

IV ECPA Ministerial • Second Regional Preparatory Meeting

**Wyndham San Jose Herradura Hotel & Convention Center
Autopista General Cañas 5 Kms. South of International Airport • San Jose • Costa Rica
April 25, 2019 • 09:00 AM - 06:00 PM**

Background:

On November 7, 2018, representatives from 22 countries in the Americas met in Miami on the occasion of the First Regional Preparatory Meeting to present their progress with regard to energy sustainability, transition, and resilience. The meeting allowed for a frank dialogue among countries on the topics to be considered for the 2020 ECPA Ministerial to convene in Montego Bay. These topics focus on:

- Energy efficiency
- Resilient energy infrastructure planning
- Electric mobility
- Financing mechanisms to de-risk energy transition
- Use of natural gas and LNG
- Strategies for enhanced private sector engagement

Based on the inputs provided by the countries through their National Focal Points, the Steering Committee, with the support of the OAS, produced the agenda of the IV ECPA Ministerial Meeting, whose main theme is '*Energy Resilience and Investment Opportunities*'.

Objective:

To apprise the National Focal Points of the objectives of Ministerial meeting in order to receive their inputs and promote a discussion focused on the priorities identified in Miami. The event will include a discussion on private sector engagement through the Americas Business Dialogue. This exercise will help build a regional approach to issues of common interest in the field of energy, and forge collaborative actions under the ECPA umbrella, thus crystalizing the objectives of Ministerial meeting.

Agenda

09:00 AM	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Cletus Springer Director, Sustainable Development, OAS</p> <p>Betsy Bandy Director, Renewable Energy, Ministry of Science, Energy, and Technology</p> <p>María Cristina Silva Parejas Multilateral Affairs Coordinator, Ministry of Energy of Chile</p> <p>Rolando Castro Córdoba Vice-Minister of Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica</p>
09:30 AM	<p>Overview of the Preparatory Process</p> <p>Juan Cruz Monticelli Chief, Sustainable Energy, OAS <i>Technical Coordination Unit</i></p>
10:00 AM	<p>Strategies for enhanced private sector engagement</p> <p><i>Rodrigo Contreras, IDB Americas Business Dialogue</i></p>
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	<p>Working Groups on Ministerial Deliverables (Part 1) (three 30-minute sessions) <i>The meeting will break out into three simultaneous sessions to identify recommendations and/or proposals for joint cooperation among countries with common interests to be submitted for consideration at the Ministerial meeting. The sessions will focus on the priorities identified by the countries during the preparatory process. Participants will rotate in three 30-minute discussions on the priorities, and the members of the Steering Committee, on a voluntary basis, will guide discussions and collate outputs. The ABD will lead private sector engagement exchanges.</i></p> <p><i>Aspects to be addressed by the working groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Types of projects or activities that may be implemented jointly and by which countries. - Purpose of the proposal and/or recommendation, and participating countries. - Resources the countries making the proposal and/or recommendation can contribute. - Additional resources required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency (Led by Trinidad and Tobago) • Electric Mobility (Led by Chile and Costa Rica) • Natural Gas (Led by Panama and Trinidad and Tobago)
12:30 PM	Lunch break
02:00 PM	<p>Working Groups on Ministerial Deliverables (Part 2) (three 30-minute sessions) <i>Second round of working group discussions focused on cross-cutting priorities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience (Led by Chile and Panama) • Financing (Led by Dominican Republic) • Private Sector Engagement (Led by ABD)
03:30 PM	Break
03:45 PM	<p>Working Groups Presentations on Ministerial Deliverables <i>Each group will present one proposal involving two or more countries, and will answer questions from the other groups (10 minutes per presentation, including Q&As)</i></p>
05:00 PM	<p>Strategies to strengthen ECPA <i>Deliberations will focus on the ECPA Action Plan, governance structure, and guiding principles.</i></p>
05:45 PM	Closing remarks
06:00 PM	Meeting adjourned