Law and Climate Change Toolkit

A global resource to help countries develop legal frameworks for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and their nationally determined contributions.

Learn more

Legislation Explorer
Search legal provisions of climate change laws from across the world.

Legal Assessment
Identify potential gaps and areas for improvement, priority areas for climate law review and potential areas for reform.

Assessment Profile
Customize suggestions from legal assessment by adjusting relevant factors for assessed country, such as type of legal system, population, GDP etc.

Lessons Learned
Building a 'community of practice' for policy makers.

Coming soon
Online Tool developed through partnership between the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNFCCC and UN Environment

Aims to provide a global resource to help countries put in place the legal frameworks necessary for effective national implementation of the Paris Agreement and national determined contributions (NDCs)

Designed for use by national governments, international organizations and experts engaged in climate law reform

Modular approach, including overarching climate change law, energy law (in place), forestry, agriculture and fisheries law, and urban land use law (under development with FAO and UN-HABITAT), disaster risk management and displacement (planned)
Toolkit provides an underlying database of national laws, tagged at provision level with a detailed legal taxonomy that categorises legal areas relevant to climate change.

Users can search climate law database or undertake a legal assessment.

The legal assessment presents the user with a sequence of structured questions on national law.

The results identify suggested areas for improvement and present legislative examples from countries with a similar context.

The Toolkit assessment function is designed to be used within the context of a national review and reform of climate-related law.
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Legislation Explorer

Search legislation database

1 - 10 of 76 results

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Climate Change Response Act 2002 (Law)
New Zealand, 2002
Legal Area: Dedicated climate laws and governance

Electric Light and Power Act (Law)
Barbados, 2013
Legal Area: Energy production and renewable energy laws

Kenya Climate Change Act (Law)
Kenya, 2016
Legal Area: Dedicated climate laws and governance

Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust of Seychelles Act (Law)
Seychelles, 2015
Legal Area: Dedicated climate laws and governance

Filter legislation

Select Legal Area
Return results that match any of the selected legal areas.

- Dedicated climate laws and governance
- Energy production and renewable energy laws
- Energy efficiency laws
- Energy market regulation

Country
Return results that match any of the selected countries.

Select type
Return results that match any of the selected law types.

- Law
- Constitution
- Regulation
- Other

Cross cutting categories
Return results that match any of the selected categories.
### Economic instruments

1. **Does your country have provisions of laws or regulations establishing provisions for trading in emission allowances or permits or abatement certificates (emissions trading mechanisms)?**
   - **Yes**
   - **No**

2. **Does your country have provisions of laws or regulations establishing a carbon tax or levies for climate policy purposes?**
   - **Yes**
   - **No**

3. **Does your country have provisions of laws or regulations establishing incentives for voluntary emissions abatement actions?**
   - **Yes**
   - **No**

4. **Does your country have provisions of laws or regulations establishing fiscal incentives for mitigation of climate change (reduction or abatement of emissions)?**
   - **Yes**
   - **No**

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**Previous questions**
- Monitoring, reporting and verification obligations

**Next questions**
- Finance and budgetary provisions

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The Toolkit is designed for use by national governments, international organizations and experts engaged in assisting countries to implement national climate change laws, as well as any academia and research institutions that are undertaking analysis of the growing body of climate change-related legislation throughout the world.

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The Commonwealth

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UN Environment

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UN Environment
Legal Assessment

Barbados

3 Categories
21 Areas of improvement
287 Suggested examples

Based on your assessment, the following priority areas are suggested for reform:

Dedicated climate laws and governance

Mitigation strategies, targets, budgets and measures

Does your country have other legislation containing emissions reductions targets or carbon budgeting measures?

Key Terms
- Emission targets in law
- Provision for carbon budgeting
- Non-quantitative mitigation measures/standards

Suggestion

Adaptation measures

Does your country have a specific law (or provisions that are part of a broader law) relating to climate change adaptation?

Key Terms
- Provisions for climate risk and vulnerability assessments

Suggestion