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**Adaptation and Urban Sustainable Design Expert Mariapaz Gutierrez
to Visit Colombia On Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows**



Washington, DC, November 16th, 2014 – [Mariapaz Gutierrez](#), a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling on November 15th to November 20th to participate in [follow up meetings](#) on her previous visit to Colombia in May, 2014. These will include advising the Colombian government on the Low Carbon Resilient Development (LCRD) program and its implementation. Senior ECPA Fellow Mariapaz Gutierrez is an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

During her visit to Colombia, Mariapaz Gutierrez will advise the Government of Colombia on how to implement the Low Carbon Resilient Development (LCRD) program for cities and investigate potential sustainability design opportunities in the Colombian cities of Valledupar and Riohacha. She will share knowledge with the local management team of the program. Dr. Gutierrez will travel to Valledupar to visit the affordable housing projects with [the Mayorality of Valledupar](#) and will hold meetings with the Local team of [the Office of Risk Management](#) and with the [Regional Autonomous Corporation \(Corpocesar\)](#). She will also travel to Riohacha to visit the affordable housing projects with [the Mayorality of Riohacha](#) and she will participate in meetings with the Autonomus Regional Corporation (Corpoguajira) of [the Adaptation Fund](#), with Fundacion Creaqua and with the Local Team of [the Office of Risk Management](#)..

[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 [10 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.

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