



SESSION A4 TRENDS

What global trends should be on our minds?
Putting a price on carbon and enhancing climate action



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carbon pricing

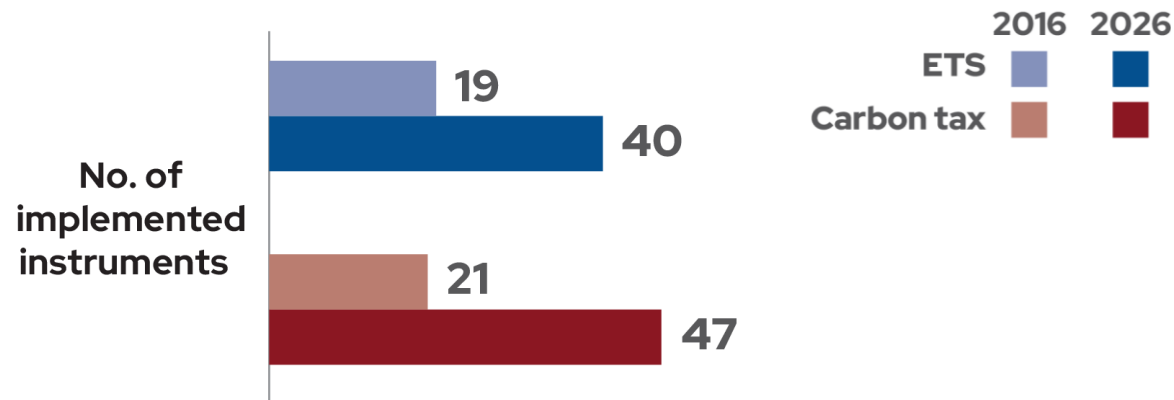
This presentation will focus on four trends of carbon pricing

- 1 Carbon pricing continues to increase the share of global GHG emissions it covers
- 2 Average carbon prices continue to increase globally
- 3 Revenues from carbon taxes and ETSs continue to exceed US\$ 100 billion
- 4 Carbon credits are a major design feature for carbon taxes and ETSs

This presentation provides an early look at analysis featured in State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2026, which will be released on Wednesday May 20th at I4C

1. Carbon pricing continues to increase the share of global GHG emissions it covers

Comparing global ETS and Carbon Tax coverage in 2016 and 2026



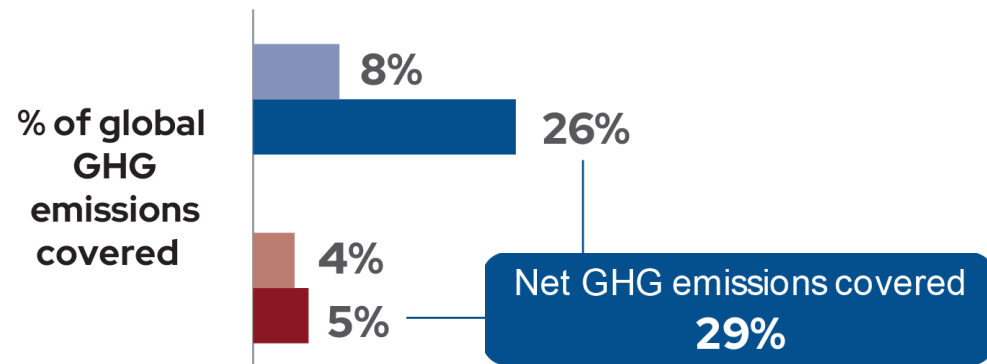
Both ETSs and carbon taxes have grown in number and the share of global GHG emissions covered ETSs have increased their share of emissions covered faster than carbon taxes.

This trend continued in 2026 with three national ETSs implemented:

- India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)
- Japan's GX-ETS
- Viet Nam's pilot ETS

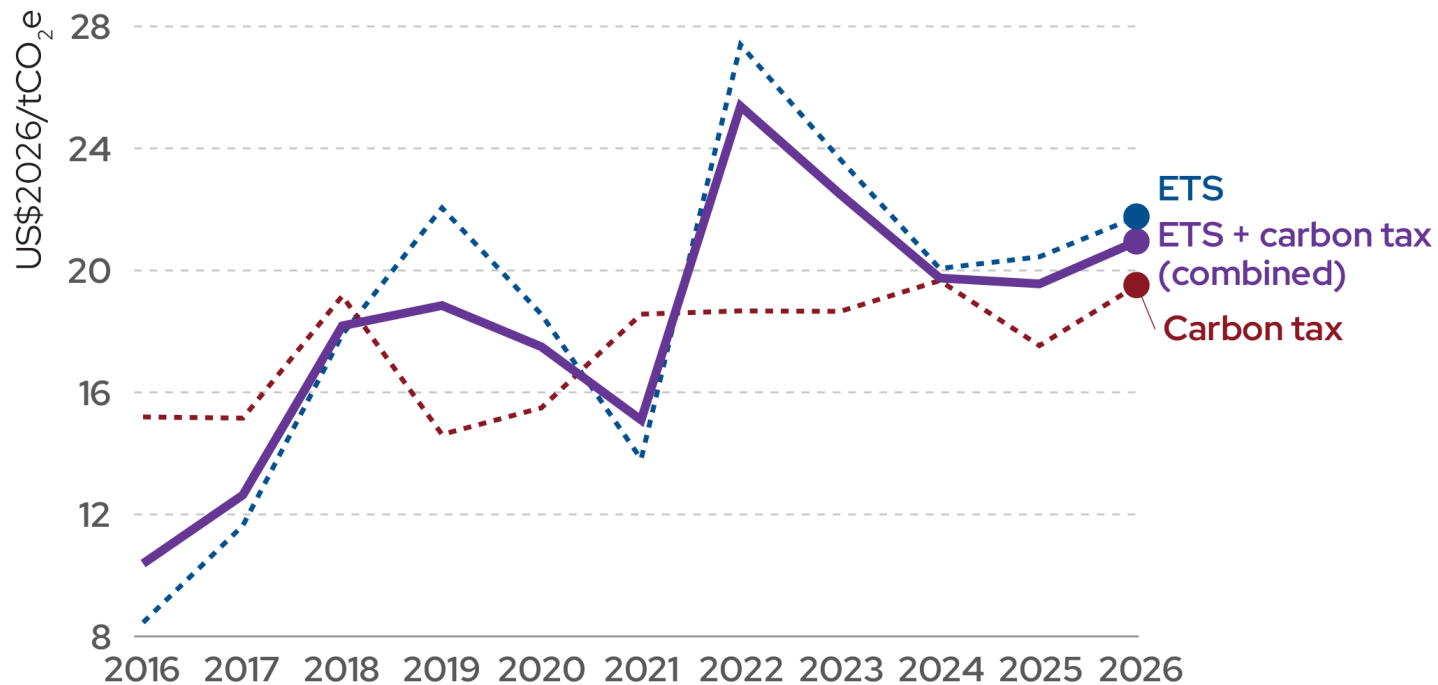
Carbon taxes were also established in Serbia and Mauritania

Additional policies are planned by 2030 in PMI countries including Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Thailand and Türkiye



2. Average carbon prices continue to increase globally

Average carbon prices for ETS, carbon taxes and combined, 2016-2026



Over the last ten years average carbon prices have doubled from US \$10/tCO₂e to US\$21/tCO₂e

Percent price changes, April 2025-2026

ETEs

EU ETS	+7%
Austria and Germany	+22%
Switzerland	+32%
K-ETS (Korea)	+64%

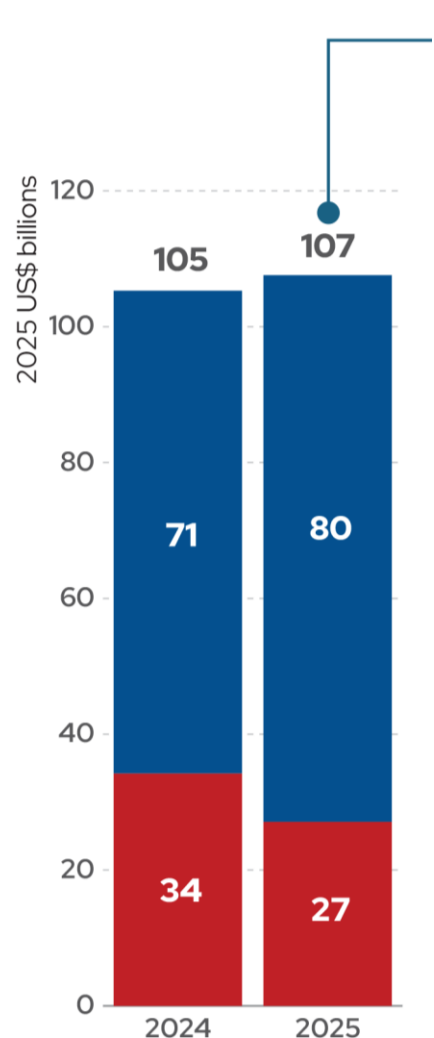
Carbon taxes

South Africa	+31%
Singapore	+80%

Average prices are higher in Europe and Central Asia than other regions

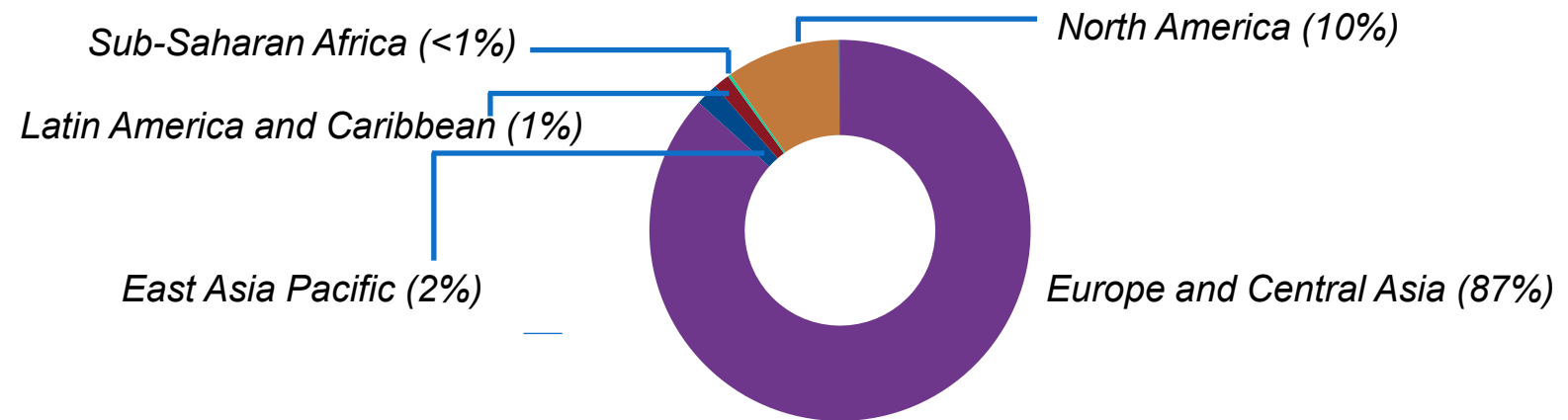
3. Revenues from carbon taxes and ETSs continue to exceed US\$ 100 billion

ETS and carbon tax revenues, 2024 and 2025 (in 2025 USD)



Revenues from ETSs and carbon taxes reached US\$107 billion in 2025, up from US\$30 billion in 2016

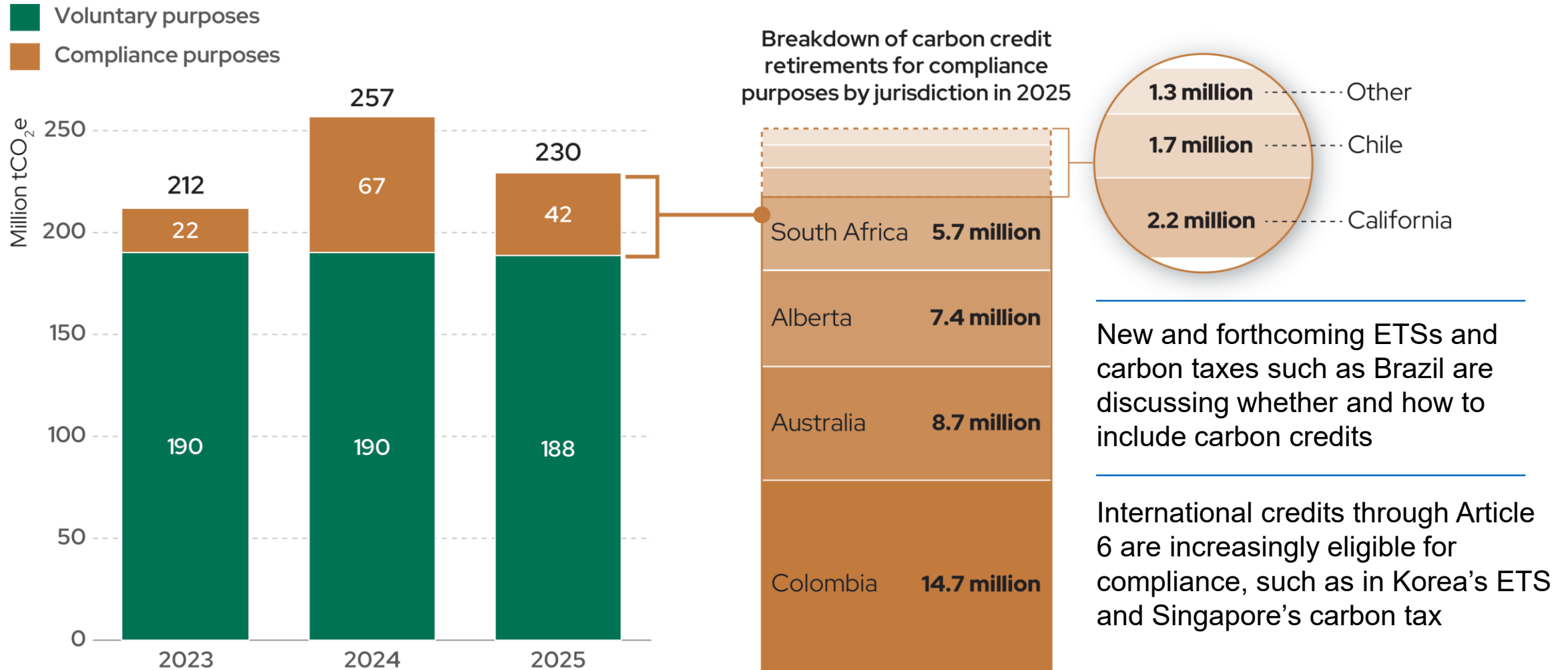
Revenues are currently concentrated in the Europe and Central Asia region



Japan's new GX-ETS, which will channel future revenues toward a national fund for energy transition projects.

4. Carbon credits are a major design feature for carbon taxes and ETSs

Carbon credit retirements for voluntary and compliance uses, 2023-2025





Thank you

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