

# 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. These impacts require commitment from all to meet the challenges. In times of fast paced emerging and evolving challenges on environment, our mission to reduce carbon footprints, adapt regional economies to new market demands, along with implementing and promoting 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 strategic vision** to effectively contribute to implementation of policy and action for climate change mitigation and adaptation. As professionals and members of society, we consider this to be our **GREAT CHALLENGE** because a common factor across countries in the Latin American region is the high level of vulnerability and impacts suffered by populations and productive sectors despite comparatively having lower levels of greenhouse gas emissions.

# OUR SERVICES

---

While Climate Change is one cause, situations may vary from one country to another. Taking this into account, we strive to provide tailored differentiated services. These services are consolidated in three concrete areas:

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



IJS supports implementation of established national priorities, **promoting development transformations** through resilient socioeconomic investments. The following products and services are designed for both **the private and public sectors**:



## Sustainability Standards and Carbon Traceability in Production

The new global market is requiring low carbon products and countries must organize their national strategies and prepare their markets to meet for emerging international standards. IJS supports this, offering the following products and services designed for **the private sector**:



## Climate Education in Judicial Systems:

In the past few years, a surge in social demand relating to the prevention and remediation of climate change impacts, has been experienced both in the region and globally. In turn, this has resulted in a call to strengthen the role of institutions and justice systems to implement the Paris Agreement along with related legal instruments and compliance of State obligations. In this context, IJS offers the following services and products designed for **stakeholders in judicial systems**:

- Identifying common baselines and good, replicable practices for institutional strengthening which contribute to the advancement and implementation of NDCs in a country or region.
- Prioritizing and mapping institutional needs and policies in the area of climate change at the local and national levels.
- Fostering dialogue on parliamentary support on legal standards and their compliance.
- Dialogue and building capacity of lead negotiators and key sector stakeholders with regards to the Paris Agreement implementation and NDCs to analyze priorities, solutions and good practices.
- Expert assistance to sectoral authorities connected to implementing climate change pledges to discuss experiences and mechanisms in the cross cutting and inter-sectoral link of the climate change agenda.

- Identifying good practices with potential replicability across sectors.
- Identifying international standards and certifications in the field of sustainability which allow for value added production and greater profit From niche markets.
- Identifying enabling conditions for greater productivity, sustainability, and a reduced carbon footprint.
- Monitoring the compliance of international standards in responsible supply chains for minerals and other commodities.
- Advise on productivity shifts of emerging products in shifting or surging market demand.
- Advise for trade associations and private sector 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 legislation, to contribute to the success of the Paris Agreement's objectives.
- Development of principles of climate justice that contribute solutions through 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 uncertainty, asymmetry in impacts, public health, human rights, and applicable principles.



## For More Information

[info@ii-js.org](mailto:info@ii-js.org) - Tel: 202.570.4041

Washington, DC - [www.ii-js.org](http://www.ii-js.org)

*Un Puente entre la Justicia, sostenibilidad y prosperidad*

Washington, DC | Quito | Asunción | Santo Domingo | [www.ii-js.org](http://www.ii-js.org)