



## **ICAP Online Seminar on Emissions Trading**

Introduction to Emissions Trading as a Tool for Climate Mitigation  
Online Seminar, 22 to 26 March 2021

### **Call for Applications**

Emissions trading is a market-based instrument for climate change mitigation. From the EU to South Korea and from China to California, more and more jurisdictions around the world use emissions trading as a tool to achieve their climate goals. At the beginning of 2021, around 17% of world's emissions are covered by ETS. In Southeast Asia, several countries have taken steps towards developing emissions trading systems, such as Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In this context, from 22 to 26 March 2021, the International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP) in cooperation with the Asia Society Policy Institute will convene an online Seminar, focusing on Southeast Asian countries. The Seminar will introduce participants to the basic concepts and key elements of emissions trading. Drawing on examples and experiences from existing systems, the Seminar will explain the main design choices for setting up an ETS and convey solutions for their implementation.

- The Seminar targets participants from South-East Asia as a region where many countries are currently considering the use of emissions trading to achieve their climate goals, or haven't taken first steps towards implementing such systems.
- The Seminar format is designed to be interactive, accessible and engaging. Using different online collaboration tools and frequent breakout groups, it will allow participants to exchange ideas and get to know each other. An online ETS simulation will accompany the teaching sessions.
- The Seminar will involve insights from policy practitioners from different jurisdictions, for a first-hand account of the challenges of ETS design, and the solutions implemented. In this way, the Seminar will convey both the conceptual foundations of ETS, and its practical implementation.

The Seminar forms part of the ICAP training and capacity building activities supported by the European Commission.

### **Course Content**

The curriculum of the ICAP Seminar will introduce emissions trading as a policy instrument for climate policy, and provide illustration through many hands-on examples, practical experience and case studies. It will address a range of issues faced in the design of emissions trading systems, taking into account the needs and circumstances of the countries in the region.

Covered issues include:

- Emissions trading and its role in the climate policy instrument mix;
- Setting the cap;
- Defining scope and coverage of a trading scheme;
- Allocation methods;
- Management of the carbon price;

- Ensuring compliance through monitoring, reporting, verification and enforcement;
- Co-benefits & equity impacts of ETS;
- Administrative and legal implementation;
- Pathways towards establishing an ETS;
- Regional cooperation.

## Teaching Faculty

Teaching faculty for the online training course will consist of experienced decision makers from the administrative authorities in ICAP member jurisdictions, as well as practitioners and representatives from established research institutions active in the area of emissions trading and climate policy. With this combination of different backgrounds, the faculty guarantees both a high level of technical expertise and practical experience, and promotes the creation of an active network between training course participants, government officials and the research and advisory community.

## Participation

The seminar targets up to 30 selected participants, who will be selected to ensure a balance of professional backgrounds, nationalities and gender. Applications are invited from entry-level to mid-career staff from the public sector, private sector, civil society and academia; particularly those with roles and responsibilities related to domestic climate policy, but little prior knowledge of emissions trading. Good command of English is required for successful participation. Participation is free and participants will receive a certificate for the course, but there will be a competitive selection process.

Applications are invited from Southeast Asian countries at an early / interim stage of carbon market implementation, specifically: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. Applications from neighboring jurisdictions in East Asia are also welcome, but will not have priority in the selection process.

## Timing

The 2021 ICAP online Seminar on Emissions Trading will be held from 22 to 26 March, 2021. The main sessions of the Seminar program will run from 3 pm – 7 pm (Bangkok, Hanoi, Jakarta) / 4 pm – 8 pm (Beijing, Manila, Singapore). In addition, an online ETS simulation will be offered from 10 – 12 am (Bangkok, Hanoi, Jakarta) / 11 am – 1 pm (Beijing, Manila, Singapore).

**Applications are invited until Monday 1 March, 2021**

**Please apply now at <https://forms.gle/R5EzP4BuBCwqTj1c7>**

Applicants who cannot access the form are asked to approach JIA Shiwei ([Shiwei.Jia@icf.com](mailto:Shiwei.Jia@icf.com)) to submit their application by email.

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