

1. **Title / Topic of session:** Experiences with National and Subnational Climate Laws: Enhancing ambition
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7. **Brief summary of the session:**

While the Paris rulebook is yet to be finalized, many national and subnational governments and cities have embarked on developing their own climate laws. Cities, in particular have often adopted far more ambitious mitigation targets in their climate legislation than has been pledged by respective countries in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). In this panel we take stock of this trend that can be characterized as a 'Post-Paris Legalization Push' and bring to the table the voices of national, subnational and city representatives to share their unique experiences in getting their climate laws adopted.

The session will be chaired by **Dr. Cecilia Oliveira**, Project Leader of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) research project on the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (IPA).

Speakers

- Dr. Alina Averchenkova, Distinguished Policy Fellow, Lead, Governance and Legislation, LSE Grantham Centre, UK: **"Experiences from the UK Climate Change Act; Mexican Climate Law"**
- Mr. Carlos Rittl, Executive Secretary, Climate Observatory, Brazil: **"Brazil's greenhouse gas emissions: trends and prospects for Brazil's climate agenda in 2019"**
- Ms. Olivia Ainbinder, Deputy Executive Coordinator, Brazilian Forum on Climate Change: **"An overview of climate and environmental laws in Brazil: current scenario and challenges ahead"**
- Mr. Alessandro Molon, Federal Deputy for Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian Socialist Party, tbc
- Dr. Camilla Bausch, Scientific Director and CEO, Ecologic Institute Europe, Germany: **"Two hot topics in German energy policy: The coal phase-out and the new climate law"**