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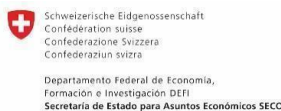


District Energy International Conference LAC 2025

Agenda

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September, 9 th - Morning session		
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, Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile Luis Munuera, Cities Unit, UN Environment
09:45 – 10:00 (15 min)	Keynote speak	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
10:00 – 10:15 (15 min)	District energy in Chile, in the framework of energy decarbonization of the Ministry of Energy	Julio Maturana, Head of Sustainable Energy Division, Ministry of Energy of Chile
10:15 – 10:30 (15 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 of Chile
10:30 – 10:45 (15 min)	National support for district energy projects – National District Energy Office (NDEO)	Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile
10:45 – 11:05 (20 min)	Achieving the long term vision for district cooling market globally	Ahmad Bin Shafar, CEO, Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation - Empower
11:05 – 11:30 (25 min)	Coffee break	

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Round of technical talks: Overview of District Energy in different regions		
11:30 – 11:45 (15 min)	Overview of the world's district energy emerging markets	Upasana Varma, Global Lead - Cities, International Finance Corporation - IFC
11:45 – 12:00 (15 min)	District energy in Asia	Zhuolun Chen, Senior Advisor, UNEP CCC
12:00– 12:15 (15 min)	District energy in North America	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
12:15– 12:30 (15 min)	Net Zero in cities and the role of District Energy	Frank Mills, Distinguished Lecturer, ASHRAE
12:30 – 13:00 (30 min)	Questions and answers to all speakers Moderator: Nicolás Hurtado, Senior Engineer, National District Energy Office (NDEO), Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile	
13:00 – 14:30 (90 min)	Lunch at the event	

September, 9 th - Afternoon session District Energy to accelerate energy transition and decarbonization		
Time	Topic	Speakers
14:30 – 14:50 (20 min)	Success factors for district heating - experiences from Europe	Morten Jordt 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	Ahmad Bin Shafar, Empower, United Arab Emirates
		Hermes Silva, Energy Tracking, Chile
		Gabriel Orue, Veolia, Chile - France
		Juan Carlos Gómez, EPM, Colombia
		Daniel Rosas, Johnson Controls, Chile
15:50 – 16:05 (15 min)	District energy market potential in Chile	Mauricio Riveros, Energy Sectorial Leader - Invest Chile
		Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager, National District Energy Office (NDEO), Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile
16:05 – 16:30 (25 min)	Announcement of the first public tender for a district heating and cooling project in Santiago, Chile Moderator: Felipe Mellado, District Energy Coordinator, Ministry of Energy of Chile	Agustín Iglesias, Mayor of the Municipality of Independencia Fares Jadue, Mayor of the Municipality of Recoleta
16:30 – 18:30 (120 min)	Networking cocktail	

September, 10 th - Morning session		
Promotion of district energy projects in Chile and Latin America and the Caribbean		
Time	Topic	Speakers
09:15 – 09:35 (20 min)	Technical details of the first pilot project in Chile: District Heating and Cooling in Santiago, Chile	Alberto Pizarro, Director, Municipal Corporation for Innovation and Economic and Social Development - INNOVA Recoleta
09:35 – 10:35 (60 min)	Discussion Panel: Concessions and other business models for project execution Moderator: Rubén Muñoz, Head of Geothermal and District Energy Unit, Ministry of Energy of Chile	Morten Jordt Duedahl, Business Development Manager, Danish Board of District Heating - DBDH
		Sergio Gritti, Head of the concessions committee, Chilean Chamber of Construction, Chile
		Juan Eduardo Chackiel, Head of Studies and Financial Analysis Division, Ministry of Public Works, Chile
		Mónica Gazmuri, Executive Director, ANESCO Chile
10:35 – 11:00 (25 min)	Coffee break	

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11:00 – 12:00 (60 min)	Discussion Panel: Colombian experience on Energy Districts deployment Moderator: Angélica Antolínez, National Coordinator-Colombia, Energy Districts Initiative, UNIDO	Cristina Mariaca, Global coordinator, Energy Districts Initiative, UNIDO
		Eulogio Solarte, Coordinator of the Regulations Group, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Colombia
		Juan Carlos Gómez, Assistant Manager of Gas Distribution, Gas Management, EPM
		Edgar Botero, CEO, MGM Innova Energy Services
12:00 – 13:00 (60 min)	Discussion Panel: District Energy in LAC cities Moderator: Medardo Cadenas, Advisor of the Executive Secretary, OLADE	Felipe Raats, ARAVA, Brazil
		Ernesto Acevedo, Director of Renewable Energy of the Vice Ministry of Innovation and Energy Transition, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Dominican Republic
		Trinidad and Tobago (To be confirmed)
		Ricardo Baquero, Energy Efficiency and Management Expert, UNIDO, Colombia
13:00 – 14:00 (60 min)	Lunch at the event	

September, 10 th - Afternoon session		
Promotion of district energy projects in Chile and Latin America and the Caribbean		
Time	Topic	Speakers
14:00 – 14:45 (45 min)	Discussion Panel: National and international financing mechanisms Moderator: Clara Camarasa, Senior Advisor, UNEP - CCC	Upasana Varma, Global Lead - Cities, International Finance Corporation - IFC
		Alexander Sharabaroff, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank - WB
		Claudia Valdés, Principal investment officer Chile, International Development Bank - IDB Invest
		Alejandra Rudnick, Deputy Manager of Corporate and Institutional Projects, State Bank, Chile
14:45 – 15:30 (45 min)	Discussion Panel: Market opportunities for new businesses associated with district energy in Chile Moderator: Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager, Oficina Nacional de Energía Distrital, Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile	Ana Lía Rojas, Executive Director, National Renewable Energies Association – ACERA (to be confirmed)
		Maite Cerda, Director, Solar Energy Chilean Association - ACESOL
		Daniela Espinoza, Manager of the Chilean Biomass Association - AChBiom
		Juan Meriches, Executive Director, National Association of Electrical Companies
15:30 – 16:00 (30 min)	Discussion Panel: Importance of energy efficiency in buildings for the development of district energy Moderator: Pablo Rubilar, Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile	Luis Munuera, Senior Expert, Cities Unit, UN Environment
		María Fernanda Aguirre, Executive Director, Green Building Council Chile
		Katherine Martínez, Environmental Sustainability Leader, CDT - Chilean Chamber of Construction
16:00 – 16:20 (20 min)	Closing Coffee break	