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Climate Change and Sustainable Forests Expert, Jeff Soule, to Visit Guatemala on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., August 02, 2013 – [Jeff Soule](#), a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling from August 4th to August 8th, 2013 to participate in meetings and events in Guatemala including the seminar on Innovation, Science and Technology for the Energy-Efficient Development of Central America: Transport. Senior ECPA Fellow Jeff Soule works as the Director of Outreach and International Programs at the American Planning Association and is representing the [Sustainable Communities in Central America and the Caribbean](#) Initiative.

[The Senior ECPA Fellows](#) program is a network of high-level technical experts in the fields of climate change and energy who travel between countries in the Western Hemisphere to consult with governments or other institutions. The program is sponsored by the [U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs](#) and is administered by [Partners of the Americas](#). There are currently [20 Senior ECPA Fellows](#) who participate in these international exchanges. The main areas of focus for the program are: energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy infrastructure, energy poverty and access, sustainable forestry and land use, and climate change adaptation.

During his visit to Guatemala, Jeff Soule will participate in the meeting with the [Landivar University](#) in Guatemala City with the Dean of Architecture, the Director of the [Research Institute of Architecture and Design \(INDIS\)](#), the Director of the [master's program in urban design](#), and the researchers in the area of urban design INDIS. Then, Dr. Soule will attend the Research and Regional Scientific Development Forum and will meet with Edwin Rodas, Vice Minister of Energy and Mines in Guatemala. Senior ECPA Fellow Jeff Soule will lead a presentation on Planning for energy conservation at the Seminar on Innovation, Science and Technology for the Energy-Efficient Development of Central America: Transport. He will also facilitate one of the roundtables about energy and transport at the Seminar.

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