



Seminar “Socio-environmental policy frameworks for a safe investment environment: the opportunities offered by the Escazu Agreement”

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

From 16:00 p.m. to 18:00 p.m., Costa Rica’s time zone

Hybrid event, Cahuita I room, Hotel Crowne Plaza Corobicí, San José

Required registration <https://eventos.cepal.org/event/66/registrations/>

Livestreaming only in Spanish <https://live.cepal.org/escazu>

Organizers:

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), World Bank (WB), European Investment Bank (EIB) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Description of the event:

This side event is organized within the framework of Fifth Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. The maximum duration of the event is 2 hours.

Objective:

Promote a better understanding of the Escazu Agreement, its synergy with social and environmental policy frameworks for multilateral banking projects, and its contribution to a safe environment for investments at the national and regional levels.

Agenda

15.45 – 16:00 Welcome coffee

Moderator: Carlos de Miguel, Head, Policies for Sustainable Development Unit, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC

16:00 – 16:30 High-Level Opening

Ms. Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Mr. Jaime Roberto Diaz, Executive Vice-President, BCIE

Sr. Franklin Paniagua, Vice-minister of Environment, MINAE, Costa Rica

Amb. Mr. Christian Guillermet, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ECLAC-CABIE for the implementation of the Escazu Agreement

Participants: Mr. Eduardo Trejos Lalli, Director for Costa Rica at CABIE

Mr. Maximiano Alonso, Director Argentina y Colombia en el BCIE



16:30 – 17:25 Panel discussion

Keynote speakers:

- OCDE instruments to promote Responsible Business Conduct. Synergies with the Escazú Agreement
Ms. Froukje Boele, Head of Government Policy and Implementation, OECD Center for Responsible Business Conduct. Directorate for Financial and Business Affairs, OECD
- Sustainable investments' promotion and the Aarhus agreement
Ms. Piera Laloux, Environmental Information Disclosure Analyst, EIB
- Environmental and Social Framework of the World Bank and its relationship with the Escazú Agreement - Synergies and Opportunities
Mrs. Sofia de Abreu Ferreira, Lead Social Development Specialist, Regional Standards Coordinator, Social Sustainability and Inclusion, LCR, WB
- The IDB Environmental and Social Policy Framework and the Escazú Agreement
Mr. Juan Martinez, Lead Social Specialist, IDB
- The importance of transparency and access to information on environmental matters so that investments are sustainable.
Mr. Julio Carcamo, Head of CABI's Environmental and Social Monitoring Office, CABI
Mr. Carlos Federico López, Head of the Access to Information Unit, CABI
- Escazú Agreement: current situation and main provisions
Mr. Carlos de Miguel, Head of the Policies for Sustainable Development Unit, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC

17:25 – 17:50 Comments and open dialogue

- Mrs. Alexandra Kissling Jiménez, President, Business Alliance for Development (AED), Costa Rica
- Ms. Marcela Bravo, General Manager of Acción Empresa, Chile; network' member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development

17:50 – 18:00 Closing remarks

- Mrs. Camila Zepeda, General Director for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, member of the presiding officers of the Escazú Agreement
- Mrs. Geannina Dinarte Romero, Minister, Ministry of the Presidency, Costa Rica