5th ECPA
Ministerial Meeting
Panama 2022

"Just and Inclusive Energy Transitions"

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REPÚBLICA DE PANAMÁ GOBIERNO NACIONAL

MINISTERIO DE LA PRESIDENCIA SECRETARÍA DE ENERGÍA

DAY 1 - February 10

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

1ST PLENARY SESSION | OPENING CEREMONY

Speakers

Jorge Rivera Staff
National Energy Secretary of Panama

H.E. Erika Mouynes
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama

H.E. Luis Almagro
Secretary General, Organization of American States

Benigno López
Vice-president of Sectors & Knowledge , Inter-American Development Bank

Jeannette Sánchez
Director of the Natural Resources Division of ECLAC

H.E. Laurentino Cortizo
President of the Republic of Panama

All participants invited (press admitted)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

MESSAGE OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE

H. E. John Kerry
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States of America

Q&A SESSION

All participants invited (press admitted)

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

SPECIAL GUEST

Dr. Brian Motherway
Head of Energy Efficiency, IEA

All participants invited (press admitted)

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

OFFICIAL PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK

Official photo for heads of delegations, special guests and Panamanian authorities. All other attendees go to coffee break and to their respective sessions afterwards.

All participants invited (press admitted)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

MORNING SESSIONS

Concurrent | 90 minutes per event

- IDB SSESSION: FAST-TRACKING PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO ACHIEVE DECARBONIZATION GOALS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY

  How to fast-track institutional and regulatory transformation to accelerate public and private investment in energy sector decarbonization. Transmission planning, investment, and innovative financing to meet renewables goals.

- YOUTH ENERGY TRANSITION FORUM

- ABD SESSION: DEVELOPING REGIONAL SUPPLY CHAINS FOR ZERO AND LOW CARBON ENERGY RESOURCES

All participants invited (press admitted)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

ECLAC MEETING ON RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ADAPTATION AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Concurrent | 90 minutes per event

Chairs

Jorge Rivera Staff
National Energy Secretary of Panama

Jeannette Sánchez
Director of the Natural Resources Division of ECLAC

- INTRODUCTION TO THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION BY THE CHAIRS

- JUST AND INCLUSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANNING

  Energy planning in the region: scaling up renewable energy potential in Latin America and the Caribbean

  Ruben Contreras Lisperguer
  ECLAC Lead Officer on Energy

  Towards a regional consensus for a just energy transition

  Rayen Quiroga
  Chief of the Energy and Water unit, ECLAC

Open discussion with Ministers and High-level representatives

THEMATIC LUNCH SPONSORED BY THE IDB

12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Working lunch for VIPs, country delegates, IDB specialists, international organizations, and other guests.

Ariel Yepez
Infrastructure and Energy Sector Manager, IDB

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Concurrent | 90 minutes per event

- IDB SSESSION: JUST AND INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITIONS: ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL ACCESS BY 2030

  Electrifying the last mile: Solutions to the region's challenge of providing sustainable electricity access. Can it be achieved without fossil fuels? What business models can support the process? How to solve the challenge of access to modern and sustainable cooking? Investment needs. Experiences in other continents. Community engagement.

- PORTUGAL´S EXPERIENCE IN THE JUST AND INCLUSIVE ELECTRIC MOBILITY TRANSITION

  Pedro Matos Fernandes
  Minister of Environment and Climate Action of Portugal

- ABD SESSION: ACHIEVING A NET-ZERO FUTURE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

- SICA ENERGY MINISTERS COUNSEL MEETING (TBC BY PANAMA)

All participants invited (press admitted)

03:30 PM - 04:00 PM

COFFEE BREAK

After the break, all country delegations will head to the main room for the second Plenary Session

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM

2ND PLENARY SESSION | ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL MECHANISMS OF ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Objective

To facilitate deliberations among delegations regarding collaborative approaches and strategies to advance just and inclusive energy transitions in the Americas.

Guiding Questions

1. How can the Energy Transition generate additional benefits for the economy and address the environmental externalities that limit sustainable investment?

2. What new financial mechanisms could link sustainable finance with opportunities to support SDG 7, meet Paris Agreement commitments and reward ambitious energy transition strategies?

3. How can we, within the framework of the ECPA, collaborate to guarantee that the achievement of SDG 7 and the energy transition leaves no one behind, while creating conditions that attract private financing?

Additional Content

Validation of the 2022-2024 ECPA Action Plan. VI ECPA Ministerial announcement.

Moderator

Jorge Rivera Staff
National Energy Secretary of Panama

Method of Participation

The moderator will introduce the session, make brief remarks on the topic of discussion, and open the floor to ministerial deliberations through open-ended, thought-provoking questions. This approach is meant to guide the ministers' exchanges and support concrete and effectual dialogue.

In their interventions, Ministers will present their own perspectives on the session topic. Ministers are asked to limit their interventions to a maximum of 4 (four) minutes. Targeted interventions and minister-to-minister dialogue will be favored.

Closed-door session. Country delegations, international organizations, and ABD members admitted.

06:30 PM - 09:00 PM

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VIPs, country delegates, IDB specialists, international organizations, and other guests.

DAY 2 - February 11

08:30 AM - 11:00 AM

3RD PLENARY SESSION | PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION FOR ACCELERATING ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Capital and technology deployment by the private sector will play a key role as Latin America and the Caribbean step up their efforts to decarbonize the economy and achieve net-zero emissions. Companies are already transforming their business models to catalyze energy transitions by investing in wind and solar energy solutions, natural gas, hydrogen, carbon capture and storage (CCS), electric mobility, energy storage, biofuels, and low sulphur diesel, among others.

During this session, and looking ahead at the IX Summit of the Americas, Ministers and member companies from the Americas Business Dialogue will discuss policies to accelerate energy transitions and funnel investment in sustainable and reliable energy solutions that create jobs and make energy more affordable and reliable for the people in the Americas, pushing for circular economy and social development of local communities and reducing inequality.

Closed-door session with ABD members. Country delegations and international organizations admitted.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM

4TH PLENARY SESSION | INNOVATION AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO ENERGY: TAPPING HUMAN TALENT TO ACHIEVE CLIMATE BALANCE

Objective

To exchange best practices and lessons learnt across the region on specific issues that contribute to diverse, equitable, and inclusive energy transitions

Guiding Questions

1. What are the biggest challenges to achieve universal access to energy in your country?

2. How can energy policy and investment in renewable generation assets be aligned with roadmaps that achieve universal access to electricity and to sustainable energy sources by 2030?

3. What collaboration opportunity within the framework of ECPA would you like to see developed to overcome barriers to universal access to energy?

Moderator

Jorge Rivera Staff
National Energy Secretary of Panama

Method of Participation

The moderator will introduce the session and invite Ministers to share successful national efforts in energy policy-making for universal access, gender equity, youth, E-mobility, green hydrogen, and circular economies.

In their interventions, Ministers will present their countries' perspectives on one or more specific topics. Ministers are asked to limit their interventions to a maximum of 4 (four) minutes. Targeted interventions and minister-to-minister dialogue will be favored.

Closed-door session with ABD members. Country delegations and international organizations admitted.

01:00 PM - 01:30 PM

5TH PLENARY SESSION | CLOSING CEREMONY

Speakers

Jeannette Sánchez
Director of the Natural Resources Division of ECLAC

Rocio Medina-Bolivar
Country Representative, IDB

Jorge Rivera Staff
National Energy Secretary of Panama

All participants invited (press admitted)

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM

PRESS CONFERENCE AND LUNCH

Voluntary press conference for heads of delegations and Panamanian authorities. All other attendees are invited to the lunch.

Additional Content for Press Conference: Information about the approval of the 2022-2024 ECPA Action Plan. VI ECPA Ministerial announcement.

01:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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