

PROGRAM FACTS



Background

The Partners of the Americas Senior ECPA Fellows Program sends pre-selected experts from the academic, non-profit, and private sectors to act as consultants and carry out speaking engagements in the Western Hemisphere. Fellows work with diverse agencies to share knowledge and innovative solutions as well as build greater collaboration among experts working in energy and climate change.

Objectives

- Facilitate the transfer of knowledge between the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean in innovative solutions and technologies related to the areas of clean energy, sustainable urban development, climate change adaptation, and sustainable forestry.
- Support capacity building efforts by growing a network of technical experts working on energy and climate change in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean who are better able to connect and collaborate with one another.
- Bring together diverse actors from governments, civil society, and the private sector to identify energy and climate change issues in the region and work together toward solutions.
- Award and monitor two small grants for ECPA Fellows' innovation projects that foster sustainability



At the 2009 Summit of the Americas, President Obama invited all countries of the Western Hemisphere to participate in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) - a voluntary and flexible framework for advancing cooperation in renewable energy, energy efficiency, cleaner fossil fuels, energy poverty, infrastructure, sustainable landscapes, and adaptation.

In 2010, the ECPA Senior Fellows Program began sending Fellows throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to advance the pillars of ECPA by sharing best practices and technical expertise. To date, the program has had 23 expert Fellows from the academic, non-profit, and private sectors.

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