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



Washington, DC, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – [Mariapaz Gutierrez](#), a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling on May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup> to participate in meetings and events in Colombia including 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 several Colombian cities, and share knowledge with the local management team of the program. Mariapaz will also hold meetings with the [Ministry of Environment](#), the [Ministry of Housing](#), the Ministry of Mining and Energy (specifically [UPME](#), their energy and mining planning section), and the National Department of Planning ([DNP](#)) to discuss the experiences and the expectations of adaptive housing. She will also meet with donors supporting sustainable urban planning and hold an informative discussion with the [Colombian Council for Sustainable Buildings](#). Finally, she will meet with representatives from Universidad de La Salle to discuss energy programs and collaborations.

[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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