



THE NEW CARBON ORDER – BUILDING DEMAND-LED CARBON MARKETS

Introduction

Part of IETA's annual regional climate summit series, the [Latin America Climate Summit \(LACS\) 2026](#) is the leading gathering of carbon markets practitioners, experts and government across Latin America and the Caribbean. Organised by IETA and hosted by the Secretary of Environment of Nuevo León, this 12th edition will take place 2-4 June 2026 at the [TEC de Monterrey](#) in Mexico.

Bringing together around 800 delegates, LACS combines regional leadership with global perspectives, focusing on how emerging emissions trading systems, carbon taxes, international market mechanisms, and innovation-driven infrastructure can enable credible climate action and sustainable economic growth.

As an in-person only event featuring simultaneous translation English-Spanish-Portuguese, LACS offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with policymakers, market developers, investors, communities, and innovators, influencing both regional and global carbon market architecture.

Daily Snapshot

2 June – DAY 1: Summit Sessions, Side Events, Members Meetings, Welcome Reception (open to all delegates)

3 June – DAY 2: Summit Sessions, Side Events, IETA Nightcap Reception (limited capacity, separate paid ticket)

4 June – DAY 3: Summit Sessions, Side Events

Practical Information

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- **Summit venue**: TEC de Monterrey, Av. Eugenio Garza Sada 2501 Sur, Tecnologico, Distrito Tec, 64700 Monterrey, N.L., Mexico

Agenda Overview (Subject to updates)

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

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 2 JUNE

- 8:00-9:30 Registration & Welcome Refreshments
- 9:00-10:30 **IETA Members Only Meeting – LAC Working Group**
- 9:00-17:30 **By Invitation – International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP) & DG CLIMA Task Force Roundtable**
- 9:30-10:30 **Workshop 1 - Digital Infrastructure for Carbon Integrity: Building Trust and Interoperability in Climate Market**
 Digital revolution is reshaping Latin America's carbon markets, with AI optimizing Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) and registries through advanced Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and satellite verification, alongside data models enabling seamless cross-border standardization. The session explores digital infrastructure roles, regional pilots from Chile to Brazil, and emerging pathways for efficient market ecosystems.
- 10:30-11:00 Tea & Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00 **Workshop 2 - Who Carries the Risk? Legal Liability, Corresponding Adjustments, Registries and Labels**
 Legal uncertainty can emerge at multiple points across the carbon chain, from authorization and corresponding adjustments to registry treatment, labels, and the credibility of use claims. This workshop will explore how those risks are allocated in practice, who may bear responsibility, and how market actors are seeking to manage them.
- 11:00-12:30 **By Invitation Only Meeting – To be Announced**

12:00-13:15 Lunch Break

13:15-14:00 Workshop 3 – IETA: Joining with Purpose

What does it mean to be a member of IETA? Designed for curious, strategic organisations looking to join a global network of carbon market leaders, this session is an opportunity to gain insight into how members engage in IETA's work, contribute to policy dialogue, and help shape market-based climate solutions.

13:15-14:45 By Invitation Only Meeting – Latin America Climate Summit Media Workshop

13:15-15:30 IETA Members Only Meeting – BPMI Part 1 & Part 2

14:15-15:15 Workshop 4 – Carbon Accounting: Navigating the Emerging Global Landscape: From Inventories to Market Infrastructure

As carbon markets expand, border measures emerge, and disclosure regimes advance, 2026 marks a structural shift in global carbon accounting. Reforms and partnerships across standards spur debate on measurement and comparability. IETA's popular workshop convenes experts to explore evolving frameworks, convergence versus flexibility, and Latin America's role shaping this landscape.

15:15-15:45 Tea & Coffee Break

15:30-16:45 Side Event 1 – Organised by UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre: Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM) Clinic

Side Event 2 – To be Announced

17:00-18:00 Side Event 3 – Organised by GIZ / Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), Germany

Side Event 4 – Organised by Verra

18:00-19:00 Latin America Climate Summit Welcome Reception
Open to all Summit Delegates.

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

8:00-9:00 Registration & Welcome Refreshments

- 9:00-9:20 **Opening Ceremony – The New Order: Building Demand-Led Carbon Markets**
- 9:20-9:30 **Keynote Presentation**
- 9:30-10:00 **Opening Ministerial Armchair – Carbon Pricing at the Core of Climate Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**
This panel convenes Environment Ministers from the LAC region to examine carbon pricing within the regional policy mix. Participants will address critical implementation challenges and the innovative strategies deployed to navigate them. Leaders will explore cross-border cooperation to unlock climate finance, harmonize regional markets, and ensure a just transition toward a low-carbon economy.
- 10:00-10:30 **Tea & Coffee Break**
- 10:30-11:30 **Plenary 1 – Unlocking Carbon Market Integration in Latin America: Navigating Complexities, Exploring Policy Innovation and Private-Sector Leadership for Climate Action**
This session explores the strategic roadmap for Latin American carbon markets under Article 6. Following a keynote on decarbonization pathways to navigate technological and regulatory shifts, a high-level panel will examine national trading platforms and industrial strategies to accelerate emissions reductions, regional implementation, and private-sector strategic impact.
- 11:45-12:45 **Plenary 2 – The New Carbon Order and the State of Carbon Markets in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**
Representing 20% of global operational carbon pricing instruments, LAC is a leading force shaping the new carbon order. This panel brings together public- and private-sector experts to share regional regulatory updates, market trends, and innovations in policy design. The discussion will also address the importance of governments setting clear frameworks for corporates deploying capital and innovation to deliver a high-growth, low-carbon future.
- 12:45-13:45 **Networking Lunch**
- 13:45-14:45 **Side Event 5 – Organised by S&P Global Commodities**
- Side Event 6 – To be Announced**

14:55-15:45 **Breakout 1 – Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and Competing in a Carbon Border Era: Strategic Considerations for Latin America and Caribbean**

Border carbon measures are now reshaping global market access and redefining industrial competitiveness based on product-level, data-driven carbon performance. This session convenes experts to assess Europe's CBAM definitive period, responses from non-EU producers, policy reactions via ETS and alignment, and emerging climate-trade platforms, highlighting key developments to watch through COP31.

Breakout 2 – Scaling Nature-Based Carbon Removals in the New Carbon Economy

Removals will play a key role in corporates and countries transition to net zero. This breakout bring a practical discussion on how to unlock capital flows for nature-based carbon removals, including Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation (ARR), blue carbon and regenerative agriculture. The session explores current state and challenges, scale projections, case studies, and innovations that strengthen integrity, measurement and investability.

15:55-16:45 **Breakout 3 – Powering the Transition: Energy and Carbon Markets in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**

While LAC contributes under 10% of global emissions, its energy sector remains a critical decarbonization frontier, with fossil fuels still supplying 70% of primary energy. Accelerating the transition is essential to meeting Paris Agreement targets. This panel examines the pivotal role of carbon markets in scaling renewable infrastructure, mobilizing climate finance, and integrating decentralized systems – while ensuring a just, low-carbon future.

Breakout 4 – Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) Phase 1 Countdown: What Airlines Need and What Governments Should Enable

The year 2026 marks the end of Phase 1 for CORSIA, and the eligible supply gap is a material risk for airlines. Speakers will discuss the current situation among LAC countries and governments, the need for clear positions and policies, authorization pathways and predictable issuance timelines, and how airlines are screening projects (integrity, delivery risk, pricing) and integrating SAF and credits into compliance strategies.

16:45-17:15 **Tea & Coffee Break**

17:15-18:15 **Plenary 3 – Article 6 Goes Live in Latin America and the Caribbean: Turning 6.2 and Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM) into Action**

With Article 6 moving from rulemaking to execution, this session examines where Latin America stands on authorizations, bilateral agreements, and Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMO) transactions. Speakers will share early lessons from implemented deals, remaining bottlenecks, and what is needed to scale demand-driven international cooperation with integrity and host-country benefits.

20:30-23:30 **IETA Nightcap Reception**

Separate paid ticket required for entrance, purchased online in advance of the Reception. Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.

DAY 3 - THURSDAY 4 JUNE

8:30-9:30 Registration & Welcome Refreshments

9:00-10:00 **Workshop 5 – Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Women in Sustainability & Carbon Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 **Side Event 7 – To be Announced**

10:10-10:20 **Opening Keynote Presentation**

10:20-11:20 **Plenary 4 – Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM): Scaling Corporate Climate Action for Net Zero Delivery**

Corporates remain the largest and most dynamic source of demand in the VCM. Despite challenges, carbon credits remain a critical bridge for companies on the path to net zero. Restoring and scaling corporate demand, however, will depend on the establishment of a credible “safe harbour” that provides clarity and integrity in how credits are used. This plenary will examine what an effective safe harbour should look like, and the roles governments, standard setters and market actors play.

11:15-11:45 Tea & Coffee Break

11:45-12:35 **Breakout 5 – Scaling Technology-Based Carbon Removals: From Pilots to Market**

Innovations linking waste streams to carbon markets in LAC countries: methane extraction from landfills for renewable gas production and organic waste pyrolysis yielding biochar for durable removals. This session analyzes project feasibility, regulatory alignment, market crediting mechanisms, and strategies to accelerate deployment across urban and rural contexts.

Breakout 6 – From Co-Benefits to Core Value: The Social Pillar of Carbon

A discussion on the evolving social dimension of carbon projects and programmes. The session explores advances in social metrics and methodologies, their interaction with national regulations, and experiences from Latin America on integrating social outcomes into high-integrity carbon markets.

12:30-13:40 Networking Lunch

13:40-14:40 **Side Event 8 – To be Announced**

14:50-15:40 **Breakout 7 – Mexico’s Emissions Trading System (ETS): Navigating the Operational Phase**

Mexico has the opportunity to implement the first ETS in LAC, serving as a pillar for long-term decarbonization and cross-sector innovation. This panel presents and discusses design elements, and regulatory progress to ensure proper implementation. Policymakers and technical experts will analyze opportunities to harmonize federal and subnational carbon pricing instruments, safeguarding industry competitiveness while streamlining market operations.

Breakout 8 – The Future of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+): Integrity, Scale and Market Impact

As REDD+ enters a moment of renewed confidence, this panel offers a multi-perspective discussion on its current role and future direction. We will look at how companies are using REDD+ credits in their decarbonization strategies, how subnational entities are integrating REDD+ into public policies, and how it is being reflected in domestic carbon markets as well as in emerging international mechanisms such as CORSIA and Article 6 under the Paris Agreement.

15:40-16:00 Tea & Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 **Plenary 5 – Unlocking Bankability: Financial Criteria and Risk Mitigation for High-Integrity Assets**

Experts will analyze strategic investment frontiers within carbon markets, identifying the core criteria for capital deployment and the enabling conditions required to mobilize large-scale institutional finance. Simultaneously, the panel will examine the evolution of innovative insurance instruments designed to mitigate delivery, reversal, and political risks, ensuring project bankability in alignment with emerging market demands for high-integrity assets.

17:00-17:15 High-level Closing Addresses

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