

INTER-AMERICAN BUSINESS AND NATURE FORUM

“A 2050 Vision for Investor Action on Biodiversity”

Washington, DC

September 14-15, 2023



About the event

This in-person business forum hosted by IIJS, LatAm INVESTOR and key partners will bring together Latin America and the Caribbean’s leading companies, authorities, and investors to explore how biodiversity will shape business trends in the region. On the eve of the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, it will analyse the path laid out for Investor Action in the Global 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, as these goals and targets will become a critical aspect of doing business in the region and beyond.

Forty percent of the world’s largest public companies have net zero targets. Climate change goals depend on nature and biodiversity. Both are inextricably linked and considered systemic risks in doing business. But while companies and investors increasingly understand the importance of climate change, very few realise the growing importance of biodiversity. It is a crucial theme for companies that operate or invest in Latin America and the Caribbean, the world’s most mega diverse region.

Recently adopted targets and the Global 2050 Vision within the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) establish clear responsibilities for companies and investors towards nature while seeking to enable business to thrive. To thrive, private sector must play a role in closing the biodiversity finance gap, helping to fund conservation programmes, while increasing transparency, risk disclosure and management throughout their supply chains.



PROGRAMME KEY QUESTIONS

- How can a new business etiquette be shaped for the region for positive business and nature action? Why does it matter?
- What are the risks and regulatory trends in disclosures, accountability, and transparency? and what enabling conditions policy makers should be thinking about for business and nature to thrive?
- How can comparability and interoperability of governance systems be ensured across sectors and countries?
- Which sectors are making a difference and how can action be scaled up?
- What is the role of the financial sector and MDB'S in aligning Capital and Financial Flows ?

SPECIFIC THEMES

- Key economic sector business and investment dynamics in relation to nature
- Lessons and practices in the biodiversity-business nexus, addressing the issues of risk, supply chains and markets, finance, metrics and valuation.
- ESG, nature and interoperability across countries, regulatory and compliance matters
- Responsibility, transparency and risk versus reward.
- Integrity, connectivity and resilience of business and ecosystems.
- Enabling conditions for businesses to succeed and attract private investment



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AGENDA

DAY 1

Welcome Reception

5:30 pm Venue (TBD)

DAY 2

08:30 am – **Registration**

09:00 am – **Welcome Remarks**

9:15 am **Opening Keynote – *Shaping a new Corporate Etiquette: Why Biodiversity and Nature Matters for Investors in Latin America and the Caribbean?*** –

10:00 am **Coffee Networking Break**

10:30 am- 12:30 pm **Thematic Dialogues, Session I**

- **Blue Economy**
- **Agribusiness**

12:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30-2:15 pm **Après Lunch Keynote- *Enabling Conditions, Risk, Disclosures and Regulatory considerations for mainstreaming investment***

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm **Thematic Dialogues, Session II**

- **Energy, Infrastructure and Just Transition**
- **Minerals and Metals**

4:15- 5:00 pm **Final Session, Takeaways and Key Messages**
Closing the Sustainability Gap Aligning Capital and Financial Flows

5:00 pm **Keynote Close**