COP31 POLICY PRIORITIES

Creating the conditions for international carbon markets to scale

Article 6 is moving from rulebook to reality, but not at the speed or scale our climate goals need. COP31 is an implementation COP, and IETA, representing over 300 companies, calls on Parties to use it to draw lessons from implementation experience and advance practical solutions to emerging barriers, while protecting the regulatory predictability that investment depends on.

OUR THREE ASKS

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Fund the system

Bridge funding now and predictable long-term financing for Article 6.2 infrastructure and reviews, and for the Article 6.4 mechanism.

02

Build on experience

Use early lessons to clarify reporting and reviews, support different forms of cooperation and align with CORSIA.

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Make PACM investable

Assess the cumulative impact of methodology decisions, send clear demand signals and open up governance.

ARTICLE 6.2 · COOPERATIVE APPROACHES

Fund it properly and give investors certainty

Implementation is in full swing: IETA tracks 113 bilateral agreements or MoUs, and 53 cooperative approaches are listed on the CARP. Yet only 151,566 ITMOs have been transferred to a buyer country.

Agree adequate funding

Immediate bridge funding plus predictable long-term financing. Fees should be proportionate, transparent and simple, protect reviewer independence and not limit developing country participation, particularly LDCs and SIDS.

Protect predictability

Prioritize implementing the existing framework through practical tools and targeted clarifications. Broad changes now would undermine investment confidence.

Use the mandated dialogues

Ambition Dialogue and Technical Expert Review dialogue: advance authorization certainty, reporting and reviews, interoperability, NDC periods and ITMO banking.

Coordinate across processes

Accommodate bilateral and unilateral approaches, align UNFCCC and ICAO processes for CORSIA, and keep review follow-up facilitative and predictable.

ARTICLE 6.4 · PARIS AGREEMENT CREDITING MECHANISM

Remove the barriers to scaling PACM

Regulatory progress is not yet translating into supply. Only 38 of 418 CDM activities with host Party approval to transition had received approval from the Supervisory Body. Beyond transition delays, cumulative methodological requirements, uncertain demand and limited stakeholder engagement constrain investment in both existing and new activities. IETA calls for targeted CMA guidance to address these challenges and support a viable pipeline at scale.

Transparent methodology priorities

Publish the criteria, evidence and process behind prioritization, with structured input from host countries, developers, investors and buyers.

Test investment viability

Assess the cumulative impact of methodological requirements using real-world data, preferring empirical evidence over conservative assumptions.

Secure financial sustainability

Close the shortfall through bridge financing, transparent spending priorities and a broader activity base. Keep fee exemptions for LDCs and SIDS.

Open up governance

Consultation periods proportionate to complexity, a published record of how comments were assessed, and transparent expert-panel appointments.

Build DNA capacity

Equip national authorities to assess proposals and shape rules, and report resources allocated, committed and spent.

Workable durability rules

Judge buffers, insurance and guarantees on effectiveness and practicality, so credible nature-based activities can take part.

BEYOND THE NEGOTIATIONS

Initiatives to watch in Antalya

Coalition to Grow Carbon Markets

Launching its Policy Playbook and promoting the Safe Harbour paper, developed by IETA and co-sponsored by the UK and Indonesia.

Open Coalition on Compliance Carbon Markets

IETA is an observer. Public event Sat 14 Nov; ministerial meeting Mon 16 Nov expected to endorse a COP31 Political Declaration.

Harmonised accounting standards

Aligned standards are a climate competitiveness opportunity, and should recognize high-integrity action, including carbon markets. Fragmentation is a real risk.

COP31 Business Forum

Carbon markets are not among its 10 pillars, yet carbon finance can support its focus areas, from electrification to clean cooking.

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