



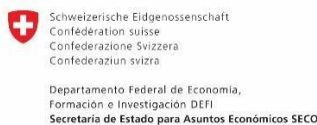
SEPTEMBER 9th - 10th | **SANTIAGO, CHILE**



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September, 9th		
District Energy to accelerate energy transition and decarbonization		
Time	Topic	Speakers
09:00 – 09:25 (25 min)	Registration	
09:25 – 09:45 (20 min)	Welcome and Conference Framework	Diego Pardow, Minister of Energy Chile Maisa Rojas, Minister of Environment Chile Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainable Energy Agency Luis Munuera, Cities Unit, UN Environment
09:45 – 10:05 (20 min)	Keynote speak	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
10:05 – 10:25 (20 min)	Overview of the world's district energy market	Upasana Varma, Global Lead - Cities, International Finance Corporation - IFC
10:25 – 10:35 (10 min)	Public policies for enabling district energy in Chile, in the framework of energy decarbonization	Julio Maturana, Head of Sustainable Energy Division, Ministry of Energy, Chile
10:35 – 10:45 (10 min)	The role of district energy in the mitigating of the local and global pollutants	Cristian Tolvett, Head of Air quality Division, Ministry of Environment, Chile
10:45 – 10:55 (10 min)	National support for district energy projects – National District Energy Office (NDEO)	Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainable Energy Agency
10:55 – 11:20 (25 min)	Coffee break	

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11:20 – 11:35 (15 min)	District energy in Asia	Zhuolun Chen, Senior Expert, UNEP CCC
11:35 – 11:50 (15 min)	District cooling in MENA region	TBD, Empower
11:50 – 12:05 (15 min)	District energy in Europe	Clara Camarasa, Senior Expert, UNEP CCC
12:05 – 12:20 (15 min)	District energy in North America	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
12:20 – 12:40 (20 min)	Net Zero in cities	TBD, ASHRAE
12:40 – 13:00 (20 min)	Q&A session	
13:00 – 14:30 (90 min)	Lunch at the event	
14:30 – 14:50 (20 min)	District Energy from the 1 st to the 5 th generation	Morten Duedahl, Business Development Manager, Danish Board of District Heating - DBDH
14:50 – 15:50 (60 min)	Business Roadshow Moderator: Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA	Sponsor 1: Empower
		Sponsor 2: Energy Tracking
		Sponsor 3: Veolia
		Sponsor 4: TBD
15:50 – 16:00 (10 min)	District energy market potential in Chile	Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager, National District Energy Office, Sustainable Energy Agency

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16:00 – 16:20 (20 min)	Announcement of the first public tender for a district heating and cooling project in Santiago, Moderator: Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainable Energy Agency	To be confirmed
16:20 – 16:40 (20 min)	Group photo Open subscription to the district energy ambassador network	
16:40 – 18:30+ (110+ min)	Networking cocktail	

September, 10th
Promotion of district energy projects in Chile and Latin America and the Caribbean

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:30 – 09:50 (20 min)	Technical details of the first pilot project in Chile: District Heating and Cooling in Santiago, Chile	Alberto Pizarro, Director, Innova Recoleta
09:50 – 10:50 (60 min)	Conversation Panel /Q&A: Financing large-scale projects Moderator: Felipe Mellado, Geothermal and District Energy Unit, Ministry of Energy, Chile	Upasana Varma, Global Lead- Cities, International Finance Corporation - IFC
		Alexander Sharabaroff, Senior energy specialist, World Bank - WB (tbc)
		Claudia Valdés, Principal investment officer Chile, International Development Bank - IDB Invest
		Jaime Tramón, GCF focal point, Ministry of Finance, Chile (tbc)
10:50 – 11:15 (25 min)	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:15 (60 min)	Conversation Panel / Q&A: Colombian experience on District Energy deployment Moderator: Angélica Antolínez, National Coordinator- Colombia, Energy Districts Initiative, UNIDO	Cristina Mariaca, Global coordinator, Energy Districts, UNIDO
		Ministry of Energy, Colombia
		Developer, Colombia
		Edgar Botero, CEO, MGM Innova Energy Services
12:15 – 13:15 (60 min)		LAC Country 1: Ecuador
		LAC Country 2: Brazil

	Conversation Panel / Q&A: Energy districts in LAC cities Moderator: Medardo Cadenas, Advisor of the Executive Secretary, OLADE (tbc)	LAC Country 3: (TBD)
		LAC Country 4: Colombia - Ricardo Baquero, UNIDO
13:15 – 14:35 (80 min) Lunch at the event		
14:35 – 15:20 (45 min)	Conversation panel / Q&A: Concessions and other business models for project execution Moderator: Rubén Muñoz, Head of Geothermal and District Energy Unit, Ministry of Energy, Chile	Clara Camarasa, Senior Expert, UNEP - CCC
		Sergio Gritti, Head of the concessions committee, Chilean Chamber of Construction, Chile (tbc)
		Juan Eduardo Chaquiel, Ministry of Public Works, Chile
		Mónica Gazmuri, Executive Director, ANESCO Chile
15:20 – 16:05 (45 min)	Conversation Panel / Q&A: Market opportunities for new businesses associated with district energy in Chile Moderator: Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager, National District Energy Office, Sustainable Energy Agency	National Renewable Energies Association – ACERA (tbc)
		Maite Cerda, Director, Solar Energy Chilean Association
		Juan Meriches, Executive Director, National Association of Electrical Companies
		Natural Gas Association (tbc)
16:05 – 16:30 (25 min) Coffee break		
16:30 – 17:15 (45 min)	Conversation Panel / Q&A: Energy Efficiency in Buildings, Sustainable Construction, and District Energy Deployment	Luis Munuera, Senior Expert, Cities Unit, UN Environment
		María Fernanda Aguirre, Executive Director, Green Building Council Chile

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	<p>Moderator: Camila Vergara, Director of the National District Energy Office, Sustainable Energy Agency</p>	<p>Katherine Martínez, Environmental Sustainability Leader, CDT - Chilean Chamber of Construction</p>
		<p>TBD, Technical Division of Studies, Ministry of Housing Chile</p>
<p>17:15 – 17:30 (15 min)</p>	<p>Closure: Rosa Riquelme / Julio Maturana</p>	
<p>17:30 – 18:00</p>	<p>Participation Diploma</p>	