

First Virtual Hemispheric Preparatory Meeting

August 30th

9am - 12pm (EDT / Santo Domingo)

Description

The Ministry of Energy and Mines of the Dominican Republic, with the support of the Organization of American States, will host two virtual hemispheric meetings in preparation for the Sixth ECPA Ministerial to convene in Punta Cana on March 14-15, 2024 under the theme “Renewable Energy in the Americas: Integration and Innovation.”

Objectives

- Provide inputs to the ECPA Ministerial Meeting agenda and the Needs and Priorities Assessment for Regional Cooperation.
- Present the new fundamental pillars of the Partnership.
- Deliberate on the objectives of the event.
- Present options for private sector engagement.

Background

Through ECPA, countries in the Western Hemisphere exercise shared leadership by exchanging ideas and forging solutions to achieve a sustainable energy future

While their specific policies and strategies may vary, all the countries participating in ECPA— active members of the Organization of American States (OAS)—share the common goal of promoting cooperation for a sustainable energy future in the Americas. In the same vein, the ECPA Needs and Priorities Assessment for Regional Cooperation establishes the basis for the six fundamental pillars that guide the program's initiatives: Cleaner Energy Sources, Universal Energy Access, Energy Efficiency, Regional Integration, Energy Resilience, and Innovation. These pillars are consistent with the document “Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition” adopted by the Heads of State of the Americas at the IX Summit of the Americas held in Los Angeles in 2022, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and the Paris Agreement.

Building on this foundation, ECPA supports countries in the Americas in their transitions to clean, resilient and inclusive energy systems by acting as a platform for multilateral coordination, public-private cooperation, capacity building, and outreach.

This is will be the sixth hemispheric meeting of energy ministers to convene under the auspices of ECPA. Previous meetings convened in Panama City (2022), Montego Bay (2020), Viña del Mar (2017), Rivera Maya (2015), and Washington (2010).

Agenda

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Via Zoom

English and Spanish Interpretation

09.00 am

Welcome and introduction

Mark Lambrides

Director, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

Dr. Jorge Rivera Staff

National Energy Secretary of Panama. ECPA Steering Committee Co-Chair

Antonio Almonte Reynoso

Minister of Energy and Mines of the Dominican Republic. ECPA Steering Committee Chair

09.20 am

VI ECPA Ministerial

Process overview, proposed agenda, logistics, parallel sessions, private sector and civil society engagement.

Juan Cruz Monticelli

Section Chief, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

09.30 am

Private sector engagement: Americas Business Dialogue

Background and overview, policy recommendations to promote investments in clean energy transition, proposed engagement in Punta Cana.

Gaëlle Burkhart

Stakeholder Relations

10.00 am

Presentation of new Fundamental Pillars and Needs and Priorities Assessment for Regional Cooperation

Javier Fassina

Consultant, ECPA Technical Coordination Unit

10.15 am

Deliberations on the proposed ministerial agenda, fundamental pillars, Needs and Priorities Assessment for Regional Cooperation, and IX Summit of the Americas commitments

National Focal Points' interventions (3 minutes per country).

Moderator: **Rafael Gómez Del Giudice**, Vice-Minister of Energy, Dominican Republic

12.00 pm

Closing remarks

Rafael Gómez Del Giudice

Vice-Minister of Energy of the Dominican Republic