

ICAT Partner Forum 2025:

Strengthening NDC 3.0 through Transparency

Online (Zoom)

25 - 27 March 2025

14:00 - 17:00 CET

Registration link:

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Draft Programme in 3 days:

<p>Day 1</p> <p>Enhancing NDCs based on transparency data and analysis</p> <p>25 March 2025</p>	<p>Day 2</p> <p>NDC implementation plans and climate finance tracking</p> <p>26 March 2025</p>	<p>Day 3</p> <p>Integrating sustainable development and just transition focus</p> <p>27 March 2025</p>
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Day 1 - Enhancing NDCs based on transparency data and analysis

14:00-15:00

Opening plenary of the Partner Forum

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

The moderator, Fredrick Ochieng Ouma, Chair of the ICAT Advisory Committee; ETF Reporting Project Manager, Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya, will open the 2025 Partner Forum and provide an overview of the agenda and topics covered by the three days of the Forum. The ICAT Director, Henning Wuester will provide opening remarks. The session will then zoom in on the focus of the first day, enhancing NDCs based on transparency data and analysis, with a round of presentations to set the scene:

- Vintura Silva, Team Lead, NDC Technical Support Unit, UNFCCC secretariat, will describe the process for NDC updates, in line with the Paris Agreement's ambition cycle;
- Celeste Gonzalez, Programme Management Officer, ICAT Secretariat, will explore the interlinkages between BTRs and NDCs, and;
- Ian Goldman, President, International Evaluation Academy; Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor, JET-IP Programme Management Unit, Presidency of South Africa, will provide insights on using NDC evaluations as a basis for NDC updates.

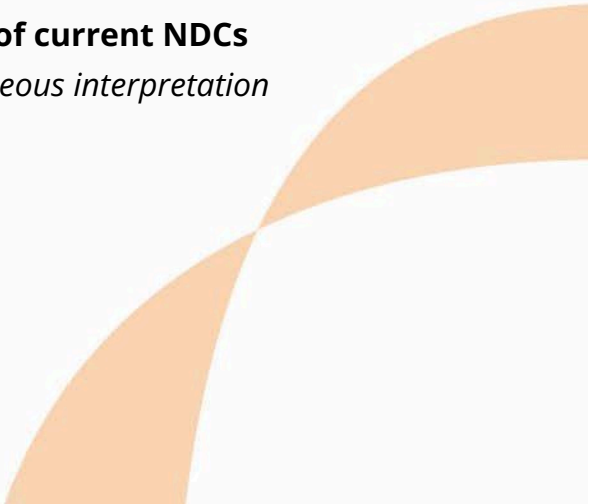
After the closing of the opening plenary, the participants are invited to join the breakout group of their choice for in-depth discussions on topics related to the theme of the day.

15:00-16:30

Parallel breakout group sessions

Session 1: Evaluation of implementation of current NDCs

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation



The session will explore how countries can use data frameworks to effectively evaluate the implementation of their NDCs. The evaluation results can identify gaps and challenges in NDC implementation, but also opportunities for improvement. This can help strengthen NDC updates and national policies, and improve implementation moving forward. The session will draw on the experience and lessons learned from ICAT projects in Mauritius and Costa Rica.

Moderator: RICARDO

Speakers:

- **Panama:** Melani Paulette Acosta Chin, Head of Climate Action

ICAT Secretariat support: Lauren Tropeano, Filippo de Rossi, Sammy Mwiti


Session 2: Enhancing NDCs through sectoral targets

Session in English

This session will discuss setting NDC sectoral targets. Participants will be provided with an overview of different target setting approaches and important factors to consider when choosing an approach that is appropriate for their country's circumstances. Furthermore, the session will highlight examples from the Energy and AFOLU sectors which will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Participants will have a chance to ask questions to the panelists and share their own experience during the session. The panel will be composed of experts from Guatemala and the Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda and St. Kitts and Nevis.

Moderator: Matej Gasperic, Senior Project Manager, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute

Speakers:

- **Guatemala:** Juan Pablo Reyes, Climate Change Science and Metrics advisor of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
 - **Antigua & Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis:** Benise Joseph, Senior
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Programme Associate at the Caribbean Cooperative Measurement, Reporting and Verification Hub
ICAT Secretariat support: Lauren Tropeano, Aissatou Mbaye

Session 3: Tools for NDC tracking and greenhouse gas projections

Session in English

Participants of this session will explore tools that help countries track their NDCs and conduct greenhouse gas projections to assess mitigation scenarios. The session will present different tool options and include in-depth demonstrations of two relevant tools from the ICAT toolbox: the [Greenhouse Gas Abatement Cost Model \(GACMO\)](#), and the [Transport Climate Action Data \(TraCAD\) tool](#). The session will include presentations from experts about the tools' features and insights from countries that have applied the tools. In addition, the session will be an opportunity to share country experiences and lessons learned on the use of such a tool as well as on the development of a national platform used in the context of the preparation of a BTR or NDC.

Moderators: Denis Desgain, Head of Mitigation Analysis and Data Management Section UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre, and Buddika Hemashantha, Chief Executive Officer, Climate S.I.

Speakers:

- **UNEP-CCC:** Aiymgul Kerimray, Scientist - Energy
- Climate SI: Buddika Hemashantha, Chief Executive Officer
- **St Kitts and Nevis:** Kalifa Phillip, Programme Associate with the Caribbean Cooperative Measurement, Reporting and Verification Hub
- **Costa Rica:** Rolando Fernández, Coordinator of Costa Rica's First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) to the UNFCCC, National Meteorological Institute,
- **Mauritius:** Sarita Meeheelaul, Director, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change

ICAT Secretariat support: Hannah Swee, Pablo Pillado Rico



Session 4: Adaptation and loss and damage in NDCs, including integration measures

Session in English and Spanish

This session will focus on how transparency can strengthen adaptation, and loss and damage, efforts within countries' NDCs. Drawing on experience from ICAT projects in different countries, and highlighting resources from the ICAT toolbox, the session will showcase how data-driven adaptation planning can be integrated into NDCs. It will showcase different approaches and achievements made by countries in the context of monitoring and evaluation for adaptation, including integration measures and indicators for tracking success.

Moderators: Fatemeh Bakhtiari, Senior Advisor - Climate Policy, Loss and Damage, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre, and Rocio Besoain, Coordinator of Climate Change, Tepual Conservación

Speakers:


- **UNEP-CCC:** Fatemeh Bakhtiari, Senior Advisor - Climate Policy, Loss and Damage
- **Tepual:** Dafna Bitrán, Economics and Climate Change Specialist at Tepual Conservación
- **Panama:** Jorlenis Vargas Batista, Climate Change Analyst at the Ministry of Environment
- **Chile:** Maritza Jadrijevic, Head of the Adaptation Department, Division of Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment

ICAT Secretariat support: Celeste Gonzalez, Mario Haaf

Session 5: Using cooperation under Article 6 to support NDCs

Session in English

This session will explore how transparency can help countries ensure that



Article 6 activities contribute to the implementation and enhancement of their NDCs. International cooperation under Article 6 can help achieve NDCs and enhance ambition. However, monitoring and reporting of Article 6 activities need to be integrated into national transparency frameworks to ensure environmental integrity and the early detection of major risks to mitigation objectives. The session will feature expert insights, country experiences, and a presentation of [ICAT's guide for Article 6 and transparency](#).

Moderator: Ana Him Hun, Policy Associate, Center for Clean Air Policy

Speakers:

- **Vietnam:** Dr. Nguyen Phuong Nam, CEO & Climate Advisor, Climate Innovation Consulting & Services JSC. KLINOVA
- **Ghana:** Juliana Bempah, Program Office, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Dominican Republic:** Janibel Muñoz Torres, Carbon Markets and Article 6 Consultant, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
- **Chile:** Cristina Figueroa Vargas, Carbon Pricing and Carbon Markets Coordinator, Ministry of Environment
- **A6IP Center:** Hayato Nakamura, Programme Manager
- **ICAT Secretariat:** Oleg Bulanyi, Senior Programme Manager

ICAT Secretariat support: Oleg Bulanyi, Giorgia Malandrino

16:30 - 17:00

Reports back from the breakout groups and closing of day 1

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

The rapporteurs from each of the breakout group sessions will be invited to share the main messages from the discussions.

Day 2 - NDC implementation, investment plans and climate finance transparency

14:00-15:00

Opening of day 2 and plenary session: NDC implementation, investment plans and climate finance transparency

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

After the opening of the second day of the ICAT Partner Forum by the moderator, the plenary session will zoom in on the focus of the second day, NDC implementation, investment plans, and climate finance transparency, with a round of introductory presentations:

- Chavi Meattle, Senior Manager, Climate Policy Initiative, will present an overview of current global climate financing flows and investment gaps, while also showcasing existing tools for tracking progress to enhance transparency and inform policy decisions.
- Marcio Alvarenga Junior, Climate Change Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank will discuss unlocking financial resources for transformative climate action.
- Oleg Bulanyi, Senior Programme Manager, ICAT Secretariat, will explore the importance of climate finance transparency and the tools available for this purpose.

After the closing of the opening plenary, the participants are invited to join the breakout group of their choice for in-depth discussions on topics related to the theme of the day.

15:00-16:30

Parallel breakout group sessions



Session 6: Using transparency to mobilize climate finance and engage stakeholders

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

This session will explore how transparency can play a key role in mobilizing climate finance and engaging stakeholders to support NDC implementation and investment planning. Experts will provide insights into best practices, tools, and lessons learned from the ICAT [Climate Finance Transparency Guide](#). Through a series of case studies, guest speakers will share their countries' experiences applying transparency frameworks to attract funding and drive climate action. The session will conclude with an interactive exercise, allowing participants to exchange perspectives and explore practical approaches to enhancing climate finance transparency.

Moderators: Daniela da Costa, Principal Consultant, Gauss International, Thomas Ortega, Consultant, Gauss International, Natalia Gonzalez, Consultant, Gauss International

Speakers:

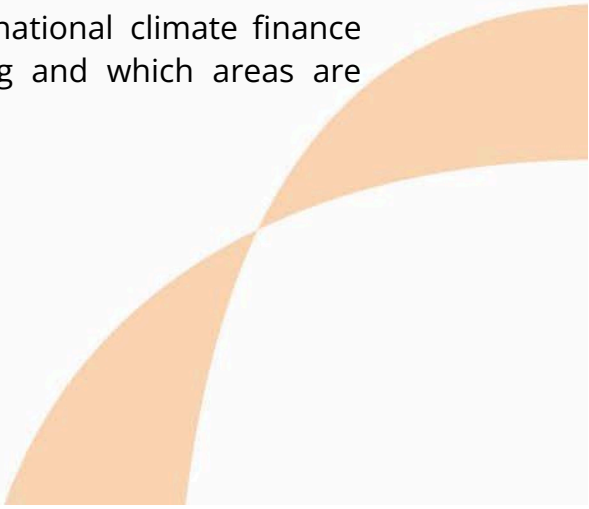
- **Senegal:** Madeleine Diouf Sarr, Head of the Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
- **Côte d'Ivoire:** Mariane Dominique Don, Head of Studies, Directorate of Public Investment Planning

ICAT Secretariat support: Hannah Swee, Filippo de Rossi, Eleni Patra

Session 7: Establishing climate finance transparency frameworks as a basis for NDC investment plans

Session in English

By providing clear and reliable data, climate finance transparency frameworks help governments develop credible and effective NDC investment plans. They track domestic and international climate finance flows, revealing where funding is already flowing and which areas are



underfunded. This helps prioritize sectors and projects based on actual financial needs and creates a strong case for investment. The session will draw on country experiences and international expertise for an in-depth discussion.

Moderator: Lena Dovidat, Climate Finance Advisor, the greenwerk; Michel Koehler, Founding Partner, the greenwerk

Speakers:

- **Belize:** Edalmi Pinelo, Chief Climate Officer for the National Climate Change Office within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management
- **Nigeria:** Jubil Adejo, NDC Partnership Regional Climate Finance Adviser

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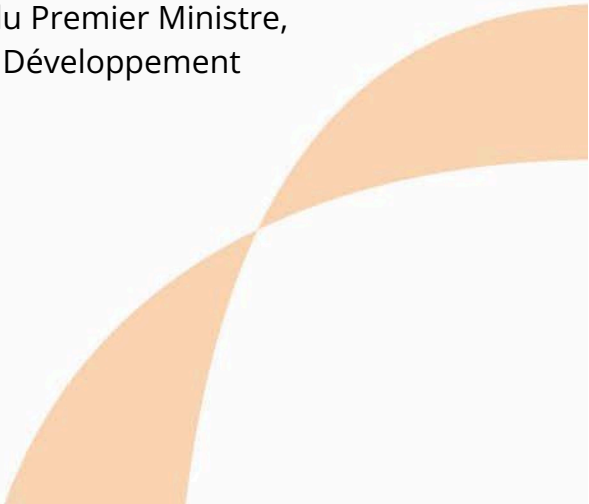
Session 8: Établir des cadres nationaux pour la transparence du financement climatique

Session en français

Les cadres de transparence en matière de finance climat fournissent des données claires et fiables qui aident les gouvernements à élaborer des plans d'investissement efficaces pour la mise en œuvre des NDC. Ils permettent de suivre les flux financiers nationaux et internationaux liés au climat, ce qui aide à prioriser effectivement les secteurs et les projets en fonction des besoins financiers réels maximiser l'impact climatique des investissements. La session tirera parti de l'expérience des pays et de l'expertise internationale pour une discussion approfondie.

Modérateurs: Ludivine Cozette, Ingénieure d'études Adaptation au Changement Climatique et Hortense Regnaut, Chargée d'Etude Adaptation au Changement climatique, Citepa

Intervenants:

- **Niger:** Nieino Mahamadou Daoura, Cabinet du Premier Ministre, Conseil National de l'Environnement pour un Développement Durable
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- **Maroc:** A confirmar
- **Senegal:** A confirmar

Secrétariat de l'ICAT: Yara Daou, Aissatou Mbaye


Session 9: La Transparencia del Financiamiento Climático - Piedra Angular de la Acción Climática

Sesión en español

La transparencia del financiamiento climático es fundamental para generar confianza y garantizar la asignación y movilización eficaz de recursos. Esta sesión explorará cómo los marcos de seguimiento y reporte de flujos financieros pueden ayudar a los países a fortalecer sus políticas, atraer inversiones y cumplir sus compromisos climáticos. Se presentará la [Guía para la Transparencia del Financiamiento Climático](#) del ICAT y se ofrecerá un espacio para que los representantes de los países y los expertos debatan sobre los últimos avances, metodologías de seguimiento, retos, mejores prácticas y lecciones aprendidas en materia de transparencia del financiamiento climático.

Moderadora: Vanessa Caldas, Analista de Financiamiento Climático, CCAP y Moderadora: Adriana Bazán Fuster, Gerente del Programa de Financiamiento Climático, CCAP

Ponentes:

- **Chile:** Sandra Carolina Briceño Pérez, Jefa del Departamento de Finanzas Climáticas y Medios de Implementación, División de Cambio Climático, Ministerio del Medio Ambiente
 - **Panamá:** Juan Manuel Lucero Acosta, Coordinador de la Plataforma Nacional de Transparencia Climática
 - **El Salvador:** Jessica Laguardia, Jefe de la Unidad Técnica de Despacho, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
 - **México:** Diana Guzmán, Directora de Políticas de Mitigación y Adaptación, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT)
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- **UNEP LAC:** Sebastián Carranza, Jefe de la Unidad de Cambio Climático, Oficina Regional para América Latina y el Caribe
- **Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (SICA):** Salvador Nieto, Gerente del Proyecto del Centro Regional de Transparencia para la Acción Climática

Secretaría del ICAT: Celeste Gonzalez, Giorgia Malandrino, Mario Haaf

16:30 - 17:00

Reports back from the breakout groups and closing of day 2

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

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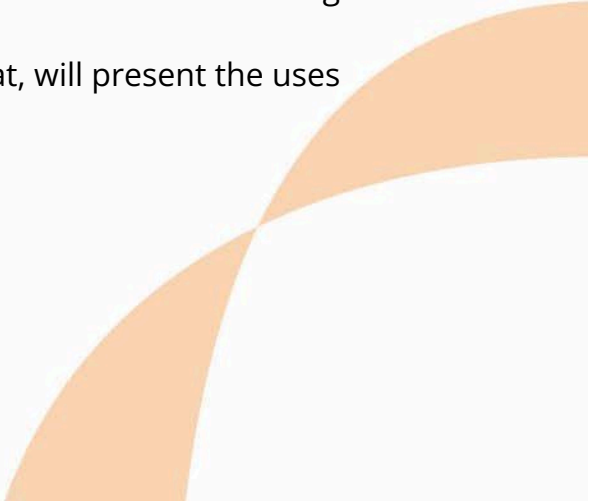
Day 3 - Integrating sustainable development and just transition focus

14:00-14:45

Opening of day 3 and plenary session: Integrating sustainable development and just transition focus

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

After the opening of the third day of the ICAT Partner Forum, a round of speakers will set the scene for the day's thematic focus of integrating sustainable development and just transition perspectives:

- Ana Belén Sánchez, Director, Alinnea- Climate Action Tank, will provide an overview of the global just transitions monitoring landscape, focusing on the development of indicators for measuring Just Transition;
 - Hannah Swee, Climate Expert, ICAT Secretariat, will present the uses
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and functionalities of the ICAT [Just Transitions Monitoring Guide](#);

After this, the participants are invited to join the breakout group of their choice for in-depth discussions on topics related to the thematic focus of the day. Two breakout sessions from the previous two days will be repeated on day three, as they were highly requested by ICAT partners through the Partner Forum survey.

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Parallel breakout group sessions

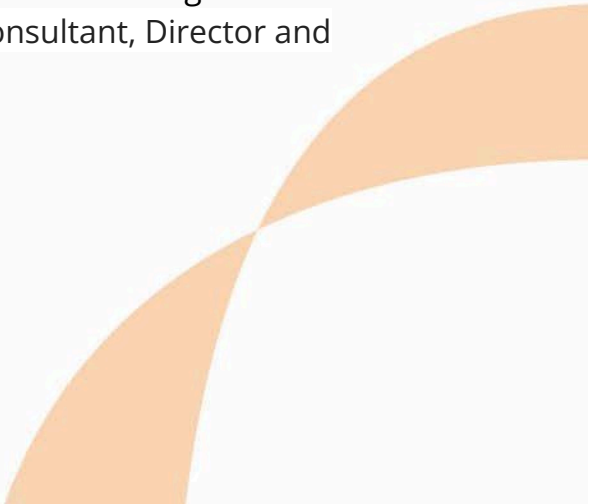
Session 10: Combined policy assessment for greenhouse gases and sustainable development impacts

Session in English

This session will highlight countries' experience in assessing policy impacts on GHGs and sustainable development indicators. Panelists' presentations will cover a range of geographic contexts and showcase assessing individual policies assessment in agriculture and energy sectors, developing new policies, and assessing a suite of actions to support BTR preparation. The panel will be composed of experts presenting on Vanuatu's agriculture policy assessment, Eswatini's renewable energy policy and development of bioenergy policy, and Tajikistan's assessment of policies with GACMO in preparation of their BTR.

Moderator: Olga Lyandres, Senior Project Manager, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute

Speakers:

- **Vanuatu:** Represented by the moderator, Olga Lyandres on behalf of Nelson Kalo, Acting Director, Department of Climate Change
 - **Tajikistan:** Anna Sikharulidze, ICAT project consultant, Director and Founder, greenStream Consulting Georgia
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- **Eswatini:** Gcina Mavimbela and Nosiphiwo Zwane
- ICAT Secretariat support:** Celeste Gonzalez, Giorgia Malandrino
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Session 11: Monitoring just transitions: establishing national frameworks

Session in English

Just transition monitoring frameworks help countries use data to ensure that they transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies in a just and inclusive manner. This session will present the ICAT Just Transition Monitoring Guide, which provides guidance for monitoring and analyzing social, economic and environmental changes that may occur as countries implement climate policies. It will also showcase practical examples of countries that have worked on establishing national frameworks for monitoring just transitions.

Moderator: Chelsea Gómez, Climate Transparency Project Manager, World Resources Institute

Speakers:

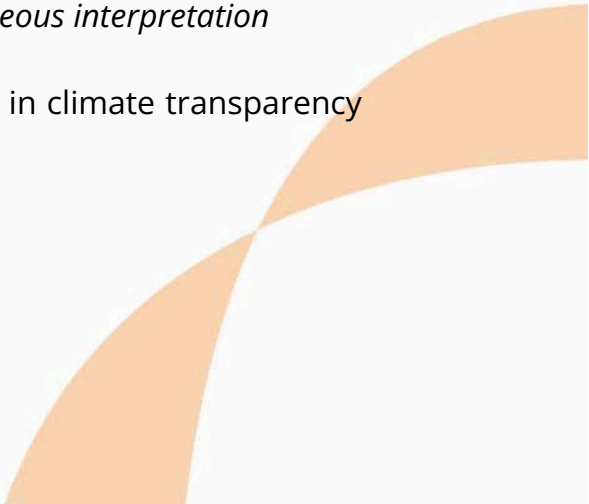
- **Kenya:** Esther Wang'ombe, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
- **Equatorial Guinea:** José Nsue Ndong Nzang, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Environment
- **South Africa:** Yuri Ramkissoo, Climate Impact Research Analyst at the Presidential Climate Commission

ICAT Secretariat support: Lauren Tropeano, Filippo de Rossi, Sammy Mwiti

Session 12: Stakeholder engagement for inclusive climate action

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

The session will focus on stakeholder engagement in climate transparency



processes and approaches for enhancing inclusive climate action. It will showcase resources from the ICAT toolbox, including the ICAT [Stakeholder Participation Guide](#) and the working paper [Good Practices for Integrating Gender into Climate Transparency Frameworks](#). Participants will have the opportunity to learn from ICAT countries' experiences and engage in a discussion on climate action transparency that actively includes women, indigenous communities, and marginalized groups, ensuring that diverse voices and perspectives contribute to effective climate policies and measures.

Moderator: Hannah Swee, Climate Change Expert, ICAT Secretariat

Speakers:

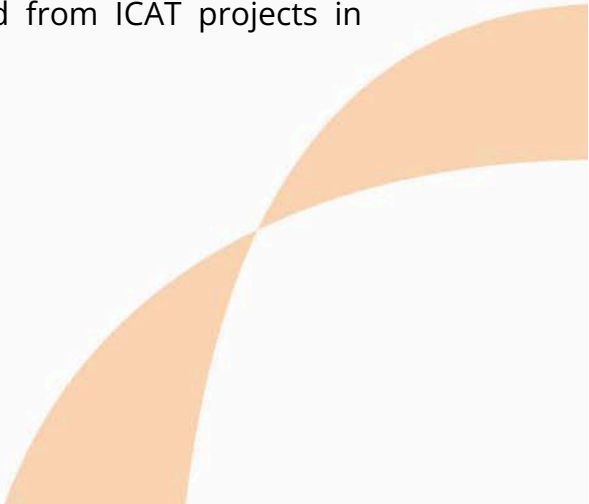
- **ICAT Secretariat:** Hannah Swee, Climate Change Expert
- **UNEP-Copenhagen Climate Centre:** Khetsiwe Khumalo, Advisor - Climate Transparency
- **Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub in Central America:** Luis Alejandro, Technical Assistant
- **Bolivia:** Carlos Mauricio Fernandez Mavrigh, Director del Mecanismo de Mitigación para el Vivir Bien, Autoridad Plurinacional de la Madre Tierra

ICAT Secretariat support: Hannah Swee, Pablo Pillado Rico, Mario Haaf, Sammy Mwiti

Session 13: Evaluation of implementation of current NDCs

Session in English

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Speakers:

- **Chile:** Camila Margarita Labarca Wyneken, Head of Mitigation and Transparency Department, Division of Climate Change
- **Brazil:** Ricardo Vieira Araujo, Coordenação-Geral de Ciência do Clima - CGCL
- **Cote d'Ivoire:** Mohamed Sanogo, Coordonnateur, Programme National Changements Climatiques

ICAT Secretariat support: Yara Daou, Eleni Patra

Session 14: Using transparency to mobilize climate finance and engage stakeholders

Session in English

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Moderators: Daniela da Costa, Principal Consultant, Gauss International

Speakers:

- **Panama:** Juan Manuel Lucero Acosta, Coordinador de la Plataforma Nacional de Transparencia Climática
- **Colombia:** Luis Alejandro Noguera Robayo – Lead Climate Finance Broker, National Planning Department, Ms. Yolima Paola Sánchez Vargas – Economist, National Planning Department

ICAT Secretariat support: Oleg Bulanyi, Aissatou Mbaye, Sammy Mwiti

16:15 - 17:00

Reports back from the breakout groups and closing of day 3

Session in English/French/Spanish with simultaneous interpretation

The rapporteurs from each of the breakout group sessions will be invited to share the main messages from the discussions. Ursula Fuentes, Chair of the ICAT Donor Steering Committee; Head of Division – Climate Diplomacy, International Climate Policy, UNFCCC at the German Federal Foreign Office, and Chair of the ICAT Donor Steering Committee will provide closing remarks. The ICAT Director will share final reflections and close the three-day forum.

