

## IX Plenary Meeting of the Regional Forum of Energy Planners (FOREPLEN)

*From Analysis to Implementation: Strengthening Energy Planning*

**March 17 – 19, 2026 – Montevideo, Uruguay**

Headquarters: Central Offices of the National Administration of Fuels, Alcohol and Portland (ANCAP) - Paysandú s/n esquina Av. Libertador, Montevideo, Uruguay

Day 1: March 17, 2026	
Opening hours	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<p><b>Welcome Session</b> Moderator: Mr. Arturo Loayza, GIZ/ProTransición Coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Arianna Spinelli, Director of the National Directorate of Energy, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of Uruguay.</li> <li>Ms. Vanessa Mock, Head of the Economy and Trade Sector, Delegation of the European Union in Uruguay.</li> <li>Sr. Antonio Levy, Asesor Senior, GET.transform.</li> <li>Ms. Marina Gil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Presentation</u> <u>Progress of the Regional Forum of Energy Planners – FOREPLEN.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Ignacio Ñancupil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 1: Energy integration, progress and scenarios in Latin America.</b> Moderator: Mr. Antonio Levy, Senior Advisor, GET.transform.</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Energy integration in Latin America, progress and scenarios</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Marina Gil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Regional integration in national energy planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Alejandro Sruoga, Executive Director, Regional Energy Integration Commission (CIER).</li> </ul> <p><u>Latin American energy integration</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Guido Maiulini, Chief of Strategic Advisory, Latin American and Caribbean Energy Organization (OLACDE).</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Wilson Sierra, Coordinator of the areas of energy supply: Electric Power, Hydrocarbons and Renewable Energies, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</li> <li>Mr. Randall Zúñiga, Director of Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica.</li> <li>Mr. Luis Gómez, Coordinator of the Directorate of Electricity, National Secretariat of Energy, Panama.</li> <li>Sr. Juan José García, Programme Officer – Clean Energy Transition Scenarios, IRENA.</li> </ul> <p><u>Interventions and questions from the audience</u></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Regulatory and planning challenges for energy integration in Latin America and the Caribbean.</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rafael Poveda, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Regulatory Challenges in Energy Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Arturo Alarcón, Senior Specialist, Energy Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).</li> </ul> <p><u>European Union experience in planning for energy integration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sebastián Sterl, Energy Specialist at the European Commission, and Chief Economist at DG ENER, European Union.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Acting President: I now give the floor to Her Excellency Ms. Stephanie Tatiana Orellana Rivera, Executive Coordinator of the Energy Coordination Unit, General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA).</li> <li>Mr. José Meza, Director of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Peru.</li> <li>Mr. Guilherme Zanetti, Director of the Department of Planning and Concessions for Transmission, Distribution and International Interconnections of Electricity, National Secretariat for Energy Transition and Planning, Brazil.</li> <li>Mr. Andrés Osta, Director of the Division of Regulatory Affairs and Sectoral Policy in Electric Energy, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</li> </ul> <p><u>Interventions and questions from the audience</u></p>

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	Group photo (12.50 – 13.00)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Guide for the development of energy transition plans in Latin America and the Caribbean.</b>  <b>Regional Meeting of the Development Account project "Just and Sustainable Energy Transition for Latin America and the Caribbean".</b>  Moderator: Mr. Pablo Carvajal, International Expert – EY.</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Launch of the SDG 7 Policy Brief Latin America and the Caribbean</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Nicolás Olave, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Launch of the document "Energy Transition Plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: Methodological Guide"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Rafael Poveda, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sr. Deon Kelly, Energy Office, Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics &amp; E-Governance, Belice.</li> <li>Mr. Gustavo Naciff, Technical Advisor Energy Research Company, Brazil.</li> <li>Mr. Esteban Kiper, Latin American and Caribbean Energy Organization (OLACDE).</li> <li>Mr. Rafael de Sa Ferreira, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank.</li> </ul>
15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 4: Working Groups: Implementation of the Guide and Next Steps</b>  Moderator: Mr. Arturo Loayza, GIZ/ProTransición Coordinator.</p> <p>Objective: to define with countries the next steps of the workstream in the Guide and possible outputs for 2026 – 2027.</p>
<b>17:30 hrs</b> <b>Cocktail and Networking</b>	

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9:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 5: Structural conditions for the development of the Low Emission Hydrogen industry in Latin America and the Caribbean.</b> Moderator: Mr. Martin Scarone, Advisor to the Renewable Energy Area, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</p> <p><u>Presentation</u> <u>Analysis of the structural conditions of Latin American and Caribbean countries for the development of Low Emission Hydrogen.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Rafael Poveda, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Guilherme Zanetti, Director of the Department of Planning and Concessions for International Electricity Transmission, Distribution and Interconnections, National Secretariat for Energy Transition and Planning, Brazil.</li> <li>Mr. Pedro Rencoret, Professional, Planning and Climate Change Unit, Division of Strategic Planning and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Energy, Chile.</li> <li>Mr. Federico Rehmann, H2U Programme Coordinator, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</li> <li>Mr. Daniel Cumpa, GET.transform Advisor.</li> </ul> <p><u>Interventions and questions from the audience</u></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 6: Enabling experiences for the development of storage and flexibility.</b> Moderator: Mr. Ignacio Ñancupil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</p> <p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Arturo Alarcón, Senior Specialist, Energy Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Ernesto Acevedo Peña, Director of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Dominican Republic.</li> <li>Mr. Pedro Rencoret, Professional, Planning and Climate Change Unit, Division of Strategic Planning and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Energy, Chile.</li> </ul>

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13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 7: Governance, Institutional and Territory: Participatory Processes in Energy Planning</b>  <b>Regional Meeting of the Development Account project "Just and Sustainable Energy Transition for Latin America and the Caribbean".</b>  Moderator: Ms. Marina Gil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Governance, territory and citizen participation in the energy transition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Alicia Williner, Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Participatory Processes for Strategic Energy Planning: A Toolkit for National Energy Planners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sr. Juan José García, Programme Officer – Clean Energy Transition Scenarios, IRENA.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Arianna Spinelli, Director of the National Directorate of Energy, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</li> <li>Mr. Gabriel Velásquez, Technical Director of the Mining Energy Planning Unit of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, Guatemala.</li> <li>Mr. Edwin Alvarado Macia, Energy Market Analyst, Directorate-General for Energy, Hydrocarbons and Mines, El Salvador.</li> <li>Mr. Gustavo Naciff, Technical Advisor Energy Research Company, Brazil.</li> </ul>

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15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 8: Working groups: citizen participation in the design of public policies and energy planning</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Arturo Loayza, GIZ/ProTransición Coordinator.</p> <p>Objective: To define with countries the next steps in the line of work in participatory processes in the planning and formulation of energy policies and possible products for 2026 – 2027.</p>

Day 3: March 19, 2026	
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9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 9: Resilient Energy Planning.</b> Moderator: Ms. Marina Gil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Resilient Electricity Planning Methodology in Paraguay</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Fabio Lucantonio, Director of Alternative Energies, Vice-Ministry of Mines and Energy, Paraguay.</li> </ul> <p><u>Resilient Energy Planning in Latin America and the Caribbean</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Enzo Sauma, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Shurman Francis, Energy Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports, Transport, Physical Development and Urban Renewal, Saint Lucia.</li> <li>Ms. Rossana Gaudioso, Environmental Unit Advisor, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</li> <li>Ms. Asami Miketa, Senior Energy Economist, World Bank</li> <li>Mr. José Miguel Acosta, Knowledge Manager, Regional Energy Integration Commission (CIER).</li> </ul> <p><u>Global Coalition Energy Planning (GCEP) Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sr. Juan José García, Programme Officer – Clean Energy Transition Scenarios, IRENA.</li> </ul> <p><u>Interventions and questions from the audience</u></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 10: Working Groups on Resilient Energy Planning.</b> Moderator: Mr. Arturo Loayza, GIZ/ProTransición Coordinator.</p> <p>Objective: to define with countries the next steps of the work on resilient planning: relevance of extending it to resilient energy planning and possible outputs for 2026 – 2027</p>

Day 3: March 19, 2026	
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12:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Alejandra Reyes, Manager of Statistical Planning and Balance, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.</li> <li>• Dr. Sebastián Sterl, Energy Specialist at the European Commission, and Chief Economist at DG ENER, European Union.</li> <li>• Sr. Antonio Levy, Asesor Senior, GET.transform.</li> <li>• Ms. Marina Gil, Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</li> </ul>