

**Latin American & Caribbean Climate Week – Side event (in English)**

**The Relevance of Long-term Energy Scenarios to Climate Policy Making and NDC Target Setting in Latin America & the Caribbean**

**Thursday, 22 August 2019, 13.30 – 14.25  
Salvador Hall, Salvador, Brazil  
Room Goal 9 (SL50-T02)**

**This session will discuss approaches to bridge the long-term energy planning and climate policymaking communities. Experiences and good practices being made to include long-term energy scenarios into the climate policymaking process will be presented.**

**Background:**

The Paris Agreement explicitly calls on countries to deliver long-term strategies for decarbonization to the international community, calling on “all Parties . . . to formulate and communicate long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies.” Considering that the energy sector is the main – or among the main – emitters of greenhouse gases in many countries, long-term energy scenarios should play a key role in assessing and quantifying the potential of emission reduction strategies and compliance with nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

In Latin American & the Caribbean, as in many parts of the world, the development of decarbonisation strategies is the jurisdiction of environmental ministries/institutions, while the development of long-term energy scenarios is mainly a task for energy ministries/agencies – these processes are not necessarily well connected.

IRENA’s [“Long-term Energy Scenario \(LTES\) Network”](#) seeks to promote the wider adoption of LTES in energy planning by gathering experts to share experiences on how to improve the use and development of scenarios in the context of the clean energy transition. Climate policy is now one of the main drivers for the energy transition and for the uptake in the use of LTES.

**The session will hold expert presentations and a panel discussion with government practitioners in energy scenario and climate policy-making, as well as organisations supporting countries with NDCs.**

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## Programme

Moderator: Pablo Carvajal, Associate Programme Officer, IRENA

13:30

**Introductory remarks**

Elizabeth Press

Director, Planning and Programme Support, IRENA

**IRENA's work on long-term scenarios and energy planning in LAC**

Rafael de Sá Ferreira

Programme Officer, Country Support and Partnership

**Scene setting: The Relevance of Long-term Energy Scenarios for Deep Decarbonisation in Latin America & the Caribbean**

Amal-Lee Amin

Chief, Climate Change and Sustainability Division, IDB

13:50

**Panel discussion: Long-term Energy Scenarios and NDC Target Setting. *How should Long-term energy scenarios better integrate within the NDC process?***

**Format:** The panellists, primarily representing government and institutions supporting the government, are asked to discuss to what extent long-term energy scenarios influence climate policymaking and vice versa at the regional or national scale. Key guiding questions for the panel discussions include:

- » What are the roles of long-term energy scenarios in climate policymaking?
- » What coordination efforts have been made to align decarbonisation and energy sector strategies more closely?
- » How should long-term energy scenarios better integrate within the NDC process?

Country official [TBC]

Brazil

Patricia Campos [TBC]

Subdirectora, Dirección de Cambio Climático, Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía, Costa Rica

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Country Engagement Regional Specialist LAC, NDC Partnership

Caroline Uriarte

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Officer

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14:20

**Wrap up of the session by the moderator**

14:25

**End of side event**