

ISLP is pleased to present the [*Guide to Environmental, Social, and Governance \(ESG\) Standards, Regulations, and Implementation: Reference Guide on Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the European Union, Peru, the United Kingdom, and the United States*](#). The Guide was developed with the support of the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation's Andes Amazon Initiative and ISLP volunteer lawyers from Akin Gump, Alston & Bird, Blake, Cassels & Graydon, BMA Advogados, Brigard Urrutia, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Hogan Lovells, Morgan Lewis, and Rebaza, Alcázar & de las Casas. It is also a reflection of our close collaboration with grantees of the Moore Foundation, including the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) in Brazil and Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR) in Peru.

The Guide is organized by jurisdiction, and covers topics such as reporting, disclosures, and legal challenges and enforcement. It provides an overview of ESG trends, and facilitates constructive engagement with related issues within each of the jurisdictions discussed, whether in the context of project development, project finance, or investing in or operating a company. With the publication of this Guide, we aim to assist civil society organizations in achieving better ESG outcomes. Additionally, the Guide illustrates how political and social movements in one country can spread to others, such as the Black Lives Matter movement, which started in the United States and has inspired a global movement towards accountability and regulatory changes to address racial injustice.



On November 22, ISLP presented the Guide in a virtual convening featuring speakers from locally-led civil society organizations CPI and DAR, which each play a critical role in preserving the Amazon, along with legal experts Blakes, Hogan Lovells, BMA Advogados, and Rebaza & Alcazar. Participants offered key highlights on the different jurisdictions covered by the Guide, and shared knowledge to enable further discussion and reflection on opportunities, challenges, and next steps to leverage ESG criteria to protect the Amazon basin.

Discussion of ESG frameworks is at the center of project development worldwide and offers civil society an opportunity to engage with a broad range of stakeholders to promote better standards in the Amazon Region and globally. In the Amazon basin in particular, adherence to strong ESG standards can play a crucial role in achieving better results for local populations with regard to infrastructure and extractive projects. ESG standards should be considered in the early stages of project development, including the design phase, and local communities should participate in these proceedings.

We hope you will find this Guide useful. Please feel free to share it widely with your network, and don't hesitate reach out to us at info@islp.org if you are interested in expanding upon this work together with us.

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