

“The Escazú Agreement as a catalyst for climate empowerment actions”

UNFCCC COP28 official side event

Saturday, 9 December 2023, 6:30-8pm
COP28 Venue, Dubai, SE Room 1 (with [live transmission](#))

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This side event aims to generate a multi-stakeholder discussion on how the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement) promotes informed and participatory climate actions in support of Sustainable Development Goal 13 and the Paris Agreement. Government representatives, the public, international organizations and other actors will offer experiences and good practices in the mainstreaming of the Escazú Agreement into the design and implementation of national climate policies. Moreover, the interconnections between the Escazú Agreement and other international environmental and sustainable development treaties and commitments will be explored in order to support the regional climate agenda.

AGENDA

Moderator: Santiago Lorenzo, Head, Climate Change Unit, ECLAC

6:30-6:45 pm	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Amb. Joel Hernández, Vice-minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico</i> • <i>Mr. Robert Bouvier, Minister of the Environment of Uruguay and Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Escazú Agreement</i> • <i>Mr. Felipe Pino, Lawyer, Project Coordinator, FIMA</i>
6:45-7:15 pm	<p>PANEL 1: Implementing the Escazú Agreement for climate empowerment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Maisa Rojas, Minister of the Environment of Chile</i> • <i>Ms. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago</i> • <i>Ms. Jessica Motok, National Environmental Assessment Director, Secretariat for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation of Argentina</i> • <i>Mr. Ricardo Pineda, Escazú Youth Champion from Honduras</i>
7:15-7.45 pm	<p>PANEL 2: Synergies between the Escazú Agreement and other international commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Marina Silva, Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil</i> • <i>Mr. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Management of Belize</i> • <i>Dr. Didacus Jules, Director General, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States</i> • <i>Ms. Marina Marçal, ESCEHR Rapporteur, Plataforma de Direitos Humanos</i> • <i>Ms. Isatis Cintron, youth climate scientist, Citizens Climate International and director and coordinator of the ACE Observatory</i>

7:45-8 pm	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="444 300 1235 331">• <i>Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, ECLAC Executive Secretary (video)</i><li data-bbox="444 333 1182 365">• <i>Ms. Txai Suruí, indigenous youth leader from the Amazon, Brazil</i>
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