



SEPTEMBER 8th - 10th | **SANTIAGO, CHILE**

District Energy **LAC International Conference 2025**

Preliminary Agenda*

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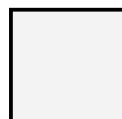
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Day 1 District Energy to accelerate energy transition and decarbonization		
Time	Topic	Speakers
09:00 – 09:25 (15 min)	Registration	
09:25 – 09:45 (20 min)	Welcome and Conference Framework	Diego Pardow, Minister of Energy Chile Maisa Rojas, Minister of Environment Chile Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainable Energy Agency Susana Jimenez, Director, Production and Trade Confederation Asher Lessels, Task manger, UNEP / GEF
09:45 – 10:05 (20 min)	Keynote speak	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
10:05 – 10:20 (15 min)	Public policies for enabling district energy in Chile, in the framework of energy decarbonization	Julio Maturana, Head of Sustainable Energy Division, Ministry of Energy, Chile
10:20 – 10:35 (15 min)	The role of district energy in the mitigating of the local and global pollutants	Andrés Pica, Head of Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment, Chile
10:35 – 10:50 (15 min)	National support for district energy projects – National District Energy Office (NDEO)	Rosa Riquelme, Executive Director, Sustainable Energy Agency
10:50 – 11:15 (25 min)	Coffee break	
11:15 – 11:30 (15 min)	Net Zero in cities with district energy	Benjamin Hickman, Cities Unit, UNEP
11:30 – 11:45 (15 min)	District energy in Asia (examples)	Zhuolun Chen, Senior Expert, UNEP CCC

11:45 – 12:00 (15 min)	District energy in East Europe/Denmark (examples)	Cristián Cabrera, Danish Energy Agency
12:00 – 13:00 (60 min)	Conversation Panel: Colombian experience on district Energy development Moderator: Cristina Mariaca, Energy Districts, UNIDO, Colombia	District cooling end user in Colombia
		City Officer, Colombia
		Utility, Colombia
		Energy Districts Initiative
13:00 – 14:30 (90 min)	Lunch at the event	
14:30 – 14:50 (20 min)	Overview of the world's district energy market	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association – IDEA
14:50 – 15:50 (60 min)	Business Roadshow – District Energy 4 th and 5 th generation projects. Moderator: Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA	Sponsor 1: Empower
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		Danish Board of District Heating
15:50 – 16:00 (10 min)	District energy market potential in Chile	Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager, National District Energy Office
16:00 – 16:20 (20 min)	Announcement of the first public tender for a district heating and cooling project in Santiago,	Recoleta Mayor, Fared Jadue
	Roberto Celis, Sustainable Energy Agency	Independencia Mayor, Agustín Iglesias
16:20 – 18:00+ (100+ min)	Networking cocktail	

Day 2

Promotion of district energy projects in Chile and Latin America and the Caribbean

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00 – 09:20 (20 min)	District Heating and Cooling pilot project in Santiago, Chile	Alberto Pizarro, Director, Innova Recoleta
09:20 – 10:05 (45 min)	Conversation panel: Concessions and other business models for project execution Moderator: Felipe Mellado, Ministry of Energy of Chile	Cristian Cabrera, Danish Energy Agency
		Sergio Gritti, Head of the concessions committee, Chilean Construction Chamber, Chile
		Juan Eduardo Chaquiel, Ministry of Public Works, Chile
		Mónica Gazmuri, Executive Director, ANESCO Chile
10:05 – 10:50 (45 min)	Conversation Panel: Market opportunities for new businesses associated with district energy in Chile Moderator: Rubén Muñoz, Head of the district energy and geothermal Unit, Ministry of Energy, Chile	National Renewable Energies Association – ACERA
		National Association of Electrical Companies
		National Sanitary Water Association
		Natural Gas Association
10:50 – 11:15 (25 min)	Coffee break	
11:15 – 11:30 (15 min)	Opportunities in greenfield Urban Housing Project	Victor Gonzalez, Regional Housing Service, Maule
11:30 – 12:15 (45 min)	Conversation Panel: Regional Governments Moderator: Pilar Lapuente, Project Manager National District Energy Office	Regional Government, Santiago Smart City Corporation
		Regional Government, Maule, Chile
		Regional Government, Araucanía, Chile
		Regional Government, Magallanes, Chile

12:15 – 13:00 (45min)	Conversation Panel: Energy districts in LAC cities Moderator: Carolina Riobó, Senior engineer, National District Energy Office	LAC City 1
		LAC City 2
		LAC City 3, Cristina Mariaca, Colombia
		Mijal Brady, Chief of Staff to the Executive Secretary of OLADE
13:00 – 14:30 (90 min)	Lunch at the event	
14:30 – 14:45 (15 min)	Campus Energy: US Examples of private district energy models (Campus energy, condominiums)	Rob Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association - IDEA
14:45 – 15:35 (45 min)	Conversation Panel: Energy Efficiency in buildings, Sustainable Construction, and District energy deployment Moderator: Camila Vergara, Director, National District Energy Office	Luis Munuera, Cities Unit, UNEP
		Sergio Díaz, Sustainability manager, Chilean Chamber of Construction
		Macarena Ortiz Arrieta, Sustainable construction expert, Ministry of Housing Chile
15:35 – 16:00 (25 min)	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00 (60 min)	Conversation Panel: Financing large-scale projects Moderator: Benjamin Hickman, Cool coalition, UNEP	Upasana Varma, District energy, IFC
		Alexander Sharabaroff, Senior energy specialist, World Bank
		Claudia Valdéz, Principal investment officer, IDB Invest
		Mauricio Riveros, Energy sector leader, Invest Chile
		Jaime Tramón, GCF focal point, Ministry of Finance of Chile
17:00 – 17:15 (15 min)	Closure	Rosa Riquelme / Julio Maturana

Day 3**Workshop: District Energy Planning (limited seating)**

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00 – 09:20 (20 min)	Energy Mapping	Trupti Yargattimath, UNEP CCC
09:20 – 09:40 (20 min)	District energy planning	Clara Camarasa, UNEP CCC
09:40 – 10:40 (60 min)	Workshop:	UNEP Cities Unit UNEP – CCC team National District Energy Office, Chile
10:40 – 11:05 (25 min)	Coffee break	
11:05 – 11:25 (20 min)	District energy Development	Zhuolun Chen, UNEP CCC
11:25 – 12:25 (60 min)	Roundtable conversation	UNEP Cities Unit UNEP – CCC team National District Energy Office, Chile