



NATIONAL COMMITTEE
DECARBONIZATION
AND GREEN GROWTH



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CONTEXT

In 1992, at the initiative of the affiliates, the National Environmental Committee (CNA) of ANDI was born and actively operated until the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020. The Committee was the most important instance of the Colombian private sector for the improvement of its performance, the promotion of the corporate environmental agenda and the support for the creation of the legal, programmatic and institutional framework in environmental matters of the country, always aligned with the main international trends and developments.

Faced with the current challenges of sustainability, the form and pace of actions will be definitive to increase the prosperity and well-being of the country.

For decades, the productive sector has been carrying out multiple individual and collective initiatives that create value, but the urgency and scale of the solutions necessary to confront climate change and other challenges requires not only strengthening joint work, but also taking advantage of the opportunities of a just transition, with the purpose of creating new opportunities for growth, employment and new markets, and consolidating the competitive advantages that the country has to move towards a low-carbon economy.

The objective set out in the Paris Agreement of limiting the increase in temperature to 1.50C compared to the pre-industrial era is increasingly distant and for many scientists it is already unattainable given that the pace of emissions reduction does not allow it and the lack of political consensus between countries hinders it. The consequences, according to the UN, are that the worst impacts of climate change are going to materialize, and as the World Economic Forum has stated, they threaten to delay progress in reducing poverty, inequality and social cohesion.

Recognizing the risks and high challenges, the new National Committee relaunches its work, with the commitment and proactivity of its founding companies, and this time with the purpose of leading and accelerating, together with society and the government, decarbonization and green growth of the nation.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Achieving the national goal of being carbon neutral by 2050 requires a fundamental transformation of the way it is produced and consumed. There is no sector of the economy, nor consumer habit that is not involved.

In the last decade, the country has established laws, policies and sectoral plans, and actions have been defined that, if fulfilled, will take the country on the right path; However, its implementation will face political, economic, financial and cultural barriers.

The business sector is called upon to lead many of the main measures to move towards a low carbon economy.

Various companies have ambitious decarbonization goals, increasingly sophisticated agendas and outstanding results, which can be accelerated with an appropriate institutional and regulatory context.

The business effort of leading companies will not be enough if best practices are not extended and replicated to large emitters, value chains are involved and actions are promoted at scale together with the public sector and civil society, in cities and territories

It is also important to promote a new generation of low-carbon businesses, products and services that respond to growing consumer demand and attract new investments for the country.

PURPOSES

OBJECTIVES

1. Lead and accelerate the decarbonization agenda of the business sector, contributing to the fulfillment of union purposes, national goals and the nation's international commitments
2. Materialize the opportunities of the transition towards a low-carbon economy, which contribute to green growth, job creation and increase competitiveness
3. To make the territories and cities more prosperous, decarbonized and resilient
4. Boost the responsible consumption and change consumer habits to reduce their carbon footprint

THEME

The Committee will promote actions that allow the diversity of sectors represented in ANDI and the regions where they are present, to advance the aforementioned purposes, adopt practices and be part of initiatives that contribute to decarbonization and green growth.

A review of the political framework and the national plans established with the public sector and the business, sectoral and international initiatives, allows the initial identification of an extensive and challenging agenda that the Committee will prioritize and promote in coordination with various areas of ANDI that manage several of the topics.

WORK FRONTS



INDUSTRY AND SERVICES

Energy efficiency; supply chain decarbonization; HFC substitutes; low carbon products and services; Alternative fuels; R&D; and sustainable construction.

ENERGY MINER

Demand management; clean energy matrix, energy transition, rational and efficient use of energy, fugitive emissions, reduction and use of methane, biomass; hydrogen; and carbon capture, use and storage.



MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION

Electric mobility; modernization of cargo transportation; active transportation and demand management; infrastructure; low carbon logistics; and sustainable fuels.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Innovation; waste prevention and reduction; circular water management, production and consumption models, recirculation and efficient use of resources; circular businesses; biogas; extended producer responsibility programs and sustainable consumer habits.



LAND USE AND AGRICULTURE

Resilient and low carbon rural development; regenerative agriculture, sustainable agricultural practices; food loss reduction; natural climate solutions; disincentive to deforestation and bioeconomy.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF BUSINESSES AND TERRITORIES

Climate risk management; resilient infrastructure; restoration and maintenance of natural capital, articulation with regional, urban and coastal adaptation plans.



MEDIA

Conditions to encourage and scale the actions of the business community; the fourth industrial revolution; carbon markets; financial economic instruments; insurance, project structuring, investments; science-based targets and net zero targets; certifications; labels; standards; regulations; monitoring, reporting and verification; communicate and be accountable; capacity building and improving competencies; green jobs and a just transition; citizen participation, technology transfer; green purchases; public-private partnerships; regional and sectoral business initiatives; address non-tariff barriers and international cooperation and initiatives.

THE COMMITTEE

It will be made up of representatives of the sectors and regions where ANDI is present, by companies that have public decarbonization goals and that wish to contribute to the development of the aforementioned agenda,

from a perspective that includes, in addition to your company, your sector, your value chain and the regions where you carry out your activity.

On the first occasion, the members will be chosen by the Chambers or sectoral Committees of the ANDI that had representatives in the National Environmental Committee or that are sectors with significant contributions in the BUR.¹ The Chambers will be requested

to, for the first period of the new Committee, consider the members who historically promoted the National Environmental Committee. These will also represent the sections for which they are affiliated.

The Committee meetings will be in person, will be held 4 times a year and will be governed by the “Chatham House Rule”.² There will be one representative per company, with a period of 2 years, re-electable (by decision of the chamber or committee). Depending on the topic, committees/working groups may be formed with the participation, even, of other members of the association, or other public, private, international or civil society actors.

2023 SCHEDULE

Agenda	Date
1st Committee	February 17
2nd Committee	May 19
3rd Committee	4 August
4th Committee	December 1

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¹ The Biennial Update Report to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change published by IDEAM

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