



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

Introduction to Emissions Trading as a Tool for Climate Mitigation  
Online Seminar, 27 February to 3 March 2023

### **Call for Applications**

Emissions trading is a market-based instrument for climate change mitigation. From the EU to Mexico and from China to California, more and more jurisdictions around the world use emissions trading as a tool to achieve their climate goals. As of 2022, around 17% of world's emissions are covered by ETS. In Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico was the first country to introduce an emissions trading system. Several countries have taken steps towards developing domestic carbon markets, including Brazil, Costa Rica, Panama and Peru. Other countries opted for a carbon tax, such as Argentina Chile, Colombia and Uruguay, but in some instances are also considering carbon market elements to complement the tax.

To support the development and application of emissions trading systems in the region, from 27 February to 3 March 2023, the International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP) will convene an online Seminar, focusing on Latin America and the Caribbean. As an entry-level training, the one-week 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 Latin America and the Caribbean as a region where many countries currently consider 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. The online ETS simulation game CarbonSim 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;
- Managing 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 welcome from countries all across Latin America and the Caribbean – both from current residents of these countries, but also from nationals of these countries living outside the region.

Participants of previous ICAP trainings are advised that the curriculum will overlap with the training they have received, as this is designed to be an entry-level activity. The organisers allow the right to prioritise applicants that have not benefitted from previous trainings.

Applications are invited until Monday 6 February. Please apply now at [this website](#).

## Timing

The 2023 ICAP online Seminar on Emissions Trading will be held from 27 February to 3 March, 2023. The main sessions of the Seminar programme will take place from 11 – 2.45 (Rio, Buenos Aires) / 9 – 12.45 (Lima, Bogota) / 8 – 11.45 (Mexico City). In addition, an online ETS simulation will be offered in the (early) afternoon on three of the days.

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