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Central America Energy: Renewables, Integration & Investment
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Agenda

December 11

9:00 – 6:00 *OAS Forum on Sustainable Energy for Central and North America*
For more details: <http://www.oas.org/dsd/reia/MeetingSICA.htm>

7:00 – 9:00 *Cocktail Reception at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence*
Buses depart Hotel Intercontinental at 6:30 pm

December 12

8:00 **Coffee and Registration**

8:30 **Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Regional Government Participants**
Matthew Rooney, Director, Economic Policy and Summit of the Americas
Coordination for Western Hemisphere Affairs, United States Department of State

Jeffrey Davidow, President, Institute of the Americas

9:00 **Investment Opportunities – Analysis of Increased Investor Activity in Central America and Consolidating Growth**
Moderated by: David Weaver, Managing Partner & Chairman of the Board, Intercap Institutional Investors, LLC

Paul York, Vice President, Business Development – Americas, Globeleq

Steve Ihnot, CFO, Mesoamerica Energy

John Moran, Director of Business Development and Client Relations - Insurance, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)

10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Diversifying the Energy Matrix – The Role and Opportunities for Biofuels**
Moderated by: George Philippidis, Associate Director, Applied Research Center (ARC), Florida International University (FIU)

David Walden, Bioenergy Program Officer, Winrock International

Judy Siegel, President, Energy & Security Group

Deborah Haggard, President, Arkel Sugar, Inc.

12:00 Lunch

Central America & the Implications of US Economic Slow Down and the Credit Crunch for Central American Economies and Energy Projects

Roger Tissot, Energy Fellow, Institute of the Americas

1:30 The Challenges and Opportunities for Energy Integration – Discussion of SIEPAC, LNG and Natural Gas and Why Integration is Important

Moderated by: Jeremy Martin, Director, Energy Program, Institute of the Americas

Jorge Kamine, Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Mauricio Palacios, Commercial Manager, Cutuco LNG

2:30 Coffee Break

3:00 Diversifying the Energy Matrix – The Role and Opportunities for Renewables, Energy Efficiency and Carbon Credits

Moderated by: Jeremy Martin, Director, Energy Program, Institute of the Americas

Dino Barajas, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Jorge Barrigh, Managing Director for Latin America, Natsource

Rick Lammers, General Manager, Arctas Capital Group

Elsia Paz, President, Renewable Energy Federation for Central America & the Caribbean (FERCCA)

4:30 Closing Remarks