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II Public Discussion Forum

Overview of Partners' Engagement in ECPA: Successful Collaboration Strategies

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Background

The Department of Sustainable Development, in its capacity as Clearinghouse of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will host its second energy and climate public discussion forum. The purpose of this forum is to showcase the collaborative efforts led by governments, international organizations and NGOs under the auspices of ECPA to address the energy and climate challenges facing the countries of the Americas. The audience will learn about energy and climate initiatives being implemented in the hemisphere with the support of ECPA, interact with project implementers and partners, and provide inputs on the potential for collaborative work and partnerships in energy and climate.

Since 2009, several NGOs, government agencies and international organizations have worked jointly to promote hemispheric collaboration on energy and climate change. For example, the Inter-American Development Bank launched the *"ENE-Innovation Center"* to promote energy innovation and knowledge exchange; the governments of Colombia and the United States launched *"Connecting the Americas 2022"*, a hemispheric initiative which establishes a decade-long goal to achieve universal access to electricity; the Government of Canada launched the *"Heavy Oil Working Group"* to serve as a forum on best practices and technological innovation in heavy oil in the Americas; The Governments of Mexico and the United States launched the *"Energy Efficiency Working Group"* to disseminate best practices in energy efficiency and conservation; the NGO Partners of the Americas launched the *"Senior Fellow Program"* to facilitate energy and climate knowledge transfer, build an experts network and bring together diverse actors to work together toward solutions; and the NGOs SNV and Viogaz launched *"Generation of Electricity from Biogas"* to disseminate electricity saving solutions for coffee growers and swine farmers in Honduras and Costa Rica. These are concrete examples of the collaborative efforts led by governments, international organizations and NGOs under the ECPA umbrella; there are many more.

The public discussion forum will provide an opportunity to establish direct contact with ECPA initiative implementers, analyze how their actions have contributed to achieving specific national energy and climate change goals and discuss the potential for new partnerships and collaboration. ECPA implementing partners from different parts of the region will share first-hand information about their projects' engagement strategies. The audience will engage in an open debate with implementing partners and Clearinghouse staff about the potential to leverage their partnerships to create a robust ECPA network. The forum will be receptive of participants' feedback and impressions regarding ECPA's work and its impact.



Agenda

09:00am 9:30am	Participant registration
09:30am 10:00am	<p>Welcome remarks and introduction</p> <p>V. Sherry Tross Secretary, Executive Secretariat for Integral Development Organization of American States</p> <p>H.E. Juan Federico Jiménez Mayor Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Peru before the Organization of American States</p> <p>H.E. Jean-Claude Nolla Ambassador, Permanent Observer of France before the Organization of American States</p>
10:00am 10:15am	<p>Overview of partner engagement processes under ECPA</p> <p><i>The session will focus on explaining types of engagement under ECPA, concrete results derived from current partnerships, and future partnerships that may play a pivotal role in knowledge exchange, policy-making, capacity building, and clean energy market access.</i></p> <p>Cletus I. Springer Director, Department of Sustainable Development Organization of American States</p>
10:15am 12:00pm	<p>Partnerships for energy and climate change: Experiences of ECPA initiative implementers</p> <p><i>The meeting will break out in roundtable discussions at which ECPA project implementers will explain the types of engagement strategies they deploy to implement their projects. The purpose is to identify ways to best engage current partners in ECPA activities in order to strengthen its network. Partnerships with governments, NGOs, academia and the private sector will be explained. The audience will be able to interact directly with initiative implementers and will have the opportunity to learn from their experiences and best practices to successfully establish and maintain institutional partnerships. Participating ECPA projects and implementing partners:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biogas Generation: Electricity Savings Solutions for Coffee Processing and Swine Farms (Ruben Gallozzi, SNV) 2. Renewable Energy and Climate Science: Metrology and Technology Challenges (Ruben Contreras, OAS/DSD) 3. ECPA Fellows Program (Elizabeth Lopez, Partners of the Americas) 4. Solar Professionals' Academy of the Americas (Mathew Harris, Solar Energy International) 5. Energy Efficiency Working Group (Carolina Peña, OAS/DSD) 6. Closed Looped Cycle Production in the Americas (Kevin De Cuba, OAS/DSD) 7. Improving Access to Clean Energy in Latin America (Sebastian Africano, Trees, Water and People) 8. Sustainable Communities in Central America and the Caribbean (Soledad Castro, Cedarena) 9. ACCION Network (Mathias Vuille, University of Albany/The State University of New York) 10. Sustainable energy model for the coffee milling sector in Central America (Cindy Torres, University of Costa Rica)
12:00pm 12:20pm	<p>Networking Coffee Break</p> <p><i>Participants will be encouraged to interact with ECPA partners, the Clearinghouse staff, government officials, NGOs and other stakeholders, including representatives from other OAS dependencies.</i></p>
12:20pm 01:00pm	<p>Open debate and conclusions</p> <p>ECPA Moving Forward: Recommendations for a strategic plan of action</p> <p>Moderator: Cletus I. Springer</p>