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Scaling Hydrogen Financing for Development and Industrial Decarbonization in LAC

March 14th, 2024 | 8:30AM – 10:30AM | Santo Domingo 2 Room
Barceló Bávaro Convention Center, Punta Cana

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Description

The event will be divided in two sections of one hour each: (i) Unlocking Hydrogen Financing for Development and (ii) Decarbonization Strategies for carbon-intensive Industrial Sectors and their Value Chains in LAC

Unlocking Hydrogen Financing for Development

The World Bank will present the 10 GW Hydrogen Lighthouse Initiative that aims to generate the conditions so clean hydrogen projects achieve Final Investment Decision by 2027.

The presentation will be followed by a round-table discussion, in which a group of government representatives will discuss the need to implement policies that enable the implementation of clean hydrogen projects and secure the mobilization of financing.

The panel will be composed of representatives from Colombia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Panama and Paraguay, who will answer the following questions:

- What are the key barriers to clean hydrogen deployment in your country?
- Are the main project risks clear?
- What are the roles of the public and private sectors to overcome barriers and reduce these risks?
- In what areas would you need support to accelerate clean hydrogen deployment?
- Given what you heard, how can the World Bank support you in the development of hydrogen projects?

Decarbonization Strategies for Carbon-Intensive Industrial Sectors

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) will provide an overview of its efforts to decarbonize heavy industry across Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), highlighting key initiatives and strategies. This will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session, focusing on practical approaches and necessary policies for achieving decarbonization in carbon-intensive sectors, transitioning to cleaner technologies, and implementing clean hydrogen projects.

The presentation will be followed by a round-table discussion, in which a group of key stakeholders will discuss the need to implement policies that enable the implementation of decarbonization initiatives in the industrial sectors, and will answer the following questions:

- What are the most promising strategies for accelerating decarbonization in carbon-intensive industrial sectors in LAC?
- How can we overcome the main financial and technological barriers to clean hydrogen project implementation?
- What role do public policies and collaboration between the public and private sectors play in facilitating a low-carbon industry transition?
- In what ways can the IDB and other development finance institutions more effectively support industrial decarbonization in the region?
- Considering successful examples within LAC, what lessons can be learned and applied to other contexts?

Agenda

Part 1: The World Bank

8:30AM - 09:30AM

WELCOMING REMARKS (5 MINUTES)

Gabriela Elizondo

Practice Manager for Energy in LAC, World Bank

SCALING HYDROGEN FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT (15-MINUTE PRESENTATION)

LAC ROUNDTABLE (30 MINUTES)

Colombia – Chile – Dominican Republic – Panama and Paraguay experience

Moderated by **Gabriela Elizondo**, Practice Manager for Energy in LAC, World Bank

Q&A SECTION (10 MINUTES)

Agenda

Part 2: Inter-American Development Bank

9:30AM – 10:30AM

DECARBONIZATION STRATEGIES FOR CARBON-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

Christiaan Gischler Blanco

Sector Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank

LAC ROUNDTABLE (30 MINUTES)

World Bank, FICEM, LAC Clean Hydrogen Action, OLADE

Q&A SECTION (15 MINUTES)

Objectives

Discuss the barriers and risks hindering clean hydrogen deployment in LAC and propose solutions from development banks.

Examine barriers, opportunities, and solutions in deploying clean hydrogen and decarbonizing heavy industry in LAC.

To highlight the roles of development banks, governments, and the private sector in facilitating this transition

Speakers

Part 1: The World Bank

Gabriela Elizondo

Practice Manager for Energy in LAC, World Bank

Dolf Gielen

World Bank Hydrogen Program Lead

Javier Campillo

Vice-Minister of Energy, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Colombia

Rosilena Lindo

National Energy Secretary, Panama

Mauricio Bejarano Martí

Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, Paraguay

Edward Veras

Executive Director of the National Energy Commission, Dominican Republic

Luis Felipe Ramos

Undersecretary of Energy, Chile

Part 2: Inter-American Development Bank

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Dolf Gielen

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Maria José Garcia

Executive Director from FICEM (Inter-American Federation of Cement)

Juan Giraldo

Representative from LAC Clean Hydrogen Action

Gaston Siroit

Representative from OLADE

Expected Outcomes

Strengthen the clean hydrogen engagements of development banks (WB and IDB), governments, industries, and other stakeholders in LAC's hydrogen economy and industrial decarbonization efforts

- ✉ Please contact Anibal Mejia de Pena (bmejiadepena@worldbank.org) or Eric Fernando Boeck Daza (eboeckdaza@iadb.org) for questions about this side event.