



### **III ECPA Ministerial Preparatory Process**

**First Preparatory Meeting  
Intercontinental Hotel, Miami  
Thursday, October 20, 2016 / 09:00 AM – 05:30 PM**

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#### **Background:**

The first Energy and Climate Ministerial of the Americas was held in Washington, DC, United States, in April 2010. This two-day gathering of energy ministers from the countries of the Americas was key to establishing the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), announced by President Obama during the Fifth Summit of the Americas held in Trinidad and Tobago in 2009.

The city of Merida, in Mexico, hosted the second ministerial meeting, which took place in May 2015. This event brought together energy ministers and other national authorities who jointly agreed to design a more dynamic work plan with concrete actions to advance Western Hemisphere leadership in energy and climate change issues. This meeting set the basis for a two-year work plan and the establishment of a Steering Committee as the governance structure for the Partnership.

These meetings have also laid the groundwork for an Action Plan for ECPA, which will shape the next steps for the region's energy and climate change agenda.

#### **Preparatory process:**

Looking forward to the third ECPA ministerial, two regional meetings will be held in preparation for the Ministerial gathering in Chile on 2017.

The background offered by the II Ministerial Meeting convened in Mexico serves as a basis to host the preparatory meetings. Each meeting will address specific energy and climate topics and assess progress to formulate regional positions on themes of common interest with a view to consolidate the Partnership's structure. These meetings will also serve to take stock of progress on projects and initiatives and discuss ways to strengthen this hemispheric effort.

#### **Objective:**

To launch the preparatory process towards the Third Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) ministerial meeting, geared toward energy transformation in the Americas.

### Preliminary Agenda

09:00 AM	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p><b>Corissa Petro</b> Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile <i>Steering Committee Chair</i></p> <p><b>Erika Streu</b> Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Affairs General Directorate, National Energy Secretariat, Mexico <i>Steering Committee Vice-Chair</i></p> <p><b>Juan Cruz Monticelli</b> Senior Energy Specialist, Dept. of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States <i>Technical Coordination Unit</i></p>
09:15 AM	<p><b>National Focal Point introductions</b></p> <p>-NFPs to provide point of contact information for future inquiries and to coordinate ministerial participation in 2017</p>
09:30 AM	<p><b>Overview of ECPA (OAS TCU)</b></p> <p>-2010 Ministerial, Washington: Pillar set up and country coordination -2015 Ministerial, Merida: Steering Committee and Action Plan -ECPA initiatives</p>
<b>Steering Committee</b>	
10:00 AM	<p><b>Guiding Principles and Action Plan proposed by the Steering Committee</b></p> <p>-Background, process and justification</p> <p><b>Corissa Petro</b> Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile <i>Steering Committee Chair</i></p> <p>-Open discussion among countries geared toward identifying pillar/thematic preferences based in national priorities</p>
11:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
12:00 PM	<p><b>Actions to further country engagement and participation through pillars and partnerships</b></p> <p>-The Clean Energy Ministerial Clean Energy Solutions Center -Ongoing ECPA initiatives (Metrology, Energy Efficiency, C-SERMS) -Resource allocation for the pursuit of specific actions</p>
01:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>2017 Ministerial</b>	
02:30 PM	<p><b>Ministerial theme: Energy Transformation in the Americas</b></p> <p>-Justification -Review and selection of potential sub-themes</p>

	-Discussion of meeting structure and format
03:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
03:45 PM	<b>2017 Ministerial deliverables and expectations</b> -Initiatives, partnerships, and governance -Logistics, actors, format, suggested dates and venue
04:30 PM	<b>Second preparatory meeting</b> -Date, venue and topics
04:45 PM	<b>Americas Business Dialogue</b> -Background and overview -Public-private partnerships for the advancement of clean energy  <b>David D. Nelson</b> Energy Working Group Chair <i>Americas Business Dialogue</i>
05:15 PM	<b>Closing remarks</b>  <b>Corissa Petro</b> Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile <i>Steering Committee Chair</i>
05:30 PM	<b>Meeting adjourned</b>