

CONNECTING THE AMERICAS 2022

[Connecting the Americas 2022](#) is a regional initiative that seeks to create a business environment to accelerate the development of renewable energy, attract private investments, and bring the best in energy technology to the market with the aim of delivering affordable electricity to all communities in the Americas by 2022. This initiative, which is being led by Colombia and the United States, was launched at the Sixth Summit of the Americas in April 2012. Five months later, the region's foreign ministers met in New York to further discussions on the strengthening of regulatory frameworks and electrical interconnections to achieve access to electricity for all citizens within a decade and improve the quality of life of the peoples of the Americas.



SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

Promote and/or optimize electrical interconnection and foster the development of renewable energy generation in the Americas. (Integration of Physical Infrastructure in the Americas)

ACTIONS:

- Support for projects of smart grid technology in Latin America.
- Technical assistance to support the development of commercially sustainable energy exchanges between regions of Central America, Mexico and Colombia.
- Studies of electrical inter-connectivity between Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands and St. Kitts and Nevis.
- Ministerial dialogue with countries in the Caribbean, donor governments and regional institutions to discuss possible electrical connections via underwater cables and development of renewable energy.
- Improvement of electricity trade between the US and Canada through the consultative energy mechanism.

SEE ALSO:

- Sustainable Energy Access for the Latin America - Caribbean Region ([OLADE](#)).
- [U.S.-Mexico Cross Border Electricity Task Force](#) to promote renewable energy resources between both countries.
- [Clinton, Colombia's Foreign Minister Meet to Advance Connecting the Americas 2022](#)

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