

## **Regional Dialogues on Planning-to-Investment**

### **Latin America and the Caribbean**

*2, 11, and 18 June 2026*

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#### **Background**

The transition to resilient, secure, affordable, and low-carbon energy supply systems requires not only sound technical planning but also a clear connection between planning, regulation, implementation, and the financial decisions that turn plans into infrastructure. Across regions, countries continue to produce strategies, integrated resource plans, and long-term scenarios and expansion plans of high analytical quality. The challenge today is no longer the absence of plans. It is the persistent gap between what plans communicate, what public agencies and private developers can deliver, how the regulatory framework incentivizes investment, and what financial actors can act on.

The [Global Coalition for Energy Planning](#) was established to help close this gap. Operating as a coordination and convening platform, the Coalition brings together governments, regulators, utilities and system operators, multilateral and national development banks, technical institutions, and selected private-sector voices around a shared agenda: making national energy planning more useful for the institutional, investment, and financial decisions that move the energy transition forward. The Coalition is currently chaired by the [Government of Brazil, through the Ministry of Mines and Energy](#), for the 2025–2026 cycle.

The Coalition's 2026 work is being implemented through regional Planning-to-Investment Dialogue Cycles. This reflects the fact that the planning-to-investment interface is shaped as much by regional institutional architecture, regulatory incentives, financing ecosystems, and political economy as by global frameworks. The Latin America and the Caribbean cycle will be the first in this regional sequence, reflecting the region's combination of mature planning institutions, decades of experience in competitive procurement, an active development banking architecture, and ongoing investment challenges in transmission, system flexibility, resilience, and integration of power systems.

The LAC Edition is co-hosted by the [Inter-American Development Bank](#), a leading regional development finance institution and a strategic partner on energy infrastructure, grids, and the broader planning-to-investment agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Cycle convenes planning, regulatory, finance, and implementation actors to discuss current practices, experiences, and priorities at the planning-to-investment interface, and to generate regional contributions that strengthen both the network of practitioners in the region and the wider work of the Coalition.

## Objective

To facilitate a regional dialogue on the planning-to-investment interface in Latin America and the Caribbean, sharing institutional experience among planning, regulatory, finance, and implementation actors and generating insights that inform the wider work of the Global Coalition for Energy Planning.

## Outcomes

The discussions, contributions, and insights collected during the LAC Dialogue Cycle will be synthesized and made available through a regional synthesis note and through the Coalition's wider outputs. The strategic outcomes of the Cycle are:

- a) Shared regional understanding of what makes national energy planning useful for credible investment discussions.
- b) Increased visibility of the institutional configurations that have connected planning, procurement, regulation, and finance into sustained investment in the region, including both public and private-led models.
- c) Strengthened collaboration among planning institutions, regulators, utilities, system operators, finance actors, and development partners across LAC.
- d) Greater awareness across the region of the planning-to-investment agenda and the work of the Global Coalition for Energy Planning.
- e) Regional contribution to the Coalition's global outputs and to the subsequent regional cycles in Asia, Africa, and Europe.

## Themes of the dialogue

The Cycle is organized around **three themes**, each anchoring one session of the series. The themes move the conversation from how plans are read by investment and implementation actors, to the technical and regulatory conditions that shape investability in the region, to the institutional configurations that turn plans into project pipelines. Across all three sessions, a lighter exploration thread runs in parallel: a working reflection on what investment-ready planning means in practice, drawing on the perspectives shared by participants and on the Coalition's ongoing analytical work.

The Cycle focuses on institutional experience, governance arrangements, and the conditions that shape how planning translates into investment. It is not designed to display country-level scenario results, debate national energy targets, or assess specific projects. Participants are invited to share institutional practices and reflections rather than present technical results.

### *Theme 1. Investor signals from energy plans*

National energy plans communicate a wide range of information to the institutions that finance, regulate, build, and operate the energy system. What planners write and what financiers, regulators, utilities, and developers read are not always the same. The **opening session** examines the planning-to-investment relationship from the perspective of those who use plans to make decisions: which signals reduce uncertainty, which commitments shape capital allocation, and which regulatory and incentive gaps most often slow the translation of plans into investment. The discussion brings together perspectives from relevant planning-to-investment actors to surface which signals and challenges carry most weight in LAC contexts and what approaches governments and investors have used or can advance to close them.

### *Theme 2. Grids, flexibility, and storage as investability conditions*

Across Latin America and the Caribbean, the credibility of energy plans increasingly depends on whether the network can absorb what generation portfolios promise. Transmission expansion, system flexibility, and storage have moved to the center of the planning-to-investment conversation, both as enablers of clean energy deployment and as constraints on its pace. **The second session focuses** on how plans should treat grid expansion, flexibility, and storage in ways that support credible investment discussions, including the role of regulatory clarity, anticipatory investment, procurement design, and the financing instruments that make these investments possible. The discussion places particular attention on the regional specificities of LAC, including the diversity of network configurations, the role of regional integration, and the distinct conditions of Caribbean systems.

### *Theme 3. Institutional configurations that mobilize capital*

A plan, however technically sound, rarely mobilizes investment on its own. The connection from plan to project pipeline depends on the institutional architecture around it: planning bodies, regulators, system operators, public and private financing institutions, procurement agencies, and the way they coordinate. Latin America and the Caribbean offer some of the most documented configurations of this kind, from competitive auction systems combined with national development banking, to regulatory models that have attracted private transmission investment, to integrated planning and resilience approaches in hazard-exposed systems. **The third session** explores what makes these configurations work, what is transferable across the region, and what kind of follow-on collaboration the Coalition can sustain to support country institutions and partners going forward.

## **Format**

The Dialogue Cycle consists of three online sessions of 90 minutes each, held weekly. The format is consistent across the three sessions to support continuity of the conversation. Each session opens with a short framing input from the Secretariat or co-host that introduces the proposed angle and draws on prior work and consultations of the Coalition. A reactor panel of selected experts then responds to the framing, bringing different institutional perspectives into the conversation. The dialogue then opens to country experiences, with government and private investment voices sharing how the topic plays out in their national context. A moderated discussion brings the country voices and the reactor panel into direct exchange, before the Secretariat closes with a brief synthesis and look-ahead.

The reactor panels are designed to bring together complementary institutional vantage points across the Cycle. Across the three sessions, reactors will typically include a regulator or system operator, a multilateral or national development bank, and one or two regional or international knowledge partners with substantive expertise on the theme of the session.

### Sessions outline

Session segment	Time (Total 90 minutes)
Welcome and framing of the session	05 minutes
Secretariat (or co-host) anchor input on the theme	07 minutes
Expert reactor panel – 2 or 3 short reactions from selected institutions.	15 minutes
Country experiences – 2 or 3 countries sharing experiences on the topic of the respective sessions	20 minutes
Moderated panel discussion with country voices and reactors	40 minutes
Closing and look-ahead	03 minutes

### Session Names:

- Regional Dialogues on Planning-to-Investment for Latin America and the Caribbean.  
Session 1: Investor signals from energy plans.
- Regional Dialogues on Planning-to-Investment for Latin America and the Caribbean.  
Session 2: Grids, flexibility, and storage as investability conditions.
- Regional Dialogues on Planning-to-Investment for Latin America and the Caribbean.  
Session 3: Institutional configurations and instruments that mobilize capital.

### Platform, language, and dates

**Platform:** Zoom Webinar. Sessions will be recorded for future reference.

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

**Dates:** The Cycle will run weekly, following the schedule below.

- Session 1: 2 June 2026. ([Registration](#))
- Session 2: 11 June 2026
- Session 3: 18 June 2026

## Partners

- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), in its capacity as Secretariat of the Global Coalition for Energy Planning.
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), as strategic co-host and finance anchor for the LAC Edition.
- Government of Brazil, through the Ministry of Mines and Energy, in its capacity as Chair of the Global Coalition for Energy Planning for the 2025–2026 cycle.
- Regional planning, regulatory, finance, and implementation institutions invited to contribute as anchor speakers, reactors, and discussants across the Cycle.

## Key questions to explore across the series

- What makes planning outputs actionable across institutions?
- How do grids, flexibility and storage change the credibility of national plans?
- Which institutional configurations have successfully converted plans into pipelines?