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### **Sustainable Development Expert Jeff Soule to Visit Bolivia on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows**



**Washington, D.C., April 22<sup>th</sup>, 2013**– Jeff Soule, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling April 22<sup>nd</sup>- April 29<sup>th</sup> to Bolivia to participate in workshops and meetings around sustainable energy solutions. Mr. Soule works at the [American Planning Association](#) as the Director of Outreach and International Programs.

[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.

Mr. Soule is an expert in sustainable urban planning and development and will facilitate a conference in La Paz entitled, "Financial Options for the Development and Implementation of a National Energy Efficiency Policy for the Plurinational State of Bolivia." This event will convene members of the Ministry of Hydrocarbon and Energy of Bolivia with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Andean Development Corporation (CAF). Following the conference, Mr. Soule will participate in a workshop to discuss proposals for the establishment of a new national energy efficiency policy with a specific focus on the management of rural and urban planning. To continue these conversations, Mr. Soule will meet with the Mayors of La Paz, Cochabamba, and Santa Cruz as well as lecture at Universidad Catolica, UNIVALLE, and Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz.

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