

**Notes on CEM LTES Campaign participation in:**

**United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American and The Caribbean  
“3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Energy Planners Forum”**

**October 23, 2019, Lima, Peru**



The Regional Energy Planners Forum, organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, is a permanent forum for cooperation that summons the teams and entities involved in energy planning in Latin America. The objective of the forum is to co-ordinately generate the necessary knowledge that leads to the long-term planning of sustainable, safe and affordable energy systems, pointing to the complementarity in the Region within the framework of an energy transition.

The theme of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum is “Towards sustainable regional integration,” which calls on regional energy stakeholders to collaborate and accelerate efforts towards further regional integration based on the complementarity of renewable energy resources. The meeting gathered over 35 experts from 10 Latin American countries and intergovernmental organisations. During the meeting discussions touched on the direct dependence of regional integration to the quality of the energy systems infrastructure. In this regard, participants agreed that it is essential to understand the needs for expansion and adaptation of the transmission and distribution infrastructure, with the geographic distribution of variable renewable resources, the associated generation projects and the location of the main load centres. It was concluded that this aspect is essential to avoid bottlenecks in the dispatch of renewable power. These and other issues were dealt with in the 3<sup>rd</sup> forum, to address these challenges with a regional vision and seek the most appropriate solutions.

Insights from the LTES campaign were featured in a session called “Global practices in the use and development of long-term energy scenarios for the clean energy transition”. Experiences from Chile and Brazil, both members of the LTES campaign, were showcased as examples of good practice. Dr Giovanni Machado, Director of Energy & Economic Studies of Brazil’s Energy Planning Office, intervened in the session to comment on Brazil’s good experience in participating in CEM’s LTES Campaign.

The next Regional Energy Planners Forum is planned for March-April 2020 in Central America and will be hosted by the Central American Integration System (SICA).

The complete agenda of the 3rd Regional Energy Planners Forum and other LTES campaign events can be found [here](#).

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