

Pathway to Net Zero: Incentives and Carbon Markets

Time: Dec. 3, 2023, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (GMT+4)

Venue: Blue Zone, AIIB Pavilion

Format: In-person

Session Context

The world is looking forward to an effective COP 28 to bring back on track the 1.5C-aligned energy transition and emission reduction. Multiple choices of decarbonization pathways include increasing self-awareness by acting entities, administrative planning by governments, and leveraging market incentives, out of which, market mechanisms and carbon pricing are essential in allocating resources and guiding micro-economic activities. Many emerging and developing economies are setting up national carbon emission and carbon credits trading schemes.

Understanding the latest developments in carbon markets and evaluating their effectiveness in reducing carbon emissions and fostering green investments is crucial. Exploring ways to foster international collaboration also becomes imperative. This includes addressing key aspects such as the measurement of carbon credits, the establishment of global carbon prices, and the interconnection of different carbon markets. In addition, offset programs are a critical aspect of carbon markets' structure and mechanisms. Offset markets are still in their early stages globally, but they need to be scaled up across the globe to help speed the rate of green transition.

Session Objective

This high-level panel aims to facilitate in-depth discussions on the current status, challenges and solutions along the path to achieving net-zero emissions through market mechanisms and carbon markets. Specifically, the focus is on improving the interconnectivity among these markets, scaling up investments in nature-based solutions through carbon offsets, and aligning these efforts with the Paris Agreement objectives.

Opening Remarks

Jin Liqun, President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Speakers

Zhou Xiaochuan, Vice Chairman, Boao Forum for Asia

Li Bo, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

Manuela Ferro, Regional Vice President for East Asia and Pacific (EAP), World Bank

Albert Park, Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank

Erik Berglöf, Chief Economist, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Moderator

Harry Boyd-Carpenter, Managing Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development