

The **Latin American and Caribbean Carbon Forum (LACCF)** is a free of charge regional conference and exhibition platform established in 2006 to promote knowledge and information sharing while facilitating business opportunity environments among main carbon market stakeholders.

Building on the success of **six previous editions**, the 2013 Latin American & Caribbean Carbon Forum (LACCF) will be held on **28-30 August**, at the [Windsor Barra Hotel](#), in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**.

This annual Conference and Exhibition is jointly organized by the World Bank, the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and its UNEP Risø Centre, the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

With over 800 local, regional and international participants from private, public and the financial sectors and this unique mix of co-organizers, the LACCF is the pre-eminent regional 'Pulse Taking' and 'Business to Business' platform. It brings together leading individuals and organizations in the field to share knowledge and information, discuss new tendencies, propose solutions, and identify business opportunities in a rapidly changing area towards low carbon economies and societies.

This event occurs at a **crucial moment for global carbon markets**:

- With the widespread uncertainty as to the architecture of the carbon market post-2012.
- The increasing fragmentation of the market.
- The abundance of emerging mechanisms and sources of climate finance.

### Objectives

The core objective of the **LACCF** is to bring together main stakeholders of the climate change mitigation arena and the carbon markets such as:

- Designated National Authorities (DNAs), national climate change focal points, investment promotion agencies;
- Project owners, project developers and potential CDM sectoral institutions;
- Financial institutions, national development banks, stock exchanges, service providers and intermediary companies.

The LACCF promotes a discussion and exchange of experiences among these stakeholders and provide participants with the latest developments regarding emissions trading schemes, low emission development and the future of the carbon markets .

The Forum also facilitates debates around the international and national climate change mitigation policies to promote greenhouse gases (GHG) emission reductions. Finally the LACCF seeks new impulses for increasing a higher volume of low carbon investments in Latin American and the Caribbean.

Specifically, the **VII Latin American Carbon Forum** aims to:

- Updating on the different views of the challenges associated with global climate change, and the **most recent developments** in the international carbon market;
- Discussing with project developers and technical specialists of a wide range of **sectors and technologies** arising from best practices and lessons learned for the implementation of CDM projects and Programmatic CDM in Latin America and the Caribbean region;
- Learning from the most respected experts from the public and private sector on **strategies and measures** aimed to reduce GHG and to promote the benefits of the CDM in the region;
- Discussing about the **potentialities of the carbon markets** under the upcoming mitigation efforts to be implemented at international and national levels;
- Developing the understanding of **NAMAs** and **Low Carbon Development Strategies**;
- Advancing the understanding of new market **mechanisms**;
- Learning on climate **financing** and green **investments** in Latin America and the Caribbean region;

- Holding **bilateral meetings**, both as attendance and by virtual means, between the national CDM offices, project owners, buyers of carbon credits, etc., during the business sessions; and
- Seize **opportunities** to establish contacts throughout the Forum.