

## National Meeting for Climate Action in Guatemala's Agro-industrial Sector

### Context

The National Meeting for Climate Action in the Agro-industrial Sector of Guatemala responds to the urgent need to strengthen the country's capacity to implement effective climate measures. Guatemala faces significant challenges related to climate change, especially in the agro-industrial sector, which is fundamental to its economy and food security.

The following are the fundamental reasons that justify the organization of this event:

**1. Importance of the Agro-industrial Sector:** Guatemala's agro-industrial sector is vital to the country's economy and employs a significant part of the population. However, it faces increasing vulnerabilities due to climate change, such as variations in rainfall, rising temperatures and extreme weather events. It is crucial to strengthen the resilience of this sector by adopting climate-smart and sustainable practices.

**2. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 2025:** Guatemala has committed to update and strengthen its NDCs by 2025. In this sense, it wants to promote communication channels between the private sector and the public sector to align with the international commitments of the Paris Agreement. In this sense, the measurement of carbon footprints and the integration of this data into national policies are fundamental steps to achieve these goals. This meeting will provide a platform to discuss how to improve and adjust climate mitigation and adaptation strategies in the agribusiness sector, aligning them with the new national targets.

**3. Opportunities in Carbon Markets and Article 6:** The introduction of carbon markets and the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement represent significant opportunities for Guatemala in terms of climate finance and sustainable project development. This event will facilitate discussion and training on how to take advantage of these opportunities, promoting Guatemala's active participation and leadership in the regional and international climate arena.

**4. Regional Cooperation and Knowledge Transfer:** Collaboration with Panama on water footprint analysis and the exchange of water resource plans exemplifies Guatemala's commitment to regional cooperation. This meeting will not only strengthen technical and political capacities within the country,

but will also promote the exchange of best practices and lessons learned among countries in the region, fostering an integrated and collaborative approach to address common climate challenges.

In summary, the National Meeting for Climate Action in Guatemala's Agro-industrial Sector is a strategic initiative to move towards sustainable and climate-resilient development. Through this event, it is expected to strengthen the country's capacity to implement effective climate actions, promote the inclusion of mitigation and adaptation measures in national policies, and foster regional cooperation on critical issues such as carbon footprints and sustainable water management.

### **Objective:**

Facilitate a national meeting focused on strengthening climate action in Guatemala's agro-industrial sector, with emphasis on carbon footprint measurement and integration into the country's 2025 Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 September 2024

**Time:** 9am to 5:30pm

**Place:** Hotel Adriatika, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala

### **Expected Results:**

- Strengthening of technical and political capacities for the implementation of climate actions in the agro-industrial sector.
- Effective incorporation of climate mitigation and adaptation measures in Guatemala's national policies.
- Promoting regional cooperation and knowledge transfer on carbon and water issues.

### **Invited Participants:**

Representatives of the government of Guatemala, the private agro-industrial sector, other experts from the countries of the region and relevant actors in the climate field.

This event seeks to establish a collaborative and strategic platform to move towards sustainable and climate resilient development in Guatemala, integrating innovative practices and ambitious commitments to the Paris Agreement.

## Agenda

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker (TBC)
8:30 - 9:00	Event Registration	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latin America UN Climate Change
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome Remarks	Fabiana Rodrigues, UNFCCC RCC Latam AZASGUA
9:30 - 9:45	Agenda Overview and Icebreaker	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latin America UN Climate Change
9:45 - 10:15	<b>Presentation:</b> Urgency of NDCs 3.0 and Key Messages of the GST COP28 Declaration on Food and Agriculture and Streamlining into NDCs	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latin America UN Climate Change
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Measuring Carbon Footprints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation of success stories from Peru and Colombia on carbon footprint measurements for both producers and consumers in Guatemala.</i></li> <li>• <i>Proposal to integrate the results in the formulation and revision of Guatemala's NDC 2025.</i></li> </ul> <b>Questions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What are the main challenges you faced in collaborating with the private sector, especially in agriculture, to develop carbon footprints and inventories?</i></li> <li>- <i>What methodologies or tools did you use to calculate carbon footprints in the agricultural sector and how were they adapted to the local context in Peru and Colombia?</i></li> <li>- <i>How are you integrating data from private sector carbon inventories into your country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and what challenges have you faced in this alignment process?</i></li> </ul>	Evita Mendoza Soto Analista de Gestión de Gases de Efecto Invernadero de Organizaciones Ministerio de Ambiente de Perú  Carlos Felipe Torres Triana Senior en mitigación de GEI Clima Soluciones - Colombia
11:00 - 11:15	Q&A	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latin America UN Climate Change
11:15 - 11:45	Water Footprint Measurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water footprint analysis in collaboration with Panama</li> <li>• Exchange of best practices and strategies for the sustainable management of water resources.</li> </ul>	Claudia Carranza Ministerio de Ambiente Panamá



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11:45 - 12:00	Q&A	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latin America UN Climate Change
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch Break	
1:30 - 1:45	Quick Dynamics	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latin America UN Climate Change
1:45 - 2:45	Introduction to Carbon Markets and Article 6: • Discussion and training on carbon markets and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, exploring opportunities for Guatemala's participation. • Exploration of opportunities and challenges related to participation in carbon markets.	Ana Dominguez RCC Latam UNFCCC
2:45 - 2:55	Q&A	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latam UNFCCC
2:55 - 3:10	Coffee Break	
3:10 - 3:50	Interagency Collaboration on Climate Action: Monitoring, Reporting Data for NDC Progress	Juan Pablo Reyes Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
5:00 - 5:30	Q&A	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latam UNFCCC
5:00 - 5:30	<b>Multi-stakeholder Panel:</b> Public-Private Coordination for the new round of NDC3.0 - <i>Strengthening collaboration between government and the private sector is key to implementing sustainable agricultural policies and meeting climate commitments.</i> - <i>Identifying incentives and removing barriers will enable greater private sector participation in climate action and the adoption of sustainable technologies.</i> - <i>The role of the private sector in mobilizing climate finance through investments, carbon markets, and strategic partnerships with the public sector.</i>	ASAZGUA  Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources  Ministry of Energy and Mines  Ministry of Economy
4:45 - 5:00	Q&A	Laura Lasso de la Vega RCC Latam UNFCCC
5:00 - 5:30	Conclusions and Closing of the Event	Andrea Fión Director of Climate Change Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources  ASAZGUA  Fabiana Rodrigues



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