



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 – Spanish – Portuguese.

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 LAC**

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 LACS 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 latest regulatory updates and innovations in carbon market design in the region. From compliance systems to hybrid approaches that considers Article 6 and carbon crediting instruments, learn how countries are advancing tailored solutions that address global developments and help them raise their climate ambition.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 **Breakout 1 – Brazil’s ETS in Focus: Building the SBCE for a Just and Effective Carbon Price**

As a cornerstone of its climate strategy, Brazil is advancing its national emissions trading system—SBCE. This session explores recent regulatory developments and how the country is planning to set up a system that is both fair and effective. Panellists will examine regulatory progress, offset inclusion, and how to create strong price signals across sectors—ensuring environmental integrity while promoting innovation, ensuring the competitiveness of the Brazilian industry, and facilitating the long-term decarbonization in 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+ - Challenges and Recent Developments**

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 25th Anniversary 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 charts a path from Baku to Belém in challenging geopolitical and fiscal context, carbon markets represent key tools to expand climate finance. This session brings together leaders in carbon markets and finance to explore and dive into how integrity-driven market mechanisms can drive

capital to where it's needed most and help to catalyze the \$1.3 trillion annual investment needed by 2035 to support developing countries in achieving equitable and ambitious climate action.

11:10-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 Breakout 5 – Carbon Market Pathways and their Social, Environmental and Economic Impacts

Join experts and policymakers as they unpack insights on carbon market pathways for Brazil and Latin America. The session will bring together government and private sector representatives to discuss key elements for developing well-designed and innovative carbon market frameworks to channel resources to where they are most needed, drive emissions reductions, and deliver social and environmental co-benefits—drawing on global best practices to inform regional strategies and climate policy choices.

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 – Trade, and CBAM: Industry Impacts and Policy Responses in Latin America

In a world facing drastic trade realignments, CBAM is redefining the link between trade and climate ambition. This session brings together industry voices and policymakers to assess its implications on Latin America's economies and government responses. In a dynamic and interactive format in which the audience will be divided into small groups, it aims to provide a space for discussing the ripple effects of carbon border policies on trade

and across the region as well as how carbon pricing and robust accounting systems can serve as both shields and springboards in a rapidly evolving global trade landscape.

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. Enruring 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 cooperate 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 corportate 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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