Dialogue to advance just and inclusive energy policies in the Americas

On the occasion of the 6TH ECPA Ministerial Meeting

March 14, 2024
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Barceló Bávaro Convention Center – Punta Cana Room 2
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

In light of the VI Ministerial Meeting of ECPA, an alliance that emerged at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, the OAS Summits Secretariat is organizing this policy dialogue aimed at generating a debate among the main actors of the Summits Process, including government officials in the energy sector, regional and international institutions, representatives of civil society and the private sector. The objective is to discuss and share good practices and experiences to develop policies that promote just and inclusive energy transition strategies, with an emphasis on social, economic, and environmental justice considerations. This dialogue takes place in preparation for the X Summit of the Americas, scheduled to be hosted in the Dominican Republic in 2025.

Program

08:30 – 08:55  Introduction: Ms. María Celina Conte, Director, Summits Secretariat, OAS

Opening Remarks:
- Mr. Antonio Almonte, Energy Minister of the Dominican Republic
- Amb. James Lambert, Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs, OAS

08:55 – 10:25  Discussion moderated by: Mr. Alfonso Rodriguez, Deputy Minister of Energy Saving and Efficiency, Dominican Republic

Keynote presentation: Mr. Javier Palummo, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (REDESCA), IACHR/OAS

Panelists:
- Ms. Rosilena Lindo, National Secretary of Energy of Panama
- Ms. Natacha Marzolf, Principal Energy Specialist, Infrastructure and Energy Department, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Mr. Xavier Hernández Ferre, Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Dominican Republic
- Mr. Ángel Mejía, CEO, Inventive Power, Young Americas Business Trust (YABT)
- Mr. Juan Ignacio Rubiolo, Executive Vice President and President of Energy Infrastructure, AES Corporation

10:25 – 10:30  Closing: Summits of the Americas Secretariat