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11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Eco-innovation, the energy transition and sustainable production

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals underscore the urgent need to reconcile economic growth with greater social inclusion and environmental sustainability. It is therefore essential to make substantial changes in consumption and production patterns, and to move forward with a transition to cleaner energies. The creation of new productive capacities and the adoption of green technologies are two of the main challenges facing developing countries, and particularly the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this context, a set of policies and incentives need to be designed and implemented to address the shortcomings of companies and reconcile changes in consumption and production patterns, fostering the incorporation of green technologies and eco-innovation processes. These will be some of the factors analysed in this panel, in addition to the role of regulation and the creation of regional spaces for the development of sustainable solutions.

Moderator: Joseluis Samaniego, Chief of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC

Introductory remarks: René Kemp, Professor of Innovation and Sustainable Development at the University of Maastricht (Netherlands)

- Armando Rodríguez Batista, Deputy Minister for Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba
- Pedro Bernal Pérez, Director of Policies and Programmes of the National Council for Science, Technology and Technological Innovation (CONCYTEC) of Peru



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- Diego Roger, Director of Biofuels of the Secretariat of Energy of the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Argentina
- Carlos Eduardo Pereira, Director of Operations of the Brazilian Enterprise for Industrial Research and Innovation (EMBRAPII)
- Mónica Luz, international expert in eco-innovation and sustainability

Discussion and statements by the countries

12.30–1 p.m.

Adoption of agreements

1–2.30 p.m.

Round table: International cooperation and regional integration

International cooperation and regional integration are vital for the development of science, technology and innovation systems in Latin America and the Caribbean. It is essential to build new spaces for cooperation that enhance the scientific and technological development of countries, favour exchanges of research professionals, promote the flow of knowledge and attract foreign direct investment (FDI) in innovation. There is also high potential in the development, strengthening and interlinking of Latin American and Caribbean capacities, both within the region and with other regions, which foster the creation of centres of excellence in research and development.

The panel will address the challenges and opportunities that exist in the regional integration of science, technology and innovation systems, as well as the spaces that can be created to foster international cooperation in this area.

- Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- Diego Hurtado, Secretary for Planning and Policies on Science, Technology and Innovation of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Argentina
- Paola Vega Castillo, Minister of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica
- Jolita Butkeviciene, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean and Relations with all Overseas Countries and Territories, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA) of the European Commission (to be confirmed)
- Armstrong Alexis, Deputy Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Efraín Guadarrama, Director-General for American Regional Organizations and Mechanisms of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, in his capacity as Chair pro tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)

2.30 –2.45 p.m.

Closing session