

COP side event

Zero-Emission Trucks are Here: Leadership in Latin America and the Caribbean

How regulation can scale up the market for zero-emission truck adoption in Latin America and the Caribbean

Date and time: December 6, 15:00 - 16:00

Location: Dominican Republic Pavilion (75 m2) – blue zone

Room Capacity: 28-30 participants ([participant tracker](#))

[Registration link](#)

Room layout: chairs looking at the stage. 80 inch screen. We'll organize the chairs in semi-circles so people can have a discussion after the fireside chat.

SUMMARY

In Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), a significant portion of emissions stems from trucks, even though they make up a relatively small portion of the on-road vehicle fleet. The good news is that zero-emission truck technology is poised for widespread adoption, with the potential to reach total cost of ownership parity with diesel trucks between 2024 and the early 2030s.

This special event will shed light on the perspectives of decarbonization leaders in LAC and beyond as they embark on this transition. It will underscore the opportunities to amplify and expedite the global market for zero-emission trucks, leveraging the existing state of readiness and commitments and the impetus provided by the Global Memorandum of Understanding for Zero Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Global MOU).

During this session, the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands, CALSTART/Drive to Zero and the Transport Decarbonization Alliance will extend a warm welcome to Global MOU signatories and partners from Latin America and the Caribbean. The event will feature discussions (English and Spanish) among participants on how to bring down technology costs and ensure adoption through regulatory approaches, and an opportunity to connect with peers and Global MOU signatories to identify concrete collaboration opportunities for 2024.

SESSION FORMAT & AGENDA

Format: the session will have an opening by Dominican Republic welcoming MOU signatories and talking about the country's progress so far. Following this, the session will be structured around discussion groups aimed at identifying concrete collaboration opportunities between countries in the region in terms of regulation, financing, infrastructure planning and deployments.

TIME	AGENDA	SPEAKERS	NOTES
0:00 - 0:15	Arrival, informal networking, photo op	NA	If LATAM MOU signatories are interested in making a brief intervention, we shorten this section.
0:15-0:20	Opening & context	Mr. Alan Ramirez, National Council for Climate Change, Dominican Republic	<p>Welcome to LAC colleagues and congratulations to Global MOU signatories for their ambition</p> <p>Brief highlight of Dominican Republic's main actions to accelerate ZEV adoption</p> <p>Introduce the discussion groups</p>
0:20-0:55	Discussion groups	<p>Group 1, Spanish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M: Pamela (DR) <p>Group 2, Spanish/English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M: Alan (DR) <p>Group 3, English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M: Sonja (NL) <p>Group 4, English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M: Urska (WBCSD) / Ethan (TDA) 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries to identify concrete synergies in planned work for 2024 - Countries to discuss specific topics: what is needed to advance regulation, increase access to finance, and plan charging infrastructure. <p>Discussion prompts below</p>

0:55 - 1:00	MOU updates	Sonja (NL) / John (D2Z)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shoutout to new Global MOU signatories - ZEVIT - ZEV-RRF - In person meeting and ongoing knowledge sharing - Invitation to other countries to join
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DISCUSSION PROMPTS FOR MODERATORS

1. Please give a short overview of your current policies to accelerate adoption of zero-emission trucks and buses
2. Is regulation to phase out diesel vehicles being adopted or explored in your country? (for example, sales mandates, CO2 standards, fuel efficiency standards or bans)
3. What do you plan to focus on during 2024? (moderator to keep track of shared topics)
4. Based on what you've heard from others, what opportunities do you see for collaboration and knowledge exchanges?
5. Starting with the topic that participants are most interested in:
 - a. What are the most pressing questions around this that you are currently trying to solve?
 - b. What do you need from other stakeholders (for example, development banks, private sector, NGOs, Academia) to solve this challenge?
 - c. What next steps could this group take to advance on the topic?
6. If time allows, repeat the questions in "5" for the second topic that participants were most interested in, then the third, and so on.

INVITATION BOILERPLATE

Colombia COP28 - Event invitation: Zero-Emission Trucks are Here: Leadership in Latin America and the Caribbean

Dear xxxxxxxx,

As a valued partner in the global shift toward transport decarbonization, I would like to invite you to our COP28 side-event '**Zero-emission trucks are here: Leadership in Latin America and the Caribbean**'. The event will take place on December 6th from 3:00—4:00pm GST (Gulf Standard Time)/GMT +4 hours, at the Dominican Republic Pavilion in the UNFCCC - Blue zone, Dubai.

The event has a **maximum capacity of 25 participants**, so we would appreciate it if you can confirm your attendance by [registering here](#) at your earliest convenience. The event will provide a space for networking and discussions in **English and Spanish**, for participants from Latin America and the Caribbean to establish connections and explore collaboration opportunities on how to best translate electrification targets (such as those set by the Global MOU) into regulation that can bring down technology costs and ensure the pace of the transition.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, and we hope you will be able to join us and share your perspectives on the future of transport decarbonization in the region.

THIS SESSION IS CO-CREATED BY The Government of the Dominican Republic, The Government of the Netherlands, CALSTART/Drive to Zero, and the Transport Decarbonization Alliance.