

The IFCCT Roadmap: From Concept to Solution Building

Summary: What's next for the IFCCT (details below)

- **Inaugural IFCCT Meeting** (Bonn) - Senior Officials - June 2026
- **Intermediary Technical Meeting if required** (Geneva and hybrid*) - Technical Officials - September or October (Details and format TBC)
- **COP31 Solutions-Focused Dialogue** (Antalya) - Senior Officials - November 2026
- **Continuation of Three-Year Work Programme** - Until June 2029

Where we started...

September 2025 – IFCCT Concept Introduced

Brazil's Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago first outlined the concept of an Integrated Forum on Climate Change and Trade at the WTO's Public Forum, declaring that the Forum *'is where we will ask, "Why not?" Why not a sustainable global trade system that supports ambitious climate action and inclusive development? Why not a just transition that lifts every nation? Let us have the boldness to ask these questions and the ingenuity to build the answers together'*.

November 2025 – Vision described in Geneva

Australia and Brazil, at a meeting of the WTO's Committee on Trade and Environment in 2025, together shared an initial outline of the Forum as a space for strengthened cooperation at the intersection of climate change and trade, situated independently of both the UNFCCC and the WTO. In this they emphasized the need for pragmatic, non-negotiating, non-binding, non-attributed dialogue to support mutually reinforcing solutions at the nexus of trade and climate change.

November 2025 – Launch at COP30

On 15th November 2025 Brazil's COP30 Presidency launched the IFCCT as part of the COP30 Action Agenda to serve as a platform to bridge trade and climate policy communities, and to advance dialogue and practical solution-finding. The IFCCT Secretariat was formed to support the work of the Forum.

From COP30 – March 2026

Australia and Brazil worked together to undertake an intensive consultative process, including meeting with more than 40 governments and engagement with more than 100 stakeholders. Australia and Brazil issued a set of update documents, which were informed by consultations that proposed refinements to the modalities for the IFCCT's work and generated a set of potential priority areas of focus.

March 2026 – Key Announcements at MC14 in Yaoundé, Cameroon

In a public briefing at MC14, Brazil and Australia announced the conclusion of the Forum's consultative phase at the end of March and the shift toward implementation and the opening of work. The briefing highlighted a roadmap forward and updates to the Forum's working modalities to support delivery of a clear value-add, complement existing process, minimise participation costs, and offer flexible modes of engagement. Governments were invited to designate focal points, with the first three-year term of the IFCCT to start with an inaugural meeting on 14 June 2026, alongside the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body meetings in Bonn, Germany. Further announcements, including an updated TOR for the initiative will be issued in April.

Where we are heading...

Inaugural Meeting – Bonn (14 June 2026)

The inaugural meeting will bring together senior climate and trade officials for the first time alongside the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Body meetings in Bonn. Two initial priority areas of focus will be selected and the roadmap for Year 1 will be discussed, including modalities for taking work forward on those two areas of focus.

The inaugural meeting will be complemented by an informal stakeholder roundtable.

This will be preceded by confirmation of the IFCCT's co-presidency arrangements, finalisation of the Terms of Reference, and announcement of the independent Expert Panel that will support the IFCCT's work.

Intermediary Technical Meeting

Subject to decision by the Forum Co-Presidents in light of discussions at the inaugural meeting, an intermediary technical meeting may be held between mid-September and end-October (*most likely in hybrid format) to prepare for the senior officials' meeting alongside COP30.

COP31 (Antalya, Türkiye) – Solutions-Focused Dialogue

In the margins of COP31, the IFCCT will convene an engagement at senior officials' level, focusing on the priority topics selected at the Bonn inaugural meeting. Inputs informed by the Forum's Expert Panel will support the substantive foundation of dialogue.

Continuation of Three-Year Work Programme to June 2029

Starting with the inaugural meeting in June 2026, the IFCCT will advance on its three-year work programme to generate dialogue and practical, solution-finding at the nexus of trade and climate change. A more detailed roadmap for Year 1 will be circulated after the inaugural meeting in June.