

Planning Meeting of the ECPA Energy Efficiency Working Group

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Background

Since its inception in 2009, the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) Energy Efficiency Working Group main objective has been to provide technical assistance and advice to governments of the Americas in fostering their efficiency and energy savings goals. To this end, a work plan was adopted in 2011 for the implementation of specific activities in this field in collaboration with the Department of Sustainable Development of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the leadership of Mexico through its Energy Secretariat and the technical support of the National Commission for the Efficient Use of Energy (Conuee).

For more than four years, the Working Group convened workshops, seminars and technical exchange missions. Over 650 government officials attended these meetings, allowing regional experts to address a number of technical, financial, legal and policy aspects related to the promotion of national and regional efforts in energy efficiency and savings in the residential, public, industrial, commercial, educational and civil society sectors. More than 30 OAS Member states participated in these events gaining or transferring best practices, lessons learned and sharing experiences in the most diverse and complex efficiency and energy saving fields.

In addition to promoting technical exchanges, the Working Group produced four case studies aimed at assessing specific institutional challenges and related policies that governments of the region aimed to strengthening its energy efficiency frameworks. Institutional, technical, political and legal analyses were performed for Chile, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Honduras. All four countries have proven a genuine commitment to adopt measures that promote efficiency and energy saving. The study highlights weaknesses, strengths, challenges and opportunities in these countries.

Objetives

- ▶ Follow up on the request for greater policy and technical support in energy efficiency made by the energy ministers at the Second ECPA Ministerial held in Merida.
- ▶ Establish a framework for cooperation that will further technical assistance and investment in energy efficiency at the national and regional levels under the ECPA umbrella.
- ▶ Provide governments and potential donors a general view of the ECPA Energy Efficiency Working Group, including an assessment of the policy and institutional challenges governments of the Americas seeking to strengthen its energy efficiency frameworks face.

Agenda

08:30 am	Participant Registration
09:00 am	<p>Welcome remarks and Introduction</p> <p>Odón de Buen R, General Director, National Commission for the Efficient Use of Energy (Conuee)</p> <p>Alejandro Amerena Carswell, General Director for International Affairs, Energy Secretariat (SENER)</p> <p>TBC, Executive Director / General Director for Cooperation with Mesoamerica and the Caribbean, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)</p> <p>Juan Cruz Monticelli, Senior Energy Specialist, Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States (OAS)</p>
09:20 am	<p>Overview of the ECPA Energy Efficiency Working Group</p> <p>Carolina Peña, Project Manager, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS</p>
09:40 am	<p>Challenges facing countries seeking to strengthen energy efficiency (Part 1)</p> <p><i>A summary of findings of four energy efficiency assessments carried out by the ECPA Energy Efficiency Working Group in Chile, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Honduras will be presented.</i></p> <p>Claudio Carpio, Energy Efficiency Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful strategies for energy efficiency market growth - Recommendations for technical assistance and increased investments in energy efficiency
10:00 am	Coffee Break
10:15 am	<p>Challenges facing countries seeking to strengthen energy efficiency (Part 2)</p> <p><i>Government officials in charge of the energy efficiency portfolio in the countries where the assessment was carried out will present national energy efficiency strategies and goals. (10 minutes per country)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chile: Anita Aguirre, Energy Efficiency Division, Ministry of Energy ➤ Guatemala: Gabriel Velásquez, Energy Planning Unit, Ministry of Energy and Mines ➤ Dominican Republic: Francis Vargas, Director, Energy Efficiency, and Saving Viceministry for Governmental Energy Saving ➤ Honduras: Wilmer Henriquez, Energy Efficiency Department Coordinator, Energy General Directorate, Ministry of Environment ➤ Belize: Ambrose Tillett, Director of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology and Public Utilities
11:15 am	Thematic round tables

	<p>Participants will focus in analyzing the challenges their countries face in developing energy efficiency. Countries will form round tables by sub regions. Each group will internally discuss possible ways and alternatives for overcoming said challenges, based on its mitigation need and urgency.</p> <p>The groups will center their discussion in the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs and priorities in technical assistance and/or financial - Possible leveraging mechanisms for fostering stakeholder dialogue - Specific collaboration opportunities and available financial assistance - The conclusions of each group will be recorded and main results will be part of the meeting report and registered agreements.
<p>13:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch offered by the Government of Mexico</p>
<p>14:30 am</p>	<p><i>Open debate: Energy efficiency perspectives, new tendencies and financial support in the hemisphere</i></p> <p>An open dialogue that allows responding the main questions addressed during the thematic round tables. In this sense, each round table will present its conclusions and recommendations.</p> <p>Subsequently, an open debate where participant’s interventions will be limited to 5 minutes will be carried.</p> <p>Interventions will be recorded and main results will be part of the meeting report and registered agreements</p> <p><i>Moderator: Sergio A. Segura Calderón, International Cooperation Director, National Commission for the Efficient Use of Energy, Mexico</i></p>
<p>16:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Conclusion and agreements</i></p> <p><i>End of meeting and next steps</i></p> <p>Authorities of Mexico, ECPA and OAS</p>