

ENERGY TRANSITION AND CLIMATE PROGRAM

The Dialogue's Mission

The Inter-American Dialogue engages our network of global leaders to foster democratic governance, prosperity, and social equity in Latin America and the Caribbean. Together, we work to shape policy debate, devise solutions, and enhance cooperation within the Western Hemisphere.

The **Energy Transition and Climate Program** aims to accelerate a just energy transition and expand access to clean, secure, and affordable energy in the Western Hemisphere. By convening experts, policymakers, corporate leaders, and civil society to share balanced, innovative, action-oriented analysis, and best practices, the program aims to enhance energy security, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience to the climate crisis in line with the objectives and timeline of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.

The Energy Transition and Climate Program advances a robust agenda of analysis and events throughout the hemisphere on a broad range of issues, including:

- Energy security, diversification, and grid modernization.
- Public and private net-zero strategies and metrics to meet ESG commitments.
- Green innovation and commercialization of clean technology.
- Enabling policies and regulatory frameworks for de-risking investments.
- Regional electricity and green fuel integration.
- Climate mitigation, adaptation, and nature-based solutions for a just transition.
- Supply chains of critical materials and green manufacturing.
- Geopolitical developments and political trends impacting the energy sector and climate policy.
- Natural resource governance.
- US-Latin America energy and climate diplomacy.

The program carries out research projects and initiatives throughout the year while publishing timely, cogent thought pieces like op-eds and blogposts. A list of all program analysis can be found [here](#). Action-oriented research projects in the past have focused on climate adaptation in the Northern Triangle and mapping energy and mining projects in the Amazon. Current initiatives include climate adaptation in the Caribbean, regional green fiscal policy, and climate-smart agriculture.

The program hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including annual events, public webinars, and in-person private events.

Recent flagship events include:

- **Annual Environmental Lecture (Cátedra) "Dra. Pirigua Bonetti"**, which has covered myriad topics like environmental economics and ecosystem services, routes towards carbon neutrality, and climate impacts in the Caribbean.
- **Annual Latin America Energy Conference**, that has explored technologies to accelerate the energy transition, net-zero strategies in the private sector, and geopolitical events impacting the regional energy sector.

Recent public webinars include:

- **Critical Minerals in LAC: The 'S' in ESG**, aligned with our mission to explore the potential of critical materials and foster a just transition in the region.
- **Offshore Wind in LAC: Gauging Speed and Direction**, which explored the potential of Latin American countries to expand their share of non-conventional renewable energy in their energy matrix.
- **Power in Brazil: Energy Policy Post-Election**, during which experts analyzed the impacts of the re-election of Brazilian President Lula da Silva in terms of international climate diplomacy, state-owned enterprises, the role of fossil fuels, and the expansion of renewables.

Private events include:

- **A Conversation with Assistant Secretary Geoffery Pyatt**, who explained US energy policy toward the region.
- **A Conversation with Saúl Kattan**, Chairman at Ecopetrol, who discussed policies for maintaining Colombia's macroeconomic stability amidst the acceleration of the country's energy transition.

Our initiatives will continue to expand and diversify to fulfill the program's parallel objectives of accelerating a just energy transition and contributing to the Paris Agreement goals