

# **III ECPA Ministerial Preparatory Process**

# First Preparatory Meeting Intercontinental Hotel, Miami Thursday, October 20, 2016 / 09:00 AM – 05:30 PM

## **Background:**

The first Energy and Climate Ministerial of the Americas was held in Washington, DC, United States, in April 2010. This two-day gathering of energy ministers from the countries of the Americas was key to establishing the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), announced by President Obama during the Fifth Summit of the Americas held Trinidad and Tobago in 2009.

The city of Merida, in Mexico, hosted the second ministerial meeting, which took place in May 2015. This event brought together energy ministers and other national authorities who jointly agreed to design a more dynamic work plan with concrete actions to advance Western Hemisphere leadership in energy and climate change issues. This meeting set the basis for a two-year work plan and the establishment of a Steering Committee as the governance structure for the Partnership.

These meetings have also laid the groundwork for an Action Plan for ECPA, which will shape the next steps for the region's energy and climate change agenda.

#### **Preparatory process:**

Looking forward to the third ECPA ministerial, two regional meetings will be held in preparation for the Ministerial gathering in Chile on 2017.

The background offered by the II Ministerial Meeting convened in Mexico serves as a basis to host the preparatory meetings. Each meeting will address specific energy and climate topics and assess progress to formulate regional positions on themes of common interest with a view to consolidate the Partnership's structure. These meetings will also serve to take stock of progress on projects and initiatives and discuss ways to strengthen this hemispheric effort.

## **Objective:**

To launch the preparatory process towards the Third Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) ministerial meeting, geared toward energy transformation in the Americas.



# Preliminary Agenda

00.00	Tremmary Agenda
09:00 AM	Welcome and introduction
	Corissa Petro
	Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile
	Steering Committee Chair
	Erika Streu
	Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Affairs General
	Directorate, National Energy Secretariat, Mexico
	Steering Committee Vice-Chair
	Juan Cruz Monticelli
	Senior Energy Specialist, Dept. of Sustainable Development, Organization of
	American States
	Technical Coordination Unit
09:15 AM	National Focal Point introductions
	-NFPs to provide point of contact information for future inquiries and to
09:30 AM	coordinate ministerial participation in 2017  Overview of ECPA (OAS TCU)
09.30 AIVI	-2010 Ministerial, Washington: Pillar set up and country coordination
	-2015 Ministerial, Merida: Steering Committee and Action Plan
	-ECPA initiatives
Steering Committee	
10:00 AM	Guiding Principles and Action Plan proposed by the Steering Committee
	-Background, process and justification
	Corissa Petro
	Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile
	Steering Committee Chair
	-Open discussion among countries geared toward identifying pillar/thematic
	preferences based in national priorities
11:30 AM	Break
12:00 PM	Actions to further country engagement and participation through pillars and
	partnerships
	-The Clean Energy Ministerial Clean Energy Solutions Center
	-Ongoing ECPA initiatives (Metrology, Energy Efficiency, C-SERMS)
04.00.516	-Resource allocation for the pursuit of specific actions
01:00 PM	Lunch Break
2017 Ministerial  02:30 PM Ministerial theme: Energy Transformation in the Americas	
02.30 1 101	Ministerial theme: Energy Transformation in the Americas -Justification
	-Review and selection of potential sub-themes



	-Discussion of meeting structure and format
03:30 PM	Break
03:45 PM	2017 Ministerial deliverables and expectations
	-Initiatives, partnerships, and governance
	-Logistics, actors, format, suggested dates and venue
04:30 PM	Second preparatory meeting
	-Date, venue and topics
04:45 PM	Americas Business Dialogue
	-Background and overview
	-Public-private partnerships for the advancement of clean energy
	David D. Nelson
	Energy Working Group Chair
	Americas Business Dialogue
05:15 PM	Closing remarks
	Corissa Petro
	Department Chief, International Department, Ministry of Energy of Chile
	Steering Committee Chair
05:30 PM	Meeting adjourned
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