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Climate Change Expert Roger Duncan to Visit Chile on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., October 17, 2012 <u>ECPA Fellow Roger Duncan</u>, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling October 23rd through October 25th, 2012 to Santiago to participate in meetings and events regarding renewable energy and energy efficiency models. Dr. Duncan is the former general manager at <u>Austin Energy</u> and specializes in clean energy.

<u>The Senior ECPA Fellows program</u> is a network of high-level technical experts in the fields of climate change and energy who travel between countries in the Western Hemisphere to consult with governments or other institutions. The Program is sponsored by the <u>U.S. Department of State's</u> <u>Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs</u> and administered by <u>Partners of the Americas</u>. There are currently <u>20 Senior ECPA Fellows</u> who participate in these international exchanges. The main areas of focus for the program are: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Energy Infrastructure, Energy Poverty and Access, Sustainable Forestry and Land Use, and Climate Change Adaptation.

During Professor Duncan's visit to Chile, he will participate in meetings on renewable energy and energy efficiency models including meetings with Ministry of Energy officials who set Chile's policies for promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency. Additionally, Mr. Duncan will speak about renewable portfolio standards and the integration of renewable energy into the electric grid with students and professors at the Adolfo Ibañez University. Lastly Mr. Duncan will meet with think tank and private sector representatives who are leading the charge to increase renewable energy and energy efficiency in Chile.

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