Since the ratification of the Paris Agreement, there has been growing global attention to climate actions led by subnational actors, which are key players in the implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation actions. From a public policy point of view, Brazil has been at the forefront of this process. Since 2009, it has had a national policy of climate change (Law 12187/09), which includes among its guidelines the encouragement and support for the participation of states and municipalities in climate change actions.

Since then, 21 out of 27 states (26 states + the federal district) have adopted specific climate legislation, with varied levels of implementation and monitoring of results. This pamphlet illustrates this regulatory overview, demonstrating that there is fertile ground to support the work of subnational actors in advancing climate action in Brazil.

2 - Santa Catarina
Climate change legislation: Law 14229, dated August 11, 2009
Governance: Decree 3272, dated May 21, 2010 - Established the Santa Catarina Forum of Global Climate Change, and other measures. Commitment for 2020: Legislation mentions the intention to stipulate a target: Article 5, Item I
Financing instrument: Santa Catarina Fund of Climate Change reference: Article 6 (III) and Articles 15 to 17

3 - Paraná
Climate change legislation: Law 17133, dated April 25, 2012
Governance: Law 16079, dated December 19, 2008 - Established the Paraná Forum of Global Climate Change, with the objectives that specify and adopt other measures. Decree 7502, dated March 4, 2003 - Approves the Regulation of the Paraná Forum of Global Climate Change, established by Law 16079, dated December 19, 2008, and other measures.
Financing instrument: Bio-credit - reference: Article 11, Article 12 and Article 14. Provides for the creation of a State Fund for Climate Change (Femuc), to be administered by the State Council of Climate Change, which will be presided over by the State Department of the Environment and Water Resources (Article 7).

4 - São Paulo
Climate change legislation: Law 13798, dated November 9, 2009 - One of the specific objectives of the policy is to define and effectively apply indicators and targets of environmental performance in the productive sectors of the São Paulo economy (Article 5, Item IX). Decree 55947, dated June 24, 2010 - Regulates Law 13798, dated November 9, 2009, which provides for the State Policy of Climate Change.
Governance: Forum - Decree 49369, dated February 11, 2005
Financing instrument: State Fund of Water Resources and State Fund for the Control and Prevention of Pollution Established the State Policy of Climate Change (FEMC)

5 - Rio de Janeiro
Climate change legislation: Law 5690, dated April 14, 2010 - Established the State Policy on Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development, and other measures. Decree 43216, dated September 30, 2011 - Regulates Law 5690, dated April 14, 2010, which provides for the State Policy on Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development.
Governance: Forum - Decree 40780, dated May 23, 2007
Financing instrument: State Fund of Environmental Conservation and Urban Development: Article 7 (A), Article 25 and Article 26
6 - Minas Gerais  
Climate change legislation: Decree 4529, dated December 3, 2009 - Regulates measures of the Government of the State of Minas Gerais referring to the combating of climate change and the management of greenhouse gas emissions, and other measures. 

7 - Espírito Santo  
Climate change legislation: Law 9531, dated September 16, 2010 - Established the State Policy of Climate Change (PEMC), containing its objectives, principles and instruments of application. 
Financing Instrument: State Fund of Water Resources and Climate Change.

8 - Mato Grosso do Sul  

9 - Góias  
Climate change legislation: Law 16497, dated February 10, 2009 - Established the State Policy on Climate Change.

10 - Mato Grosso  

11 - Tocantins  

12 - Pará  
Climate change legislation: None 
Governance: Forum - Decree 1900, dated September 22, 2009, which amends Decree 1900, dated September 22, 2009 - Established the Para Forum of Climate Change, and other measures.

13 - Rondônia  
Climate change legislation: Law 4437, dated December 17, 2017 - Establishes the State Policy of Climate Governance and Environmental Services - PCSA and creates the State System of Governance Climate and Environmental Services - SCGA, in the State of Rondônia, and other measures. 
Governance: Decree 16323, dated October 4, 2011 - Established the Forum of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Services of Rondônia.

14 - Amazonas  
Climate change legislation: Law 4266, dated December 1, 2015 - The State Policy on Climate Change, Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas, and establishes other measures. Decree 26581, dated April 25, 2007 - Establishes criteria for the establishment of a voluntary state policy of climate change, forest conservation, eco-economy and the neutralization of the emissions of gases that cause the greenhouse effect, and other measures. 
Governance: Decree 28390, dated January 17, 2009 - Established the Amazonas Forum of Global Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Services (FAMC) and other measures.

15 - Distrito Federal  
Climate change legislation: District Law 4336/2008 - Provides for measures to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and to combat the greenhouse effect in the Federal District, and other measures. District Law 4797/2012 - Establishes principles, guidelines, objectives, targets and strategies for the Climate Change Policy in the Federal District. 
Governance: Forum not established by decree.

16 - Acre  
Climate change legislation: Law 2308, dated October 22, 2010 - Complementary Law 10002015 
Governance: Institute for Climate Change (IMC) - Founded in 2010, responsible for the supervision of the ISA, coordinates the ISA-Carbon Program and the UCEGEO; contributes to the monitoring in order to prevent severe degradation of the forests in the REDD Program. Extinct in 2019 and recreated.

17 - Roraima  
Climate change legislation: None 
Governance: None

18 - Amapá  
Climate change legislation: Law 1491, dated May 27, 2010 - Establishes the policy of the Reduction and Compensation of carbon dioxide CO2 emissions, encourages the use of Biofuels that contribute to the mitigation of global warming and the improvement of the air quality, and other measures. 
Governance: State Decree 5096, dated August 27, 2013, established the Forum

19 - Bahia  
Climate change legislation: Law 12050, dated January 7, 2011 - Governance: Decree 9519, dated August 18, 2005 - Established the Bahia Forum of Global Climate Change and Biodiversity, and other measures.
Financing Instrument: State Fund of Water Resources and State Fund of Environmental Resources.

20 - Piauí  
Climate change legislation: Law 6410, dated December 6, 2011 - Established the State Policy on Climate Change and Combating Poverty, and other measures. 
Governance: Decree 12633, June 4, 2007 - Creates the State Forum of Climate Change and Combating Poverty and other measures.
Financing Instrument: State Fund on Climate Change and Combating Poverty - Article 9

21 - Maranhão  
Climate change legislation: None 
Governance: Decree 22735, dated November 29, 2006 - Established the Maranhão Forum of Climate Change, and other measures.

22 - Ceará  
Climate change legislation: Law 16146, dated December 14, 2016 - Governance: Decree 29272, dated April 25, 2008 - Established the Ceará Forum of Climate Change and Biodiversity, and other measures.

23 - Rio Grande do Norte  
Climate change legislation: None 
Governance: None

24 - Paraíba  
Climate change legislation: Law 9336, dated January 31, 2011 - Established the State Policy of Climate Change, PEMC. Governance: No information.

25 - Pernambuco  
Climate change legislation: Law 14090, dated June 17, 2010 - Established the State Policy of Confronting the Climate Change of Pernambuco, and other measures. State Plan of Climate Change of Pernambuco. 
Governance: Decree 33015, dated February 16, 2009 - Established the Pernambuco Forum of Climate Change, and other measures. Decree 33057, dated March 14, 2008 - Established the State Committee of Confronting Climate Change (CEEM), and other measures.
Financing Instrument: State Fund on Climate Change.

26 - Alagoas  
Climate change legislation: None 
Governance: Forum in the process of installation.

27 - Sergipe  
Climate change legislation: None 
Governance: None