

FOSTERING RENEWABLE ENERGY IN NORTH AMERICA: MEXICAN OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES



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Preliminary Outline
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Purpose:

- Assess the capacity building needs in North America, particularly in Mexico.
- Help the CEC Renewable Energy Expert Committee and the Parties identify and prioritize activities and capacity building.

This will be achieved through five panel discussions. Each panellist will provide a brief presentation on selected topics, then all participants will join in a moderated discussion. The first panel will set the stage by discussing the regulatory, institutional and market-based activities affecting renewable energy deployment in Mexico. The next three panels will focus on specific sources of renewable energy. The final panel will discuss potential way forward that could be achieved through cooperation.

Potential Participants:

Environmental and energy policy makers at the federal, state and municipal level; energy experts; indigenous and community representatives; industry experts (users and producers); renewable energy consumers.

Meeting Outline

- 9:00 – 9:10** **Welcome and opening remarks**
Adrián Vázquez, Executive Director, CEC
- 9:10 – 9:20** **CEC renewable energy project objectives and meeting goals**
Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade & Environment Program
- 9:20 – 11:20** **Panel on the State of Mexican renewable energy markets**
Federal regulation & incentives
State regulation & incentives
International opportunities
Large buyers
Financing

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11:20 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Wind energy panel

Current status

Barriers

What can be done

12:30 – 13:30 Biomass energy panel

Current status

Barriers

What can be done

13:30 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 16:30 Solar energy panel

Thermal current status

PV current status

Barriers

What can be done

16:30 – 17:50 Fostering North American Cooperation in Renewable Energy

US EPA

Environment Canada,

SEMARNAT

17:50 – 18:00 Coffee break

18:00—19:00 Prioritizing Cooperative Activities

Chantal Line Carpentier, Trade & Environment Program, CEC

19:00 Adjournment