



GOVERNANCE

The International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) emerged from the [United Nations Conference on Trade And Development \(UNCTAD\)](#) Policy Forums on greenhouse gas emissions trading in 1999. It started as a result of cooperation between UNCTAD and the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development \(WBCSD\)](#).

IETA received legal non-profit status from the government of Switzerland in June 2000, and received [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#) non-governmental organisation accreditation in October 2000.

IETA is a membership organisation where all members have one vote, used at the Annual General Meeting and any Extraordinary General meetings. Half of IETA's 18 Board members are elected each year. IETA's Articles and Rules are accessible from this page. Other material on governance is in the member area of this website, where you can find IETA's competition policy, as well as IETA's internal guidance for developing position papers.

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