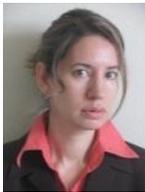




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Adaptation and Urban Sustainable Design Expert Mariapaz Gutierrez Visits Chile On Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, DC, March 25, 2015 – [Mariapaz Gutierrez](#), a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), traveled to Chile from March 12-18 to participate in meetings in Santiago and Temuco concerning sustainable urban infrastructure and the development of efficient energy networks. The visit included consultations with the Organization of American States (OAS) as well as the Chilean Ministries of Energy, Environment, and Housing. Dr. Gutierrez is an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

During her visit to Chile, Dr. Gutierrez advised representatives from the Government of Chile and the OAS on weatherization of buildings and other sustainable urban infrastructure projects. She shared knowledge of biomass power in the context of Chile's energy index with the Ministry of Energy and the National Forestry Corporation, assisting in their efforts to find green energy solutions while protecting natural ecosystems. Dr. Gutierrez consulted with the Ministry of the Environment concerning air pollution related to residential heating methods and the government's new Atmospheric Decontamination project, offering suggestions both for housing solutions and future collaboration. While in Temuco for a site visit to the [Feria Internacional de Dendroenergía](#), Dr. Gutierrez also met with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development concerning sustainable housing.

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