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Dialogue to Advance Just and Inclusive Energy Policies in the Americas

March 14th, 2024 | 8:30AM – 10:30AM | Santo Domingo 1 Room
Barceló Bávaro Convention Center, Punta Cana

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Description

In June 2022 in Los Angeles, the Heads of State and Government of the Americas adopted by consensus five commitments for “Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future”. These commitments target key regional priorities: Health and Resilience; Digital Transformation; Democratic Governance; Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition; Sustainable and Green Future. The latter two provide a roadmap from the highest level of decision-making to expedite climate action and lead an urgent transition to low-carbon economies to prevent the irreversible effects of climate change.

The Government of the Dominican Republic, as Chair of the Summit Process and Host of the Tenth Summit of the Americas (2025), will convene the 6th Ministerial Meeting of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA). This meeting aims to further the Summit’s mandate of “[Accelerating the Just Transition to Clean, Sustainable, and Renewable Energy](#).” This ministerial effort not only underscores the critical role of collective action but also presents a unique opportunity to highlight the important synergies between the Summit of the Americas Process and the Inter-American ministerial processes. Through this alignment, effective mechanisms can be identified to coordinate their seamless implementation.

To this end, it is necessary to implement a just energy transition that seeks not only economic benefits and environmental sustainability but also social justice and the protection of human rights. The importance of inclusive participation and the collective work of stakeholders in the Summit Process (participating States of the Process, international and regional organizations of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG), civil society organizations, and social actors, including the private sector, indigenous peoples, academia, workers, youth, and women’s organizations) is key in the design and implementation of policies and actions aimed at advancing towards a just energy transition.

This policy dialogue is convened by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat in conjunction with the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) as the technical secretariat of the ECPA, with the collaboration of the Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (REDESCA) of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) of the Organization of American States (OAS).

In preparation for the Tenth Summit of the Americas, the event seeks to enable dialogue and debate among relevant actors, representatives of stakeholders in the Summit Process, including government officials in the energy sector, JSWG institutions, civil society and the private sector on best practices and experiences to develop and advance just and inclusive energy transition policies and strategies, with an emphasis on social, economic, and environmental justice considerations.

Based on the discussions, the Summits Secretariat, together with DSD/OAS and REDESCA, will draft a report of the key issues and conclusions. The report will be presented for consideration to the Chair of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG), as well as the Chair of the ECPA to enhance discussions regarding the just energy transition within these fora.

Agenda

8:30AM - 08:55AM	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>María Celina Conte Director, Summits Secretariat, OAS</p> <p>OPENING</p> <p>Antonio Almonte Minister of Energy of the Dominican Republic</p> <p>Amb. James Lambert Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs, OAS</p>
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08:55AM - 10:25AM

DISCUSSION MODERATED BY MARK LAMBRIDES

Director, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Javier Palummo

Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (REDESCA), IACHR/OAS

PANEL:

Rosilena Lindo

National Energy Secretary of Panama

Alfonso Rodriguez

Deputy Minister of Energy Saving and Efficiency of the Dominican Republic

Natacha Marzolf

Principal Energy Specialist, Energy Division, Infrastructure and Energy Department, Inter-American Development Bank

Xavier Hernández Ferre

Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Dominican Republic

Ángel Mejía

CEO, Inventive Power, Young Americas Business Trust (YATB)

Juan Ignacio Rubiolo

Executive Vice President and President, Energy Infrastructure, AES Corporation

10:25AM - 10:30AM

CLOSING

María Celina Conte

Director, Summits Secretariat, OAS

 Interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided

 Please contact M. Florencia Fernández (mfernandez@oas.org) for questions about this side event.