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# LATIN AMERICA CLIMATE SUMMIT (LACS) 2023

## Harnessing the Power of Markets & Collaboration

### Introduction

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As part of our Annual Regional Climate Summit Series 2023, the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) looks forward to welcoming delegates to our flagship **Latin America Climate Summit (LACS) 2023**, taking place **27-29 June at the Sortis Hotel Conference Center** in Panama City, Panama.

LACS 2023 is the premier gathering of carbon market practitioners, experts, and governments from across the Latin America and Caribbean region. Join hundreds of colleagues and climate leaders from the region to gain insights into the growing carbon pricing landscape in LAC, market trends, and relevant policy and regulatory developments. Attending LACS 2023 presents a unique opportunity to learn from experts, enhance your carbon market expertise, and expand your network of leaders to - collaboratively - move **the needle on delivering climate action at scale**.

Organized by IETA, in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP), LACS 2023 is an in-person event with select sessions available in a hybrid format for virtual participation. The program features high-level plenaries, inspirational keynotes, cross-cutting deep dives, interactive side events, and valuable networking opportunities to foster meaningful connections.

### Practical Information

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- Interested in **speaking and partner sponsor opportunities, hosting your own session or meeting**, contact Lisa Spafford, [spafford@ieta.org](mailto:spafford@ieta.org) – **Visibility Package details available [HERE](#)**
- Would like to attend as a **delegate**, register [HERE](#)
- To join as a **media**, contact Badr Maallem, [maallem@ieta.org](mailto:maallem@ieta.org)
- For **ICAP-related inquiry**, contact Stefano DeClara, [Stefano.declara@icapcarbonaction.com](mailto:Stefano.declara@icapcarbonaction.com)
- **Summit venue:** [Sortis Hotel](#), Calle 56 Y 57, Obarrio, Panama City, Panama

### Agenda Overview (subject to updates)

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**TUESDAY 27 JUNE – PRE-DAY**

- 9:00-17:30 *Registration & Welcome Coffee*
- 9:30-11:00 Closed Door Invite Only - IETA LAC WG & NCS WG Meeting
- 11:00-13:00 Closed Door Invite Only - IETA International WG Meeting
- 13:00-14:00 *Welcome Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 *Media Workshop*
- 14:30-17:30 Closed Event Invite Only - ICAP-IETA Workshop
- 15:30-16:30 Opened Event - Climate Change Movie Time
- 16:30-17:30 Opened Event - Training Session on Emissions Reduction Purchase Agreement (ERPA) in Spanish
- 17:30-19:30 *LACS Welcome Reception (opened to all LACS delegates)*

### **WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE – DAY 1**

- 8:00-8:30 *Registration & Welcome Coffee*
- 8:30-9:00 Opening Ceremony – Harnessing the Power of Markets and Collaboration
- 9:00-9:15 *Short Break*
- 9:15-10:30 Plenary 1 – Carbon Markets in Latin America: Landscape Review and Seizing the Moment for Ambitious Action
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00-12:00 Deep Dive 1 – Article 6 in Latin America: What Does it Mean for the Sustainable Growth & Development of the Region?
- 11:00-12:00 Deep Dive 2 – Emerging Carbon Markets in Panama, the Dominican Republic and Beyond
- 11:00-12:00 Side Event Session 1
- 12:00-12:15 *Short Break*
- 12:15-13:15 Plenary 2 – Financing the Future: Perspectives of Financial Institutions on LAC Carbon Market Opportunities
- 13:15-14:15 *Networking Lunch*
- 14:15-15:15 Plenary 3 – Carbon Credits: Separating Facts from Fiction
- 15:15-15:30 *Short Break*

- 15:30-16:30 Deep Dive 3 – From Pilot to Reality: Impacts & Lessons Learned from Mexico, Chile and Colombia
- 15:30-16:30 Deep Dive 4 – CCUS and Engineered Removals: The Hurdles and Promises of Technology Solutions in LAC
- 15:30-16:30 Side Event Session 2
- 16:30-17:00 *Aperitif Happy ‘Half Hour’ – Grab a coffee or a drink and join us for our closing plenary of the day*
- 17:00-18:00 Plenary 4 – Maximizing the Value of Climate Data & Digitization: Leveraging Information Management and Connectivity for Sustainable Development
- 20:30-23:30 *IETA Nightcap Reception (for IETA Members only)*

## **THURSDAY 29 JUNE – DAY 2**

- 8:30-10:00 *Registration & Welcome Coffee*
- 8:45-9:45 Side Event Sessions 3 & 4
- 9:45-10:00 *Short Break*
- 10:00-11:00 Plenary 5 – Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) in Latin America: The Vital Role of Tropical Forests
- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30-12:30 Deep Dive 5 – Decarbonization Strategies for Different Sectors
- 11:30-12:30 Deep Dive 6 – Green Bonds and Carbon Markets: Driving Sustainable Investment in Latin America
- 11:30-12:30 Side Event Session 5
- 12:30-13:30 *Networking Lunch*
- 13:30-14:30 Plenary 6 – The Burgeoning Voluntary Market: How is Technology in Enabling the Transparency and Scaling the VCM in LAC?
- 14:30-14:45 *Short Break*
- 14:45-15:45 Deep Dive 7 – Uniting Forces for a Stronger Carbon Market in LAC: Regional Collaboration as a Key Driver
- 14:45-15:45 Side Event Sessions 6 & 7
- 15:45-16:15 *Coffee Break*
- 16:15-17:30 Plenary 7 – Beyond Carbon: Uncovering the Hidden Social and Environmental Benefits of Carbon Markets in LAC

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Closing Addresses – Bringing it Home & What’s Next

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