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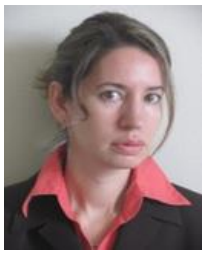
Adaptation and Urban Sustainable Design Expert, Mariapaz Gutierrez, to Visit Peru On Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., July 23, 2014 – Mariapaz Gutierrez, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling July 13th – July 19th to participate in meetings and events in Peru related to green initiatives and programs in architectural design, including meetings with USAID, the Peruvian Green Building Council, the Peruvian Ministry of Housing, and the Acate Amazon Conservation. Senior ECPA Fellow Mariapaz Gutierrez works in the Department of Architecture at the University of California Berkeley as an Assistant Professor.

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.

During her visit to Peru, Ms. Gutierrez will meet with USAID which will focus on Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC LEDS) and the Low Carbon Resilience Program. In addition, she will be meeting with the Peruvian Green Building Council and the Peruvian Ministry of Housing to discuss green building and LEED processes. Ms. Gutierrez will be attending the Sustainable Cities Ser on July 15th which will include speakers from the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Housing, NGO- Red Regenerativa, and local government officials. Ms. Gutierrez will also visit the city of Iquitos to connect with the Acate Amazon Conservation Group, indigenous youth, Matses Leaders and the Matses Student Group. During Ms. Gutierrez's visit to Iquitos, she will be working with Acate Amazon Conservation to develop a retrofit pilot model for a health clinic post in Buenas Lomas (Matses region).This pilot aims to establish integrative energy independence and water and waste treatment. These meetings will be followed by a tour of Iquitos including site visits to Belen Market, the Mazusa Port and a sewage treatment facility and a visit to the town of Tamshiyacu, Rio Amazonas. Lastly, Ms. Gutierrez will present on the topic of green initiatives and programs in architectural design to local university students studying urbanism, environmental conditioning, and architecture.

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