IV ECPA Ministerial • First Regional Preparatory Meeting
As part of the 10th Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum

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Background:

The First ECPA Ministerial Meeting was held in Washington, DC, United States, in April 2018. This two-day gathering of 29 energy ministers from the countries of the Americas was key to establishing ECPA. The OAS was designated as the partnership's Technical Coordination Unit.

The city of Merida, in Mexico, hosted the Second ECPA Ministerial Meeting, which took place in May 2015. The event allowed governments to jointly agree on the establishment of a Steering Committee to govern the Partnership and develop an Action Plan with concrete actions to advance the Americas leadership in energy issues.

The Third ECPA Ministerial Meeting convened in Viña del Mar, Chile, in September 2017 under the theme "Energy Transition in the Americas." After two days of deliberations, 24 countries agreed on the Guiding Principles of the Partnership and on an Action Plan, which is a roadmap that contains concrete collaborative actions that support sustainable energy. In total, the countries identified more than 30 collaborative actions related to the seven fundamental pillars of ECPA.

Preparatory process:

Looking forward to the Fourth ECPA Ministerial, two regional preparatory meetings will be held in preparation for the Ministerial gathering in Kingston in 2019 under the theme "Energy Resilience and Investment Opportunities." The first meeting will convene in Miami on the sidelines of the 2018 Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum to be held in November, and the second meeting will convene in Costa Rica in April 2019.

Objective:

To provide inputs for a ministerial agenda addressing "Energy Resilience and Investment Opportunities in the Americas." During the afternoon, the meeting will break into two groups to discuss specific recommendations for concretizing investment opportunities in the Caribbean and in Latin America.

Morning proceedings will be conducted in English. Afternoon proceedings will be conducted in English for the Caribbean group and Spanish for the Latin American group.

Agenda

Time	Item
08:45 AM	**Welcome and introduction** **Amb. Audrey Marks** Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States and the OAS *Steering Committee Chair* **María Cristina Silva Parejas** Ministry of Energy of Chile *Steering Committee Co-Chair* **Juan Cruz Monticelli** Department of Sustainable Development, OAS *Technical Coordination Unit*
09:15 AM	**Overview of the ECPA Ministerial process** -Proposed agenda -Ministerial logistics (presentation made by the Government of Jamaica) -Side events inputs -Inclusion of gender and energy as a discussion topic for the Ministerial
10:15 AM	**Progress on the implementation of the Action Plan** *NFPs may share highlights regarding progress in the implementation of national energy priorities stated in the Action Plan*
11:00 AM	**Break**

11:30 AM	**Private sector engagement: Americas Business Dialogue**
	- Background and overview
	- Recommendations to advance energy for development
	  Malaika Masson
	  Country Offices Jamaica & Bahamas, Inter-American Development Bank
	  Senior Regional Energy Specialist
	  Anne McKinney
	  United States Chamber of Commerce
	  Vice President for the Americas

12:15 PM	**Lunch break**
01:45 PM	**Specific recommendations for concretizing energy resilience and investment opportunities** *The meeting will break into two groups: Caribbean and Latin America. Proceedings will be conducted in English (Caribbean) and Spanish (Latin America)* Ongoing actions -Sustainable energy opportunities identified in each sub-region
03:45 PM	**Break**
04:15 PM	**Specific recommendations for concretizing energy resilience and investment opportunities in the Americas' energy sector (cont.)** The OAS will present the summary of conclusions of each group
05:15 PM	**Closing remarks**
05:30 PM	**Meeting adjourned**