

INDIA LAUNCHES CENTRALIZED CARBON MARKET TRADING PLATFORM TO SCALE CLIMATE FINANCE

Taking a decisive step in India's climate and financial architecture the Government inaugurated **Prakriti 2026** – the International Conference on Carbon Markets at New Delhi and launched the **Indian Carbon Market Portal** - a centralized platform designed to operationalize the country's carbon trading ecosystem. The event was a part of the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 which convened policymakers, industry leaders, and global experts to align on carbon markets as a core mechanism for climate action and economic growth.

The portal is designed to function as the backbone of India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, providing infrastructure for project registration, verification, and credit issuance. It reflects a broader policy shift toward embedding carbon pricing mechanisms within India's growth strategy. India's carbon market is already moving into implementation. The Government has notified nine methodologies and registered more than 40 entities submitting projects across sectors including biogas, hydrogen, and forestry. On the compliance side, greenhouse gas emission intensity targets have been issued for nearly 490 obligated entities across seven energy-intensive industries, creating a structured pathway for measurable emissions reductions.

A strong emphasis has been placed on unlocking finance for clean technologies and enabling corporate climate strategies, both of which remain critical to delivering India's Nationally Determined Contributions. By linking domestic policy with global mechanisms, the country is positioning its carbon market as both a compliance tool and a financing engine.

Through initiatives like **Prakriti 2026**, India is positioning itself as a central player in the evolution of global carbon markets. By anchoring its system in transparency, credibility, and innovation, the country is accelerating its domestic transition while contributing to the broader architecture of international climate finance.

<https://esgnews.com/india-launches-carbon-market-portal-to-scale-national-climate-finance/>

SOFTER GRID PENALTIES FOR RENEWABLE POWER PRODUCERS UNDER CONSIDERATION TO PROTECT CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission had planned to introduce tougher compliance rules beginning in April 2026 to reduce the gap between promised and delivered renewable power. India is considering easing proposed penalties on wind and solar developers who fail to meet stricter grid-supply commitments. Following industry concerns about potential revenue losses and reduced investment these policy adjustments come as the country works toward nearly doubling its non-fossil

fuel power capacity to 500 gigawatts by 2030, making regulatory stability a crucial factor for investor confidence.

<https://esgnews.com/india-considers-softer-grid-penalties-for-renewable-power-producers-to-protect-clean-energy-investment/>

INDIA, AFRICA STRENGTHEN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP AT BHARAT ELECTRICITY SUMMIT

The India–Africa energy partnership took shape at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 on March 21, chaired by the Hon'ble Union Power Minister Shri Manohar Lal. The partnership will prioritize renewable energy collaboration and grid modernization across African markets. The India-Africa power cooperation framework also highlights storage and flexibility solutions to integrate variable renewable energy. The partnership places investment at the centre of Africa's energy transition.

<https://www.esgtimes.in/energy/india-africa-strengthen-energy-partnership-at-bharat-electricity-summit/>

COP30 REPORT SETS \$1.3 TRILLION CLIMATE FINANCE PUSH AND NEW GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAPS

The COP30 Presidency has released its **Executive Report**, setting out a broad implementation agenda designed to move global climate action beyond negotiation cycles and into sustained execution across economies and sectors.

The report positions COP30 not as a standalone summit, but as part of a continuous global process aimed at translating commitments into tangible outcomes.

Convening nearly every country COP30 resulted in the adoption of 56 decisions by consensus, reaffirming collective commitment to advancing climate action. The Presidency is now framing these outcomes as operational priorities, emphasizing delivery, coordination, and accountability. Development of targeted roadmaps intended to guide implementation across key sectors is the central approach.

<https://esgnews.com/cop30-report-sets-1-3-trillion-climate-finance-push-and-new-global-implementation-roadmaps/>

GERMANY MOVES TO DOUBLE DATA CENTRES, QUADRUPLE AI CAPACITY BY 2030

Germany has announced plans to double its domestic data centre capacity and increase AI processing power quadrupled by 2030, positioning infrastructure as a strategic economic priority. To accelerate private investment, the government is introducing policy reforms such as streamlined and faster permitting processes, tax incentives for municipalities, and dedicated land allocation. This initiative is part of Europe's broader push to establish sovereign AI infrastructure, a move shaped by geopolitical tensions and differing regulatory approaches across regions.

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