



LATIN AMERICA'S LEADING EVENT ON CARBON MARKETS SCALINE MARKET SOLUTIONS. POWERING PROGRESS & GROWTH

Introduction

Building momentum on carbon markets as we get closer to COP30, part of our Annual Regional Climate Summit Series, [IETA](#) is delighted to be organizing its annual **Latin America Climate Summit (LACS 2025)** in São Paulo, Brazil, 26–28 August at the [Renaissance Sao Paulo Hotel](#). This edition is co-hosted by the Secretariat of Environment, Infrastructure, and Logistics of the State of São Paulo (SEMIL), and the City of São Paulo.

As an in-person only event featuring simultaneous translation English-Portuguese-Spanish, LACS 2025 is the premier gathering of carbon market practitioners from across the Latin America and Caribbean region, bringing together over 800 delegates to discuss the importance of carbon pricing instruments for raising climate ambition and drive fair transition in the region considering the rapidly changing geopolitical landscape.

The Summit will offer an unmatched space to discuss carbon pricing trends, deepen market expertise, and engage with policy makers and governments, business leaders, civil society, and local and traditional communities who are shaping the future of carbon markets in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Daily Snapshot

26 August – DAY 1: Summit Sessions, Side Events, Members & Invite Only Meetings, LACS Welcome Reception (open to all delegates)

27 August – DAY 2: Summit Sessions, Side Events, IETA Nightcap Party (limited capacity, separate paid ticket)

28 August – DAY 3: Summit Sessions, Side Events

Practical Information

- **Visibility and sponsorship** packages, contact Christian Mosquera mosquera@ieta.org - Visibility Package details available [HERE](#)
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- **Summit venue:** Renaissance Sao Paulo Hotel, Alameda Santos, 2233 - Jardim Paulista, São Paulo - SP, 01419-002, Brazil

Agenda Overview (Subject to updates)

Simultaneous translation will be provided in English – Portuguese – Spanish.

DAY 1 - Tuesday 26 August

- 8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee
- 8:30-16:00 **By Invitation – Carbon Pricing in the Americas General Assembly**
- 8:30-10:00 IETA Members Meeting – LAC & International Working Group
- 8:30-9:30 **Workshop 1 – Around the World of Carbon Markets in 60 Minutes**
 This interactive session will bring you an overview of the state and trends of carbon markets around the world. It will allow you to catch up on general latest developments and fill in any gaps or questions you may have - preparing you for the more detailed and technical sessions which we have lined up for you on day 2 and 3. Remember, there is no such thing as a 'silly question'.
- 9:30-10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:00-11:00 **Workshop 2 - Global Rules, Local Realities: Legal Challenges for Carbon Markets in Latin America & The Caribbean**
 As we are facing new local legal developments in LAC, the challenge remains in aligning domestic circumstances and needs with the international legal requirements demanded from both, voluntary and compliance markets. Panelists will discuss the legal challenges of designing national frameworks that align with the domestic legal contexts and development priorities. They will also emphasize the importance of providing legal certainty and international credibility to attract private sector engagement and facilitate international cooperation.
- 10:00-11:30 IETA Members Meeting – Brasil Initiative

 IETA Members Meeting – Digital Working Group
- 11:15-12:15 **Workshop 3 – Carbon Accounting Roundtable**
 This special roundtable brings together senior industry leaders from around the world, for a moderated discussion to explore common challenges and gain new perspectives. We will address where carbon accounting was and where it needs to go, and how it relates to markets, GHG protocol, boarder adjustments as well as climate policy.
- 12:00-13:15 Welcome Lunch
- 13:00-14:15 By Invitation – Latin America Climate Summit Media Workshop

13:15-14:30 By Invitation – ALMA Brasil Meeting

By Invitation – ICROA Roundtable

14:30-15:30 **Workshop 4 – The 2025 Energy Security Scenarios: Energy and Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

To make better decisions today, we need to challenge our assumptions about the future. This special session will feature a presentation of The 2025 Energy Security Scenarios that Shell has been developing. As society strives to deliver a new era of economic growth, ensure energy security and address climate change, AI has matured to a point that it is making a broad impact in the world and on human life. But how might the energy system change as AI catalyses change across society?

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Side Event 1 – Organised by StoneX

Side Event 2 – Organised by Tba

17:00-17:15 Session Transition

17:15-18:15 Side Event 3 – Organised by Verra

Side Event 4 – Organised by Tba

18:15-19:30 Latin America Climate Summit Welcome Reception

DAY 2 – Wednesday 27 August

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00-9:30 **Opening Ceremony ‘Scaling Market Solutions – Powering Progress & Growth’**

9:30-9:45 Short Break

9:45-11:00 **Plenary 1 – From Policy to Implementation: Carbon Pricing Trends in Latin America**

While carbon pricing gains traction across Latin America, this session explores how countries are bridging policy and practice. Discover how Latin America is turning carbon pricing policy into climate action in this high-level plenary that will bring together government leaders and experts to share the region's latest regulatory updates and innovations in carbon market design.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 **Breakout 1 – Brazil’s ETS in Focus: Building the Brazilian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System (SBCE) for a Just and Effective Carbon Price**

As a cornerstone of its climate strategy, Brazil is advancing the SBCE - its national emissions trading system. This panel explores recent regulatory developments, offset inclusion, and strong price signals to ensure environmental integrity, promote innovation, safeguard industry competitiveness, and drive long-term decarbonization across Brazil's economy.

- 12:00-12:30 **Breakout 2 – CORSIA & Maritime**
- 12:30-13:30 Networking Lunch
- 13:30-14:30 Side Event 5 – Organised by S&P Commodity Insights
Side Event 6 – Organised by Cercarbono
- 14:30-14:45 Short Break
- 14:45-15:45 **Plenary 2 – Increasing Climate Finance and Trust: The Role of Jurisdictional Programs in the Promotion of REDD+**
This high-level session gathers leaders from governments, the private sector, and standards bodies to explore the evolving landscape of jurisdictional REDD+ programs. Panelists will discuss challenges and recent developments in climate finance, trust-building, and implementation—sharing perspectives on scaling nature-based solutions and enhancing impact through collaborative, jurisdictional approaches.
- 15:45-16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:15-17:15 **Breakout 3 – Aligning Rules, Connecting Markets, Raising Ambition: Challenges for Promoting Interoperability in Latin America**
As carbon markets expand across Latin America, aligning rules and enabling interoperability is key to scaling impact. This session convenes governments, experts, and carbon market key actors to promote a strategic discussion on how countries can align rules, build trust, and overcome technical and political barriers to interoperability. Experts and decision-makers will share insights on how integrated markets can unlock efficiencies, support robust climate outcomes, and amplify regional ambition.
- 16:15-16:45 **Breakout 4 – Scaling Carbon Removals: Integrating Technology and Market Demand**
As the net-zero race accelerates, carbon removals are vital to credible climate strategies. This session explores how technology, investment, policy, and robust monitoring, reporting & verification (MRV) can scale solutions. Looking at Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) and Direct Air Capture (DAC), and data centers, panelists will examine sectoral adaptation and the role of cross-sector collaboration in driving durable climate outcomes in a rapidly evolving market.
- 17:15-17:30 Short Break
- 17:30-18:30 **Plenary 3 – Beyond Carbon: Ensuring Social Safeguards and Good Practices with Local Communities**
Latin America has great potential in NBS, conservation of which largely depends on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. In this regard, the carbon markets has provided the ideal complement for conservation and territorial development, while also posing challenges and generating lessons learned about community management. Within this context, the panelists will address topics such as community governance, prior consultations (FPIC), and fair agreement and benefit sharing.

21:00-00:00 IETA Nightcap Party

DAY 3 - Thursday 28 August

8:00-9:00 Welcome Coffee

8:00-9:00 **Workshop – Women in Carbon Breakfast**

Join us for a dedicated networking breakfast celebrating the leadership and growing impact of women in carbon markets across Latin America and the Caribbean. Hosted by the Women in Carbon, this informal gathering offers a space to connect, share experiences, and build community among professionals driving climate solutions in the region. As carbon markets expand and diversify, promoting visibility and inclusion is essential for shaping a more equitable and effective climate finance landscape.

9:00-10:00 Side Event 7 – Organised by German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) & GIZ

Side Event 8 – Organised by Tba

10:00-10:10 Short Break

10:10-11:10 **Plenary 4 – Financing Fairness: Carbon Markets, Climate Capital, and the Integrity Imperative**

Scaling climate finance requires trust, transparency, and bold action. As the world moves from Baku to Belém amid complex global challenges, carbon markets emerge as key tools. This session gathers leaders to explore how integrity-driven mechanisms can channel capital and help mobilize \$1.3 trillion annually for climate action in developing countries.

11:10-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 **Breakout 5 – Participating in International Carbon Trading: Pathways and Options for Latin America and Brazil**

Join policymakers and private sector experts to unpack the emergence of international carbon trading under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. This session will discuss key global trends, emerging regulatory frameworks and key considerations to build well-designed international carbon markets to channel resources to where they are most needed, drive emissions reductions, and deliver social and environmental co-benefits.

Breakout 6 – Infrastructure for Impact: How Digital Systems Can Scale Nature-Based Solutions

The panel will first focus on how innovations in earth observation might impact markets downstream, specifically nature based projects in Latin America. Recent developments include satellite launches with synthetic aperture radar, and the increasing sophistication of geospatial machine learning. The panel will then pivot to registry infrastructure and tokenization, with interventions from registry providers.

12:30-13:30 Networking Lunch

13:30-14:30 Side Event 9 – Organised by Tba

Side Event 10 – Organised by Tba

14:30-14:45 Short Break

14:45-15:30 **Breakout 7 – Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Trade, and Carbon Pricing Instruments: Industry Impacts and Policy Responses in Latin America & The Caribbean**

In a world facing drastic trade realignments, CBAM is redefining the link between trade and climate ambition. This session brings together industry and policymakers to explore its impact and responses from Latin America. Participants will discuss carbon border policies, trade ripple effects, and how pricing and accounting systems can protect and strengthen regional economies.

Breakout 8 – Demand Perspectives on Projects and Claims - Voluntary Carbon Market

What buyers look for when buying a carbon credit? This session will explore the demand side perspective on the use of carbon credits. Ensuring a ton is a ton, that projects deliver co-benefits, that mitigation is aligned with the Paris Agreement and regulation. What drives investors decisions on credits and how should the credit look like to fit into corporate decarbonization strategies? In the context of the update of the IETA Guidelines for the Use of High Quality Carbon Credits we will address these questions to come up with guidelines on the use of credits in net zero corporate strategies.

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 **Plenary 5 – Toward Belém and Beyond: Latin America’s Carbon Market Vision on the Road to COP30**

On the road to COP30 in Belém, Latin America has a unique opportunity to show the way on how to raise climate ambition with equity, aligning climate policies and carbon markets with sustainable development priorities, that not only ensure environmental integrity, but also empower Indigenous Peoples and local communities, driving a fair and climate-resilient transition. Join regional experts and policymakers in this remarkable session as they outline their expectations on carbon markets for COP30 and a shared vision ahead on what a fair and sustainable carbon market future look like for Latin America.

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