



# VANCOUVER

## PROCESS

### ABOUT

The Vancouver Process is a voluntary international forum where governments and intergovernmental organizations can share experience, build policy capacity, and explore practical cooperation on carbon dioxide removal (CDR). This forum was created to address a significant gap in the CDR policy landscape: substantial effort has gone into RD&D, market support, and investment, but much less into helping governments develop the policies, institutions, financing mechanisms, standards, and governance frameworks needed to support CDR at climate-relevant scale.

### WHY IT'S NEEDED

CDR is increasingly recognized as an essential complement to deep emissions reductions. Scaling it responsibly will require government action on regulation, finance, procurement, infrastructure, standards, MRV, institutional design, and public accountability. Government capacity in these areas remains uneven and fragmented, however, and there is no other dedicated mechanism focused on helping governments build this capacity and work together across the full range of CDR policy challenges.

### WHAT PARTICIPANTS DO

The Vancouver Process is designed around practical, peer-to-peer exchange. Participants share experience with CDR policies and institutional structures, identify common regulatory and capacity-building challenges, compare approaches to finance, procurement, MRV, standards, and public accountability, and explore opportunities for bilateral, regional, or multilateral cooperation.

### WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT

Several other international initiatives address specific parts of the CDR landscape, including RD&D, markets, standards, and project development. The Vancouver Process complements these efforts by focusing specifically on government capacity and government-to-government cooperation across the broader CDR policy landscape. It is not a treaty, negotiating forum, carbon market, technology program, or standards body.

### HOW PARTICIPATION WORKS

Participation is voluntary, non-binding, and flexible. Governments and intergovernmental organizations retain full control over their own policies, priorities, and level of engagement, and participation does not require endorsement of any particular technology, target, funding commitment, policy position, or market approach. For a current list of participating governments and IGOs, please visit the Vancouver Process website at [VancouverProcess.org](http://VancouverProcess.org).