

Panama aims to cut emissions 11% by 2035

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Summary

La Prensa reports on Panama's climate plan: an 11% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2035, with renewable energy, electric vehicles and farming measures, plus warnings about water supply, crops and the Canal.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports that Panama has committed, under its third Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Agreement, to cut greenhouse gas emissions 11% by 2035 — up to 17% if international funding and technical support arrive. Environment Ministry officials said the plan relies on an energy transition (solar and wind, with connected solar capacity up 40%), electric mobility (the fleet of sustainable vehicles grew from about 300 in 2022 to roughly 2,400 in 2025, with Law 295 of 2022 requiring public fleets to be 25% electric by 2027 and 40% by 2030), cuts in refrigerant gases, and lower emissions from rice growing and cattle with the Agriculture Ministry. Panama also plans to restore 100,000 hectares of ecosystems between 2026 and 2035, including 2,500 hectares of degraded mangroves. Officials listed six main climate impacts: shifting rainfall (more in some areas, less in places like Azuero), higher temperatures that endanger the elderly, children and outdoor workers, water shortages that also affect Canal transits, sea-level rise and saltwater intrusion on the coasts, and displacement such as in Guna Yala. The country remains carbon negative — 20.5 million tonnes emitted in 2021 against a net balance of minus 6.8 million tonnes. Adaptation tools include a National Climate Risk Atlas and the Resilient Watersheds project working in the Chiriquí, Parita and Grande river basins, relevant to Chiriquí farmers. Officials warned that without stronger adaptation in the next five to ten years, Panama faces worse water supply problems, farm losses and damage to homes in flood- and landslide-prone areas.

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