



CARBON PRICING IN THE AMERICAS

ACTION PLAN 2023

CONTEXT | Fostering and developing carbon pricing initiatives in the Americas

- The Carbon Pricing in the Americas (CPA) is a cooperation, information-sharing, knowledge-building and networking platform that arose from the Paris Declaration on Carbon Pricing in the Americas endorsed by several national and subnational governments in the Americas in December 2017.
- The CPA was officially launched in April 2018.
- In 2021, a renewed Declaration on Carbon Pricing in the Americas was endorsed in Glasgow by British Columbia, California, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Jalisco, Mexico, Nova Scotia, Panama, Paraguay, Québec, Querétaro, Sonora, and Yucatán. Since then, the Brazilian states of Rio and Pernambuco also endorsed the Glasgow Declaration.
- Several CPA member governments already operate a carbon pricing mechanism or aim to upgrade it, while others are planning its implementation.

OVERAL OBJECTIVES FOR 2023 | Gathering members, triggering exchanges, fostering interactions and proposing pathways

- This 2023 action plan is based on the above-mentioned overall objectives driving the CPA platform.
- The CPA aims at offering a space where governments of the Americas can gather with their peers and partners to exchange views, best practices, expertise and experiences.
- This space should also be conducive to fostering interactions, increasing collaborations and forging relationships in and outside the platform based on converging interests.
- Members are called upon to actively share news, upgrades and challenges regarding their carbon pricing endeavours.

2023 PLANNED ACTIVITIES | Sharing knowledge, networking, resolving issues. learning and developing skills

CPA videoconference meetings

- Members and partners of the CPA generally meet every two to three months for two-hour meetings.
- Members and co-chairs are welcome to suggest topics along the way.
- Every meeting follows the format below:
 - A discussion on a topic that explores a technical and practical approach to a carbon pricing feature, challenge, issue, or novelty. Discussions are generally structured around a presentation of the subject by a regional or international expert, followed by a question period.
 - Regular housekeeping items and different organizational issues at hand.
- Themes proposed for 2023:
 - March meeting: MRV: What is it? How it works? What are the different methods? How is technology innovating MRV?
 - May meeting: Evolution of the carbon pricing
 - October meeting: TBD



General Assembly

- An in-person meeting will take place again this year and serve as the General Assembly (GA) of the CPA.
- This GA could be held between July and October 2023, in parallel to a major carbon pricing or climate change event in the Americas.
- The decision on the location of the GA will be taken by the members.
- As it was the case for the GA in Rio de Janeiro in 2022, CPA members will be invited to participate in some of the sessions of the adjoining event and financial support for travel could be sought, pending availability of resources.

2023 PLANNED ACTIVITIES | Sharing knowledge, networking, resolving issues, learning and developing skills

Deep-dive discussions

- The CPA innovated in 2022 by holding its first deep-dive discussion. These sessions aim at allowing members to submit an issue that they wish to discuss in detail with their peers.
- Sessions will be structured to provide an opportunity for a member to present an issue or a challenge it is currently tackling and allow that member to ask specific questions to its peers.
- Partners and international experts are welcome to participate in the discussion and every participant is expected to take an active role.
- A survey will be sent to members to identify the issues or subjects that they would like to discuss during deep-dive discussions in 2023.

In-person training course

- A survey will be sent to the members to seek their interest in attending a training course on different aspects of carbon pricing and the specific subjects that they would like to see addressed during the session.
- Such a training course could be held in a central location in the Americas
- If possible, the training course will be combined with the General Assembly and/or a major carbon pricing or climate change event.
- Financial support for travel could be sought, pending availability, by members facing attendance issues.



GOVERNANCE | Holding elections for the co-chairmanship, establishing a permanent secretariat, reviewing the governance guidelines, finding financial support to encourage in-person participation

Secretariat

- Staff from the government of Québec is currently taking on the role of the Secretariat.
- CPA co-chairs will approach international organizations to enquire about their interest in assuming the role of the CPA Secretariat on a permanent basis.

Financing activities

- Prior to and at the 2022 GA, it was found that some members of the CPA needed financial support to attend face-to-face meetings.
- The Secretariat will undertake discussions with multilateral organisations working in the Americas to provide financial support to members that request it.



Co-chair Elections

- The Latin American seat is open for the co-chairmanship. Every Latin American member of the CPA is encouraged to apply for this role. Elections will be held as soon as possible.
- In order to ensure continuity in the activities of the CPA, Quebec proposes that it continues serving as North American co-chair until the new Latin American co-chair is elected.
- Since Quebec has been CPA North-American co-chair for the past 2 years, new elections for this seat will be held as soon as possible, once the Latin American seat is filled.

CPA governance guidelines

- The CPA governance guidelines were first written in 2018. Some of these guidelines no longer represent the direction the CPA has taken over the years.
- The Secretariat has reviewed the guidelines according to the CPA actual practices and will propose a new set of guidelines to members for their approval.

COMMUNICATIONS | Developing the website, holding events, networking with other international forums on carbon pricing

Logo

- In 2022, the Secretariat has initiated the development of a CPA logo with the collaboration of WCI, Inc. A few proposals were presented during the CPA general assembly in Rio de Janeiro.
- Members made a few comments to improve the design of the logo and a new version will be presented to them for approval.

Events

- Members will be called upon to approve holding a CPA side-event at COP28 in Dubai
- This event could feature a stocktake of carbon pricing initiatives by CPA member governments (high level ministerial representatives)

Web site

- As with the logo, the Secretariat has also undertaken the development of a website for the CPA with the collaboration of WCI, Inc.
- This website will essentially present the CPA, the scope of carbon pricing in the Americas, the latest news on this issue from CPA jurisdictions and partners, and the different CPA events taking place during the year.
- Every member and partner of the CPA will be able to feature newsworthy developments and highlight upcoming events.
- The frame and content of the website will be proposed to members for their approval.

RECRUITEMENT | Expanding the network to new national and subnational members and regional partners

- The CPA recruited two new members in 2022; the Brazilian states of Rio de Janeiro and of Pernambuco
- The co-chairs and the Secretariat will continue to reach out to governments and organisations in the Americas to expand CPA membership and participation.

Appendix | CPA draft activities schedule - 2023

Scheduled date	Activity	Topics	Presentations
2023-03-07	CPA all-members and partner call	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation on MRV 2) 2023 Activities (update on the survey) 3) CPA communications (events, website) 4) Governance (elections, recruitment) 	MRV: What is it? How it works? What are the different methods? How is technology innovating MRV?
2023-05-30	CPA all-members and partner call	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation on the evolution of carbon prices 2) 2023 Activities (update on the General Assembly) 3) CPA communications (events, website) 4) Governance (elections, recruitment) 	Evolution of carbon prices: prices increase in the carbon markets, consequences, how to anticipate, how to prepare itself, etc.
August 2023 (TBC)	General Assembly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Stock take of carbon pricing in the CPA 2) Knowledge sharing presentation 3) CPA communications (events, website) 4) Governance (adoption of the new guidelines) 	TBD
2023-10-24	CPA all-members and partner call	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation TBD 2) 2023 Activities (update on the work plan, outlook for 2024) 3) CPA communications (events, website) 4) Governance 	TBD
December 2023	COP28 – Dubai (high level ministerial representatives)	Side event – Stocktake of carbon pricing in the Americas	

