



IETA MENA CARBON MARKET DIALOGUE

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ABU DHABI
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As part of our 2025 Regional Carbon Market Dialogue Series, we are thrilled to host the [IETA MENA Carbon Market Dialogue](#) — the premier gathering of carbon market practitioners, experts, and government representatives from across the Middle East and North Africa. This one-day dialogue will take place on **15 January at Rosewood Abu Dhabi Hotel**, as an affiliate event of [Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week](#).

This IETA organised Dialogue, held under Chatham House Rules, offers a unique platform to learn from leading experts, deepen your carbon market knowledge, and expand your network of influential leaders. Together, we aim to drive bold climate action and scalable innovations. Attendees can look forward to networking opportunities and the latest insights on these topics and more:

- The international carbon pricing landscape
- Emerging carbon market trends in MENA and globally
- Key regulatory developments shaping the sector
- “What to watch” through COP30 in Belém and beyond

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AGENDA

10:00-11:00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments	Zanbaq Meeting Room & Foyer (1st floor)
11:00-11:30	Opening Remarks & Scene-Setter Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State of the Carbon Market: A Global Overview 	Address by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie Sullivan, Managing Director - IETA Presenter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guy Turner, Global Head of Carbon Markets - MSCI
11:30-12:00	Session 1: What Happened in Baku – Finance COP and What’s Next for Article 6? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Finance key outcomes Article 6 Rulebook post COP29 and implementation details What to watch in 2025? How is MENA preparing for Article 6? How are other regions preparing? 	Introductory Remarks & Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrea Bonzanni, International Policy Director - IETA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mohamed Ben Salem, Director of Strategic Programs - ADGM & Global Climate Finance Centre (GCFC) Umamaheswaran Krishnan, Article 6 and Carbon Pricing Regional Expert – UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center for the MENA & South Asia
12:00-13:00	Session 2: MENA Region Carbon Market Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock-take on regional carbon market regulatory developments. Various regional and sectoral views about opportunities for the region. Insights span both compliance and voluntary markets. 	Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malek Al-Chalabi, Senior Carbon Pricing Advisor - Shell Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khalid Abdullah Tebe, Climate Change Specialist - Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, UAE Riham El Gizy, CEO - Regional Voluntary Carbon Market Company (RVCMC) (<i>pending confirmation</i>) Jeff Berman, Senior Director Registries and Business Development - Xpansiv Manal Al Badawi, ESG and Sustainability Manager - EMSTEEL Njoud Mashouka, Corporate Sustainability Advisor - STX Group
13:00-14:00	Networking Lunch	Zanbaq Meeting Room & Foyer (1st floor)
14:00-15:00	Session 3: Role of Private Finance and Investment in Carbon Markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of financial players in unlocking clean capital at scale. How financials are viewing investment opportunities across MENA evolving carbon markets. How to navigate risk and deepen liquidity across markets. Lessons and products to deploy (or adapt) to MENA context. 	Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathilde Mignot, Group Director - EcoAct & Chair - ICROA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholas Thurlow, CFO - MBS Global Investments Alex Sarac, Partner - Addelshaw Goddard Jules Maitrepierre, Co-Founder & Managing Partner - Offset8 Capital Heather McEwan, Regional Director, Africa and the Middle East - Verra

15:00-15:30	Tea & Coffee Break	Zanbaq Meeting Room & Foyer (1st floor)
15:30-16:30	Session 4: Digital Innovation & Carbon Market Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert views on market infrastructure and exchanges • Digitization to unlock efficiencies and build transparency • Evolving role of ratings agencies • What's currently deployed across MENA? • Outlooks for market interoperability? 	Introductory Remarks & Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tommy Ricketts, CEO - BeZero Carbon Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon Bennett, Managing Director - ICE • Allister Furey, CEO - Sylvera • Hania Othman, Director Sustainable Impact EU/Africa - The HBAR Foundation • Fabrice Tayot, Head Carbon Business Development - S&P Global
16:30-17:15	Session 5: Project Developer & Standards Views <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional project and standards trends in MENA • Spotlight on CCUS projects, investments and standards • Spotlight on Carbon Dioxide Removals (tech, nature) projects and standards • Priority near and longer-term opportunities for MENA region 	Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katie Sullivan, Managing Director - IETA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve Kelly, President & General Manager - 1PointFive ▪ Kishor Rajhansa, COO - Gulf Carbon Council ▪ Paul Zakkour, Director - Carbon Counts ▪ Philip Moss, CIO - ClimeFi
17:15-17:30	Closing Remarks	Addresses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katie Sullivan, Managing Director - IETA ▪ Andrea Bonzanni, International Policy Director - IETA
17:30-19:30	Cocktail Reception Sponsored by Offset8 Capital For Dialogue accredited Delegates only	GLO Lounge Bar & Terrace (Pool level)

Agenda subject to updates

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