

Net Zero Futures.

States and regions leading
the way on net zero:
São Paulo



Country:

São Paulo

Net zero target year:

2050

Key legislation:

Net Zero Decree, 2021

Approach to net zero:

Pathway development





São Paulo believes that the development of pathways to net zero must involve engagement from everyone. Local communities must feel a sense of ownership over the tools used to decarbonize early on.

Pathways represent a medium-term strategy towards a green recovery. Long-term green recovery strategies require a wholesale transformation in infrastructure.

As well as developing 12 priority actions to reduce emissions across its most polluting sectors, São Paulo has:

- Signed up to the UN's Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns
- Defined its commitment to net zero by 2050
- Built the first version of its Guidelines for the Climate Action Plan 2050 (currently in public consultation phase).

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Challenges to net zero

- The biggest challenge identified by São Paulo in developing a net zero pathway is continuity. Governments must foster understanding and management of pathway tools through the help of outside experts. Where experts aren't available, third-party auditing can be used to verify tools.
- If pathways aren't available, São Paulo recommends employing existing sectoral GHG inventories to identify which sectors are the highest emitters and develop decarbonization strategies accordingly.

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