

III ECPA Ministerial Preparatory Process

Second Preparatory Meeting
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
April 20, 2017 / 09:00 AM – 05:45 PM

Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre
(Room: Hilton Ballroom & Foyer)

Background:

Looking forward to the third ECPA Ministerial to convene in Chile on September 7-8, 2017, a Regional Preparatory Meeting was held in Miami, United States, on **October 20, 2016**. The 19 countries represented in the Preparatory Event took stock of the Partnership's progress since the last ECPA Ministerial held in Merida in **2015**. The most important developments covered included the Partnership's Steering Committee (SC) *Guiding Principles* and *Action Plan*, and the initiatives implemented by the OAS to strengthen this Hemispheric effort.

During the Event, the participating countries discussed actions to further country engagement and participation under the ECPA umbrella, and shared their Governments' priorities in energy. The Governments agreed to provide a one-page *Concept Note*, describing one (1) specific area relating to sustainable energy deemed central nationally and/or Regionally.

Objective:

To follow up on the exchanges regarding national and Regional sustainable energy priorities initiated at the First Regional Meeting, to encourage public-private partnerships for the advancement of sustainable energy, and to identify potential areas of action and deliverables to be presented at the Ministerial Meeting.

Prior ECPA Ministerial Meetings:

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 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 high-ranking national authorities, who jointly agreed to design a 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 shapes the next steps for the Region's energy and Climate Change Agenda.



Agenda

08:00 AM	<p>Registration</p> <p>Arrival of participants</p>
09:00 AM	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Permanent Secretary Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, Trinidad and Tobago <i>Preparatory Meeting Co-Chair</i></p> <p>Paula Estevez Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile <i>Preparatory Meeting Chair</i></p> <p>Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan (or Ag. Minister) Minister of Energy and Energy Industries of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
09:20 AM	<p>Summary of Discussions held in Miami</p> <p>Juan Cruz Monticelli Senior Energy Specialist, Department of Sustainable Development Organization of American States (OAS)</p>
09:30 AM	<p>National Focal Points' Presentation on Concept Note Submissions Each NFP will be allowed 3-5 minutes to present the national priority identified by the Government (ONE (1) priority per country).</p> <p>Moderator: Cletus Springer, Director, Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States (OAS)</p>
11:00 AM	Break
11:20 AM	<p>Private Sector Support in Tackling National Energy Priorities A representative of the Americas Business Dialogue (ABD) will share Policy Proposals and Regulatory Frameworks that contribute to advance national priorities from a private sector perspective.</p>
11:45 AM	<p>Public-Private Partnerships as a means to Advance Energy Transition in the Americas Open dialogue between governments and entrepreneurs geared towards deliberating on successful experiences and/or viable arrangements between Governments and private entities, with regard to energy services, taking into consideration risks, management responsibilities, costs, and performance.</p> <p>Moderator: Energy Working Group Representative, Americas Business Dialogue</p>
01:00 PM	Lunch

02:00 PM	<p><i>Prospective Areas of Action and Deliverables for the Ministerial Meeting</i> Based on the morning exchanges between Governments and the private sector, participants will propose Actions and/or Deliverables, with the potential to further Ministerial deliberations in Chile.</p> <p>Moderator: Cletus Springer, Director, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS</p>
03:30 PM	Break
04:00 PM	<p><i>Draft Agenda, Next Steps and Final Arrangements for the Ministerial</i></p> <p>Juan Cruz Monticelli Senior Energy Specialist, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS</p>
05:30 PM	<p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p> <p>Paula Estevez Department Chief, International Department Ministry of Energy of Chile</p> <p>Permanent Secretary Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago</p>
05:45 PM	<i>Adjournment</i>