Renewable Energy in the Américas: Integration and Innovation

March 14—15, 2024       Barceló Bávaro Convention Center, Punta Cana
Agenda

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 | THEMATIC SIDE EVENTS

08:30 am — 10:30 am
SANTO DOMINGO 1 ROOM
Dialogue to Advance Just and Inclusive Energy Policies in the Americas
Organization of American States | Summits of the Americas Secretariat

SANTO DOMINGO 2 ROOM
Scaling Hydrogen Financing for Development and Industrial Decarbonization in LAC
IDB Infrastructure | World Bank

PUNTA CANA 1 ROOM
Strategic Methane Agenda: Progress in the Implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Methane Emissions Observatory (OEMLAC)
Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)

PUNTA CANA 2 ROOM
The Future of Energy: Challenges and Technologies in Decarbonization
General Electric Vernova

08:30 am — 11:00 am
BÁVARO 1 ROOM
U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis 2030 (PACC 2030): Road to Implementation Summit
U.S. Department of State | Atlantic Council

08:30 am — 04:00 pm
ROOMS BY APPOINTMENT
Americas Business Dialogue (ABD)
Scheduled bilateral and multilateral sessions on public-private opportunities to accelerate the transition to clean energy in Latin America and the Caribbean.

10:30 am — 11:00 am
Networking Break (Conference Area)

Signature of Bilateral Cooperation Agreements (Bávaro 2 Room)
Dominican Republic - Chile | Panama - Dominican Republic | Chile - Panama
THURSDAY, MARCH 14 | THEMATIC SIDE EVENTS

11:00 am — 01:00 pm

**Santo Domingo 1 Room**

A Regional Stocktake for the Energy Transition  
RELAC

**Santo Domingo 2 Room**

Decarbonizing the Shipping Industry and Integrating Transportation Infrastructure  
OAS | BMW Group | IDB | World Bank

**Punta Cana 1 Room**

Battery Energy Storage Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean  
IDB Infrastructure and Energy | World Bank

**Punta Cana 2 Room**

Small Modular Reactors: Flexible & Affordable Electricity  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Available from:

12:00 pm — 03:00 pm

Lunch

02:00 pm — 03:00 pm

**Santo Domingo 1 Room**

CertHilac: Certification System for Clean and/or Low-Carbon Hydrogen and its Derivatives in Latin America and the Caribbean  
IDB Infrastructure and Energy

02:00 pm — 04:00 pm

**Punta Cana 1 Room**

Policy Dialogue: The Energy Transition as a Vector of Transformation of the LAC Development Model  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

**Punta Cana 2 Room**

Tackling the International Barriers to a Just Energy Transition and Energy Security in Latin America and the Caribbean  
Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA)

**Bávaro 1 Room**

Thematic Side Event of the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency  
CCREEE

03:00 pm — 04:00 pm

**Santo Domingo 2 Room**

Strengthening Energy Resilience  
IDB Infrastructure and Energy | World Bank
THURSDAY, MARCH 14  |  PLENARY SESSIONS

04:00 pm

Official Photo: Heads of delegation and Dominican authorities

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm

BAVARO 2 ROOM  |  OPEN SESSION (PUBLIC AND PRESS)

First Plenary Session: Building a Regional Clean Energy Agenda

Antonio Almonte Reynoso
Minister of Energy and Mines of the Dominican Republic

Roberto Álvarez
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic

Jordan Schwartz
Executive Vice President, Inter-American Development Bank

Lilia Burunciuc
Country Director for the Caribbean, The World Bank

Gonzalo Koncke
Chief of Staff of the Secretary General, Organization of American States

Luis Rodolfo Abinader Corona
President of the Dominican Republic

05:30 pm – 07:30 pm

BAVARO 2 ROOM

Second Plenary Session
Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition in the Americas

Commitment of the Heads of State and Government of the IX Summit of the Americas held in Los Angeles.

Call to Action (30 minutes)

Elliot Deringer
Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, U.S. Department of State

Gabriela Elizondo
Practice Manager, Energy Sector, Latin America and the Caribbean, The World Bank

Natacha Marzolf
Principal Energy Specialist, IDB

Rubén Contreras
Climate Change section chief, OAS

Rafael Grossi
Director General, IAEA

Francesco La Camera
Director General, IRENA

Ministerial Dialogue (90 minutes)
Chair: Minister Antonio Almonte Reynoso

08:30 pm

Welcome Cocktail and Dinner  |  Courtesy of AES
Delegations, private companies, and accredited organizations (by invitation).
Third Plenary Session
Role of public-private dialogue for just and inclusive energy transition in the Americas

Rapid Deployment of Cleaner Energy Technologies, Decarbonization, and Inclusive Transition:
- Policies to accelerate the integration of low and zero-carbon energy solutions.
- Government strategies for reliable energy systems during the transition to a sustainable energy matrix.
- Critical obstacles to a responsible and just energy transition for all: Scalable models across regions.

Analysis, Planning, and Market Design:
- Essential components for reliable and cost-effective renewable energy integration systems.

Top Priorities for Regional Collaboration:
- Technical and policy coordination across the region, harmonization of standards, and sharing of best practices.

Call to Action (30 minutes)
Juan Ignacio Rubiolo
EVP and President Energy Infrastructure, AES Corporation, and Americas Business Dialogue Energy Working Group Chair
Marcelo Aicardi
VP Strategy and Portfolio Management, Energy Infrastructure, AES Corporation
Silvia Zumarraga,
GM, Market Development Latam and Caribe, Wärtsilä
Sean Porter
Director of Development and New Business at CMI Energy

Public–Private Dialogue (60 minutes)
Chair: Minister Antonio Almonte Reynoso

Fourth Plenary Session
Energy Transition, Integration, and Adaptation in the Americas

Energy Transition: Progress and Challenges for the Transformation of the LAC Development Model
(ECLAC - 18 minutes)
2022 Panama Communiqué: Achievements and next steps
(ECLAC - 12 minutes)

Call to Action (30 minutes)
Rayén Quiroga
Unit Chief, Energy & Water, ECLAC
Andrés Rebolledo
Executive Secretary, OLADE
Rubén Contreras
Climate Change section chief, OAS
José Ramón Gómez
Lead Energy Specialist, IDB

Ministerial Dialogue (90 minutes)
Chair: Minister Antonio Almonte Reynoso
Fifth Plenary Session
Outcomes and Closing

Signing of bilateral cooperation agreements.
Renewal of ambitions under the RELAC umbrella, in support of clean energy transitions in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Endorsement of the CertHilac Clean Hydrogen Certification Protocol for Latin America and the Caribbean.
Joint Statement by ECPA, ECLAC, and OLADE for Accelerating the Energy Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Official Closure of the Ministerial Meeting
Minister Antonio Almonte Reynoso

Field Activity (optional)
Visit to Evergo-Connect (EV Charging Station)