



Organization of American States

**Regional Technical Workshop:
Policies for the promotion of a sustainable energy sector**

National Energy Direction (DNE)
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The economic growth experienced by Latin American and the Caribbean countries drives energy demand growth, which will increase by 20 percent by the end of the decade. With regard to electricity generation, although the region boasts one of the world’s cleanest energy matrices, the share of non-renewable resources in the energy mix is increasing. This change poses significant climate change challenges. Indeed, without a shift in current energy generation market trends greenhouse gas emissions will increase by 60 percent by 2050. Environmental and climate change challenges and the need to ensure safe and stable access to energy in order to promote the region’s social and economic growth require energy solutions geared toward curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

DRAFT AGENDA	
08:30am - 09:00am	Participant registration
09:00am - 09:30am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Juan Cruz Monticelli Senior Specialist Department of Sustainable Development Organization of American States</p> <p>Dr. Ramón Méndez National Director of Energy Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay</p>
09:30am - 09:45am	<p>ECPA Background and Workshop Objectives</p> <p>Juan Cruz Monticelli Senior Specialist Department of Sustainable Development-Organization of American States</p>
09:45am - 11:00am	<p>Roundtable 1: Energy sustainability policies and incentives <i>Panelists will discuss legal and policy climate change mitigation and/or adaptation mechanisms</i></p> <p>Moderator: Wilson Sierra Renewable Energy Director National Energy Directorate Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of Uruguay</p> <p>Fernando César Ferreira Executive Secretary Latin American Energy Association - OLADE</p> <p>Juan José Carrasco Executive Director Regional Commission for Energy Integration - CIER</p> <p>Jorge Ciacciarelli Executive Secretary Regional Association of Oil, Gas and Biofuels Companies in Latin America and the Caribbean - ARPEL</p>
	Break

11:30am - 01:00pm	<p>Roundtable 2: Financing of clean energy infrastructures <i>Panelists will discuss investments in sustainable energy infrastructure to meet growing energy demand.</i></p>
01:00pm - 02:00pm	Lunch
02:00pm - 02:50pm	<p>Plans and strategies to create new renewable energy capacity building mechanisms <i>Panelists will present their experiences in the execution of capacity building programs in varying cultural and technical contexts. Key aspects will be outlined to guide the creation of new capacity building and training programs addressing renewable energy project deployment.</i></p> <p>Dr. José Etcheverry Assistant President Sustainable Energy Initiative York University</p>
02:50pm - 03:40pm	<p>Experiences of leading renewable energy capacity building centers <i>Panelists will provide an overview of the activities of leading renewable energy training and research centers as the basis for a debate on the creation of new capacity building programs for students and professionals in Latin America.</i></p> <p>Dr. José Etcheverry Assistant President Sustainable Energy Initiative York University</p> <p>Dr. José Cataldo Faculty of Engineering Universidad de la República</p>
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04:00pm - 05:45pm	<p>Roundtable 3: Energy for social inclusion and development <i>Opportunities to promote, develop and deploy energy solutions (renewables and others) will be discussed from the employment, education and competitiveness perspective in order to advance green economies that can contribute to sustainable access and improved quality of life in vulnerable segments of the population and/or for those disconnected from the grid.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alba Gamarra Executive Director Renewable Energy Information Center (CINER)</p> <p>Rossanna González National Energy Directorate Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining (<i>Policies for sustainable energy access in the residential sector in vulnerable socio-economic sectors and in rural schools in Uruguay</i>)</p> <p>Francisca Rivero Regional Energy Program Director Avina Foundation</p> <p>Fábio Rosa Executive Director Alternative and Self Sustainable Energies Development Institute (IDEAAS)</p>
05:45pm - 06:00pm	Summary and conclusions
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