

## **Regional Dialogues on Planning-to-Investment** **Latin America and the Caribbean**

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### **Session 1: Investor Signals from Energy Plans**

Tuesday, 2 June 2026 | 15:00–16:30 CET / 09:00–10:30 EST

**Registration Link: [HERE](#)**

#### **Background**

National energy plans communicate important signals to the institutions that regulate, finance, build, and operate energy systems. In Latin America and the Caribbean, these signals are being read against a particularly dynamic regional context: rising electricity demand in some markets, continuing exposure to fossil fuel price volatility and import dependence in others, growing pressure to accelerate electrification and clean energy deployment, and increasing investment needs in grids, flexibility, and system resilience.

Across the region, the challenge is often not the absence of planning, but the gap between planning outputs, implementation arrangements, regulatory pathways, and the conditions that shape investment decisions. This session opens the Regional Dialogues on Planning-to-Investment by examining how energy plans are interpreted by finance, regulatory, and implementation actors, and which signals are most useful in turning planning into a more actionable basis for delivery.

#### **Thematic Direction**

- How planning signals are interpreted by institutions beyond the planning community.
- What makes a plan more legible for implementation and financing discussions.
- How country experience can help clarify the distinction between plan content and wider readiness conditions.

#### **About GCEP**

The Global Coalition for Energy Planning (GCEP) is a member-driven platform that brings together governments, financial institutions, technical partners, and other relevant actors to strengthen the connection between national energy planning, implementation, and investment. Through dialogue, knowledge exchange, and practical guidance, the Coalition seeks to make energy planning more useful for the decisions that shape delivery on the ground.

#### **Objective**

To explore which signals in national energy plans help support credible investment and implementation

discussions, and to identify the institutional and regulatory conditions that most influence how those signals are interpreted in practice.

### Format

This session combines a short framing input, country perspectives, discussant reactions, and moderated discussion. It will bring together institutional experience and practical lessons on how planning signals are interpreted and used in investment and implementation discussions.

**Platform:** Zoom Webinar. Sessions will be recorded for future reference. ([Registration](#))

**Language:** The sessions will be conducted in English / Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.

### Agenda

Starting: 15:00 CET

Duration	Agenda item
03 min	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Welcome and housekeeping - session host.</i></li> </ul>
12 min	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Ms. Mariana de Assis Especie, Head of the Special Advisory Office for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Mines and Energy. <b>Brazil</b> - GCEP Chair.</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Inter-American Development Bank</b> - Co-host.</li> <li>▪ <i>Mr. Mike Enskat, Director Innovation and Technology Centre. <b>IRENA</b>.</i></li> </ul>
10 min	<b>Framing presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Ricardo Gorini, Head of REMAP, <b>IRENA</b>. [tbc]</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation: How regional outlooks can reveal relevant investment signals: system direction, infrastructure needs, sequencing, and uncertainty.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Mr. Juan Jose Garcia Mendez, GCEP Secretariat, <b>IRENA</b>.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation: Investor Signals from Energy Plans: A Framing for the Discussion.</i></p>
21 min	<b>Country presentations.</b> Country perspectives on how national planning signals investment direction in practice. <u>Key questions to explore:</u> <i>Which elements of your national planning process most clearly communicate investment direction, and what conditions help translate these signals into implementation and investment dialogue?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Representative from Government Energy Planning.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Representative from National Electricity Regulator.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Representative from Public-private investment institution.</i></li> </ul>
10 min	<b>Discussant Reflections</b> Finance and knowledge partners offer reflections on the themes emerging from the framing and the country cases.

Duration	Agenda item
35 min	<p><b>Panel Discussion.</b> Moderated exchange on the main themes emerging from the framing presentations, country perspectives, and discussant reflections, with attention to their implications for planning-to-investment dialogue in the region.</p> <p><b>Moderator: IRENA.</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Country representatives and discussants.</p>
04 min	<i>Closing and looking ahead - session host.</i>

### Guiding questions

- Which features of an energy plan make it more useful for financiers, regulators, utilities, and delivery institutions in your context?
- How should plans communicate investment direction in areas such as electrification, grid modernization, and system expansion?
- How can planning better signal investment direction in contexts shaped by transition pressures, infrastructure needs, and wider implementation conditions?