

Climate and Corruption Atlas

HIGHLIGHTS




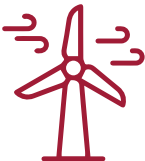

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Complex political, economic and cultural changes, involving a variety of agents, are needed to achieve the Paris Agreement goals. An additional challenge to this process, hardly explored, imposes itself in the process: corruption in the interventions to tackle climate change.

With the “Climate and Corruption Atlas”, Transparency International Brazil presents the first study to systematise the interrelationships between corruption and climate change in Brazil, identifying five relevant impacts, 15 corruption practices and ten concrete cases which negatively affect the climate agenda in the country.

The table below presents the synthesis of the “Climate and Corruption Atlas”, with information from ten concrete corruption cases that have recently occurred in Brazil (map on opposite page).

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF CORRUPTION IN THE CLIMATE AGENDA?	IT OCCURS THROUGH WHICH MAIN CORRUPT PRACTICES?
 <p>DISTORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, CLIMATE AND/OR CLIMATE-RELATED POLICIES AND REGULATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political capture and undue influence - Illegal funding of parties and campaigns - Disinformation and fake news
 <p>WEAKENS CLIMATE FINANCE MECHANISMS AND CARBON MARKETS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paralysis and diversion of resources - Favouring less efficient and effective projects - Fraud in carbon projects
 <p>HAMPERS ADAPTATION EFFORTS AND RESPONSE TO EXTREME EVENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fraud in tenders and contracts - Favoritism in the selection of beneficiaries and works - Embezzlement in emergency contracts
 <p>PREVENTS ENERGY TRANSITION FROM OCCURRING AT THE NECESSARY SPEED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overbilling and embezzlement in public contracts - Favoritism in the concession of tax incentives - Conflicts of interest and revolving doors
 <p>PROMOTES DEFORESTATION, FOREST DEGRADATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST DEFENDERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fraud in control systems (timber, cattle, gold, land, etc.) - Laundering of money and environmental “assets” - Bribery of public and private agents



10 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION AFFECTING CLIMATE ACTION

Based on the mapping of impacts and corruption practices, we identified a list of actions to be pursued, such as the regulation of lobbying, integrity policies and practices in public agencies and companies related to the climate agenda, the transparency of carbon markets and climate finance, and the fight against fake news.

The implementation of these proposals must include a wide range of actors, including federal, state and municipal governments and legislatures, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering bodies, oversight bodies, and the private sector.

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10 RECOMMENDATIONS**



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