETS is a burden for business" to "Business can make a profit from this system if they make a right decision, mitigate first and sell later."



Eduardo Piquero Manager, Director, Mexico Carbon Platform, Mexico Stock Exchange

*CarbonSim* exercises bring to life the core elements of an emissions trading system. Stakeholders come to understand that the choices they make have a direct effect on the environmental and economic outcome.



**Carolina Rodŕiguez González** Technical Advisor, "Preparation of an Emissions Trading System (ETS) in Mexico," Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH *CarbonSim* provides the private sector with a practical way to understand the component parts and dynamics of a carbon market. They underscore the importance of ETS design and why it is critical to participate in the development phase of a carbon market.



Juan Pedro Searle Solar Ministry of Energy of Chile

The Santiago *CarbonSim* exercises were excellent. Participants with a range of views were able to collaborate and participate in an experiential learning process that demonstrated how emissions markets work and can be designed to serve the interests of diverse stakeholders.



**Vero Bourg-Meyer** Program Director for Clean Energy and Conservation Finance at Yale Center for Business and the Environment

*CarbonSim* is wonderfully fun and informative. It has undeniable teaching qualities that make it an incredible tool for the classroom.



Former Director General for Climate Change Policies and Former Acting Deputy Minister at SEMARNAT quality of ETS stakeholder discussions, increase industry's understanding of ETS mechanics, and illustrate how ETS design choices impact outcomes.



Julia Blasch Assistant Professor in Environmental Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

The *CarbonSim* exercise made a big difference for my environmental economics students. It brought to life the theory of carbon pricing, was a great learning experience, and required relatively little preparation time. I recommend it to everyone who wants their students/employees/colleagues to understand how emissions trading works and that environmental and economic outcomes are a function of the choices that are made by policymakers who administer, and the regulated industries that are subject to, these programs.



**Qian Guoqiang** Deputy General Manager, SinoCarbon Though very useful as a policy instrument, emissions trading can be challenging to understand. A well-designed ETS simulation tool can provide stakeholders with a step-by-step learning experience that demonstrates how markets function and the connection between program design and environmental and economic outcomes. This sort of tool is extremely useful for jurisdictions that are in the early stages of introducing this policy instrument. *CarbonSim* is just such a tool. It has been used by, and proven valuable to, numerous Chinese policy-makers, operators, decision-makers in covered enterprises, and other market participants.



Katherine Hamilton Faculty for Impact Investing and Social Entrepreneurship, Northeastern University *CarbonSim* was a fun and informative way for the students to experience carbon trading first-hand and learn more about trading in general. It's a sophisticated tool for learning about this marketplace in an experiential context.



**Guilherme Borba Lefèvre** Project Manager, Center for Sustainability Studies, Getulio Vargas Foundation

*CarbonSim* is a great teaching tool. It demonstrates the power — and limits — of markets. After a single session stakeholders come to understand the principles of carbon portfolio management and that environmental, economic, and social outcomes are a function of the design decisions that are made by those who design cap and trade programs.



Jamie Fine Director, Energy Research & Sr. Economist, Clean Energy, EDF Before *CarbonSim* I thought I knew a lot about cap and trade policy. Having used this tool, I now have a deeper understanding of a businessman who has dual financial and regulatory obligations. I learned that compliance timelines and market forces necessitate a dynamic strategy along the way. And it is clear that environmental and economic outcomes are a function of program design. Furthermore, I learned that cap and trade requires skills which take time to develop. Building a deeper appreciation of these nontrivial challenges allows me to be more effective in my advocacy.



Alistair Ritchie Former Team Leader, European Commission project 'Implementation of the Korean Emissions Trading System' The ETS simulation game, *CarbonSim*, was a very successful part of our recent workshop on ETS trading strategies for KETS entities. The opportunity to practice with a realistic trading simulation was invaluable and fun for the participants, helping them to gain experience in compliance strategies including abatement, auctioning and trading.



## Jackson Ewing

Senior Fellow, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University It's important for those of us working on carbon markets to have a sense of how they work on trading desks. *CarbonSim* provides that and more, all while being tactile, competitive, and lots of fun.



#### Dan Vermeer

Executive Director and Associate Professor, Center for Energy, Development, and the Global Environment, Duke Fuqua School of Business *CarbonSim* immediately shifted my students from passively reading about climate change to experiencing the real-life choices of carbon market participants. They didn't just learn about mitigation options; they felt the tensions of balancing short-term and long-term priorities, anticipating others' actions, making profits, and considering alternative futures. Working in teams with peers, CarbonSim stimulated important learning conversations, and created excitement about the potential for carbon markets. Simulations like *CarbonSim* are powerful tools that bring complex concepts to life for students.



#### **Josh Margolis** Commercial Advisor, Emergent Forest Finance Accelerator

*CarbonSim* is a fun and engaging tool that is both educational and inspirational. It provides students and stakeholders with a working knowledge of environmental markets. And it demonstrates that well-designed emissions trading systems can be used to bend the climate curve and while also securing beneficial near and long-term environmental, economic, and social outcomes.



### Paul Yeo Chief Executive Officer, Confexhub Group

*CarbonSim* simplifies the complexity of carbon trading. The hands-on approach, the real-time dashboard, and the analytics tools help to hone the skills and fill in the competency gaps of any aspiring carbon professional or trader. *CarbonSim* indeed simulates the real-time market and provides the necessary decision support tools needed to improve carbon trading decision making.