

South African National Workshop on Climate Trade Measures

20 March 2024

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), in collaboration with the European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST), herewith invite you to an in-person consultation for the Climate Trade Nexus project. The main objective of this consultation is to discuss and develop methodologies that integrate climate and trade considerations. The consultation will also provide stakeholders with valuable insights into the emerging wave of trade measures that may impact their exports and industries.

The purpose of the Climate-Trade Nexus Assessment (CTNA) is to explore how trade-based climate measures that aim to address international greenhouse gas leakage resulting from domestic climate policy measures in key industries might be designed to account for the legitimate differences that characterize climate policy across various developing country trading partners.

One of the initial steps is to conduct a broad survey of used and proposed methodologies for comparing and assessing national-level, sector-level, or industry-level climate change ambition as expressed in climate policies—both carbon price-based and those that do not involve carbon markets or carbon pricing.

As part of this project, SAIIA is hosting a one-day regional workshop in **Pretoria, South Africa on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at the Capital Menlyn hotel**. The workshop will bring together approximately 25 stakeholders, including policymakers, business and civil society / academia.

Please RSVP to Pippa Segall (Pippa.Segall@saiia.org.za) by **06 March 2024**.

Limited funding is available to support local transport for attendance (e.g. local flights). Should you require such support, please highlight this in your RSVP response.

The agenda for the workshop is provided below.

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AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 **Arrival and registration**

9:30 – 9:40 **Welcome**

- Andrei Marcu, Executive Director, ERCST
- Alex Benkenstein, head of Climate and Natural Resources Programme, SAIIA

09:40 – 10:00 **Introduction to trade-based climate measures and presentation of the Climate-Trade Nexus project**

A presentation by ERCST of the latest global developments in the area of climate and trade such as carbon border adjustments. This will be followed by an explanation of the Climate-Trade Nexus project and its objectives.

- Andrei Marcu, Executive Director, ERCST
- Michael Mehling, ERCST
- Aaron Cosby, ERCST

10:00 – 10:30 **Discussion of climate change policy in South African**

- Niki Kruger, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition

10:30 – 11:00 **Presentation of methods by ERCST**

Presentation by ERCST of the selected methodologies explaining various methods such as explicit carbon price, implicit carbon price, carbon intensity or overall climate change ambition.

- Andrei Marcu, Executive Director, ERCST
- Michael Mehling, ERCST
- Aaron Cosby, ERCST

11:00 – 12:45 **Discussion on methods with stakeholders**

- Niki Kruger, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
- Gaylor Montmasson-Clair, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS)
- Reitumetse Molotsoane, National Business Initiative
- Shamini Harrington, Sasol

12:45 – 13:00 **Wrap-up and close**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**