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Agenda

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September, 9th - 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	Luis Felipe Ramos, Undersecretary of Energy, Chile Maisa Rojas, Minister of Environment, Chile Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile Juan Bello, Regional Director and Representative, Latin America and the Caribbean Office, UN Environment
09:45 – 10:00 (15 min)	Keynote speech	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
10:00 – 10:15 (15 min)	Development of district energy in Chile	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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11:30 – 11:45 (15 min)	Overview of the world's district energy emerging markets	Upasana Varma / Alexander Sharabaroff - Global Lead - Cities / Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank group
11:45 – 13:15 (90 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 Orué, Veolia, LAC - Iberia
		Juan Carlos Gómez, EPM, Colombia
		Daniel Rosas, Johnson Controls, Southern Cone - LAC
		Mauricio Riveros, InvestChile
13:15 – 14:30 (75 min)	**Lunch**	

September, 9th - Afternoon session District Energy to accelerate energy transition and decarbonization		
Time	Topic	Speakers
Round of technical talks: Overview of District Energy in different regions		
14:30 – 14:45 (15 min)	Success factors for district heating - experiences from Europe	Morten Jordt Duedahl, Business Development Manager, Danish Board of District Heating - DBDH
14:45 – 15:00 (15 min)	District energy in Asia	Zhuolun Chen, Senior Advisor, UNEP CCC
15:00– 15:15 (15 min)	District energy in North America	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
15:15– 15:30 (15 min)	Net Zero in cities and the role of District Energy	Frank Mills, Distinguished Lecturer, ASHRAE
15:30 – 16:00 (30 min)	Questions and answers to all speakers Moderator: Nicolás Hurtado, Senior Engineer, National District Energy Office, Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile	
16:00 – 16:15 (15 min)	District energy market potential in Chile	Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager, National District Energy Office (NDEO), Sustainability Energy Agency, Chile
16:15 – 16:45 (30 min)	**Announcement of the first public tender for a district heating and cooling project in Santiago, Chile** Moderator: Felipe Mellado, Geothermal and District Energy Unit, Ministry of Energy, Chile	Agustín Iglesias, Mayor of the Municipality of Independencia Fares Jadue, Mayor of the Municipality of Recoleta
16:45 – 18:45 (120 min)	**Networking cocktail**	

September, 10th - 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
		Fabián Govorcin, Head of the Department of Private Initiatives of the General Directorate of Concessions of the Ministry of Public Works of Chile
		Mónica Gazmuri, Executive Director, ANESCO Chile
10:35 – 11:00 (25 min)	**Coffee break**	

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Time	Topic	Speakers
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 Cadena, 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
		Anselm Simon, Project Manager - Energy Efficiency through the development of low-carbon RAC Technologies in Trinidad and Tobago Project, UNDP, Trinidad and Tobago
		Ricardo Baquero, Energy Efficiency and Management Expert, UNIDO, Colombia
13:00 – 14:00 (60 min)	**Lunch**	

September, 10th - 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
		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	Clara Camarasa, Senior Advisor, UNEP CCC
		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**	