

Invitation

**A “needs-based” approach to international cooperation in support of carbon neutrality: what opportunities for the EU?
Insights from key partner countries**

Practical information

Date: July 3rd, 2025

Time: 2:15pm-4:00pm

Location: DG CLIMA offices, Av. d'Auderghem 19, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

Format: In-person closed dialogue

Short description of the event

It has long been widely acknowledged that international cooperation is a critical enabler of global carbon neutrality. An emerging stream of analysis highlights that, to meet this expectation in an effective and operational manner, mechanisms of international cooperation must in priority address the specific needs of different countries to support their national transition to net zero, given their specific circumstances.

This “needs-based” approach to international cooperation calls for promoting creative solutions that mobilize ad-hoc opportunities with mutual benefits between partners. Number of examples have been highlighted that support the low-emission transition in partner countries consistently with the achievement of key socio-economic objectives, such as economic growth, employment, competitiveness, etc...

This event will present such concrete examples, which highlight cooperation opportunities relevant for Europe, as emerging from [the work of the Deep Decarbonization Pathways initiative](#). Building on these examples, an open discussion will seek to explore how innovative approaches to international cooperation in the EU and internationally could be promoted.

List of speakers

- Céline Kauffmann, Chief Programmes Officer, IDDRI
- Henri Waisman, Director of the Deep Decarbonization Pathways Initiative (DDP), IDDRI
- Antoine Oger, Director of the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) (TBC)
- DDP country expert from 6 countries:

- Brazil: Dr. Emilio Lebre La Rovere, Director of CentroClima, COPPE - University of Rio de Janeiro (COPPE-UFRJ)
- India: Dr Vidhee Avashia, Senior Researcher, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)
- Indonesia: Dr. Rizaldi Boer, Director of the International Research Institute for Environment and Climate Change, IPB University
- Mexico: Daniel Buira, Co-founder and Scientific Director, Tempus Analitica (TA)
- South Africa: Dr. Bryce McCall, Researcher at ESRG, University of Cape Town (UCT)
- The United States: Alicia Zhao or Christoph Bertram, University of Maryland (UMD)

Agenda:

2:15-2:30pm 15 minutes	<p>Welcome & introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IDDRI/ DDP ● DG CLIMA
2:30-3:15pm 45 minutes	<p>Part 2: National-level case studies presented by in-country experts</p> <p>Presentation of case studies from six countries (Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, United States), which provide tangible national-level examples of innovative approaches to international cooperation as emerging from country-driven analyses.</p>
3:15-3:25pm 10 minutes	<p>Part 3: Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DG CLIMA/EEAS (TBC) ● IEEP
3:25-3:55pm 30 minutes	<p>Part 4: Open discussion on opportunities and conditions of implementation of innovative approaches to international cooperation.</p>
3:55-4pm 5 minutes	<p>Part 5: Closing remarks</p> <p>Antoine Oger, IEEP (TBC) IDDRI/ DDP DG CLIMA/EEAS (TBC)</p>

The DDP initiative is a network of in-country experts, who all play major roles in national climate policies processes. They develop long-term pathways compatible with the Paris Agreement goals and their countries' political and economic objectives, seeking to inform long-term and short-term decision-making.

This event is organized in the context of the JUSTPATH project, a EU-funded global action project which focuses on **supporting countries and stakeholders in creating and expanding the robust modelling base for domestic mitigation action**, feeding into: (1) **domestic climate strategies** such as NDCs and LT-LEDS that are aligned with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C, in line with the outcome of the Global Stocktake; (2) **international climate processes**, including the Second Global Stocktake and other relevant work programs under the UNFCCC, for instance the Mitigation Work Program or the Just Transition Work Program.

The project covers **nine developing and emerging countries with participation by in Country partners**, and which represent the core of the country-level work within the project. They are: **Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa**. These countries all play an important role in the international context because of their political leadership on climate-related issues and/or because of the size of their current and future greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, analysis will be conducted in the **United States** through targeted analysis on key issues related to the socioeconomic impacts of the transition at national level, as well as **Türkiye**, through national scenario development & analysis, using expertise available in the consortium and a subcontractor.