The Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) leads the Department of State's and U.S. government's efforts to forge international energy policy, strengthen U.S. and global energy security, and respond to energy challenges from around the world that affect U.S. economic interests and national security.

ENR's principal goals include:

- ensuring the energy security of the United States, our partners, and our allies by supporting the diversification of energy sources, supplies, and routes;
- opening markets and reducing barriers to energy trade and development;
- promoting exports of U.S. energy resources, technologies, and services;
- ensuring that energy resources are not used by terrorists, rogue regimes, and others who seek to fund violence and harm the United States and its allies;
- promoting universal access to affordable, reliable energy; and
- improving regional cooperation, fostering political stability, and preventing energy-related conflict.

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ENERGY PRIORITIES

- Support energy access and reliability in Latin America and the Caribbean and regional interconnections throughout Latin America.
- Share U.S. best practices in sustainable, unconventional hydrocarbon development and governance.
- Encourage Caribbean and Latin American countries to increase their energy diversity, including through renewable sources, and reduce their reliance on energy imports from a sole supplier.
- Advocate the benefits of the North American energy integration to spur cooperation and support effective, transparent, and streamlined processing of Presidential permit applications for cross-border oil and petroleum products pipelines.
- Promote exports of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) to support diverse, competitive, and efficient gas markets that reinforce hemispheric energy security and foster environmental stewardship.

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Power Sector Program (PSP)
ENR provide a wide range of technical support through direct contracting, peer-to-peer exchanges, and the leveraging of U.S. interagency agreements, to create solvent, reliable, transparent, and sustainable power sectors. In the Western Hemisphere, ENR works in Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative (EGCI)
ENR provides U.S. interagency and independent expert advice to build oversight and governance capacity in the hydrocarbon and mineral sectors. In the Western Hemisphere, ENR is active in Colombia, Mexico, Chile, and Argentina providing assistance on regulatory, legislative, and policy frameworks to ensure sound investment and sector oversight.

Connecting the Americas 2022 (Connect 2022)
Launched in 2012 at the Summit of the Americas, Connect 2022 is expanding universal access to affordable and reliable energy through the enhancement and expansion of electrical interconnections across the hemisphere, specifically in the Caribbean, Central American, and Andean regions by 2022.

Caribbean 2020
Caribbean 2020 aims to boost energy security and sustainable economic growth by attracting investment in clean energy through a focus on strengthening energy governance, facilitating access to finance, and improving energy planning and coordination of energy related assistance.
**ARGENTINA** (1)
ENR supports Argentina’s efforts to transition to a market-based power sector that will increase energy security and attract new investment. ENR assists the government to develop financing mechanisms to encourage investment, incorporate distributed generation into its power grid, and conduct advanced system planning.

ENR assists the Argentine government's development of its onshore and offshore hydrocarbon resources and supports Argentina's efforts to attract investment by advising on legal and regulatory development, offshore tendering, fiscal frameworks, geologic and geophysical data analysis, environmental oversight, and offshore safety standards.

**CARIBBEAN** (2)
ENR is helping Nevis diversify its energy sector by supporting the Nevis Island Administration and the Nevis Electric Company's (NEVLEC) efforts to develop geothermal resources, evaluation criteria for bidders, infrastructure assessments, and commercial and technical analyses on an inter-island interconnection. ENR also worked with NEVLEC and the St. Kitts Electric Company on integrated resource planning.

**COLOMBIA** (3)
ENR provides technical support to the Colombian government to strengthen management of its offshore and unconventional resources.

**MEXICO** (4) & **CANADA** (5)
ENR is supporting Mexico to develop a transparent and competitive wholesale power market and to implement energy reforms aimed at improving oil and gas sector governance.

ENR also works with industry and government in Mexico and Canada to open markets by sharing best practices on sustainable building procurement.

**PERU** (6) & **CHILE** (7)
ENR support is helping Peru and Chile develop regional electricity interconnections, reform their domestic power markets, and analyze their renewable energy regulations.

In Chile, ENR shares U.S. best practices in resource governance to help the government safely and effectively develop its hydrocarbon resources.

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**BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT**

*ENR is actively involved with the majority of countries in the hemisphere on important energy issues to promote regional energy security and economic prosperity.*

The **Energy Consultative Mechanism (ECM)** is the annual U.S.-Canada energy bilateral meeting, led by ENR with the Department of Energy on behalf of the United States. Discussions have addressed global energy security, North American energy cooperation, and regional and global energy governance. Planning for the next ECM is underway.

ENR promotes Central American regional integration by supporting the commercial feasibility of the regional market and transmission system (SIEPAC) through technical support and analysis.

Launched at the 2009 Summit of the Americas, the **Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA)** promotes regional energy integration, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency measures through regional energy minister discussions. Jamaica will host the next ECPA ministerial in 2019.

ENR organizes **international exchanges** to Washington D.C. featuring energy opinion leaders and key energy officials from target countries. In 2017 ENR successfully ran an exchange program on "LNG in Latin America" with participants from Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia.

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