

CUTTING-EDGE SOLUTIONS TO UNCONVENTIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES



WE ARE IIJS

The Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability is an “Institutional Start-Up” with a global scope, which provides rule of law cutting-edge solutions to unconventional challenges. We build bridges between disciplines and between the public and private sectors for justice and sustainability.

Climate change impacts not just the environmental field, yet also the social, economic, legal and ethical fields, transforming this challenge into a global commitment. In times of fast paced emerging and evolving challenges on environment, our mission to reduce carbon footprints, adapt economies to new market demands, and implement and promote institutional strengthening and climate justice is all the more important. At IIJS, we support the efforts and roles of a variety of stakeholders in sustainable business practices, development, human rights, as well as environmental and social compliance.



OUR FOCUS

Our focus is to develop a **common vision and strategy** to contribute efficiently to the implementation of policy and action for climate change mitigation and adaptation. We consider this our **GREAT CHALLENGE** as professionals and as a society because despite levels of greenhouse gas emissions the region, a common factor across countries is the high level of vulnerability and impacts suffered by populations and productive sectors.

OUR SERVICES

While we are all united to one cause, situations may vary from one country to another. Taking this into consideration, we strive for different services accordingly.

These services are consolidated in three concrete areas:

Strengthening institutions and the climate change agenda to advance Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)



Sustainability Standards and Carbon Tracking in Production

IIJS supports the established national agendas, which **promote development transformations** through strong socioeconomic investments. The following products and services are designed for both **the private and public sectors**:

The new global market will soon require low carbon products and countries must organize their national strategies, preparing their markets for emerging international standards. IIJS supports this transformation, offering the following products and services designed for **the private sector**:

Climate Education in Judicial Systems:

In the past few years, there has been a surge of greater social demand relating to the prevention and remediation of climate change impacts, both in the region and worldwide. This, in turn, has resulted in a call to strengthen the role of institutionalism and justice in implementing the Paris Agreement and other related legal instruments, such as the compliance of State obligations. In this context, IIJS offers the following services and products designed for **actors in judicial systems**:

- Identifying common lines and good, replicable practices for institutional strengthening which contribute to the advancement and implementation of NDCs in the country or region.
- Prioritizing and mapping institutional needs and policies in the area of climate change on local and national levels.
- Fostering dialogue on parliamentary support of legal standards and their compliance.
- Dialogue and training of chief negotiators and key sector stakeholders within the scope of negotiating the Paris Agreement implementation and NDCs in order to analyze priorities, solutions and good practices.
- Work with experts and sectorial authorities connected to implementing climate change pledges to discuss experiences and mechanisms in the intersectionality and inter-sectoral link of the climate change agenda.

- Identifying good practices with potential replicability between sectors.
- Identifying international standards and certifications in the field of sustainability which allow for a greater degree of production and greater utilization of market niches.
- Identifying facilitating conditions for greater productivity, sustainability, and a reduced carbon footprint.
- Monitoring the compliance of international standards in supply chains responsible for minerals and other commodities.
- Consulting in productivity shifts of emerging products of great commercial demand.
- Consulting trade associations and private actors for the revitalization of exports in key sectors through traceability and sustainability.

- Exchanging experiences and generating jurisprudential dialogue surrounding good practices in the implementation of their legislation, to contribute to the success of the Paris Agreement's objectives.
- Developing principles about climate justice that contribute solutions through an analysis and exchange of good legal and judicial practices for the implementation and effective functioning of the Paris Agreement, in coherence with the obligations of States in other related legal instruments.
- Specialty training in climate justice, with a focus on the role of science, as well as the socioeconomic factors that connect law to climate change. In particular, the aim is to address aspects such as chance, asymmetry in impacts, public health, human rights, and applicable principles.



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