

THEMATIC AGENDA

October 16-17 – La Jolla, CA
Institute of the Americas and Estancia La Jolla Hotel

Tuesday, October 15

Early arrival session and/or activities

Wednesday, October 16

All sessions at the Institute of the Americas complex at UCSD

9:00 am – INVITE-ONLY SESSION

Free Markets vs Intervention

Or

Advancing an Inclusive and Just Transition – Managing Energy, Financial
and Social Transformation

10:00 am – KEYNOTE

10:30 am – LA JOLLA CONFERENCE “THE BIG DEBATES”

- **Decarbonization and Net-Zero Reality Check: Too Fast, Too Soon?**
 - Energy Transition 2.0 and further defining a Just Transition
 - Are Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETPs) replicable?
 - Coal, is it going, or gone, or staying?
 - Climate change impacts – Is the region adapting and who foots the bill?
 - COP29, what to expect?
- **Electrons and Molecules: A dual currency for Latin American integration**
 - Driving economic development at the regional and domestic level
 - Are Net Zero objectives and the Energy Transition redefining regional cooperation and integration?
 - Hydrogen and Electromobility – Friends or Foes?
 - Community engagement and Social License to Operate

12:30 pm – Lunch on the Institute of the Americas Plaza

2:00 pm – SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

- **Regional Geopolitics: Collaboration or Fragmentation?**
 - Are conflicts increasing?
 - Impact on energy security and economic development
 - Non-Aligned Movement 2.0?
 - The role of China
 - Guyana-Venezuela Border
 - The US and election cycle
 - Is North America still a concept?

- **Electrification Outlook: Feeding the beast?**
 - AI and Nearshoring booms
 - What is Sustainable AI?
 - Will power supply and clean energy be able to keep up with demand growth?
 - Solving the transmission challenge and grid reliability
 - Community engagement and Social License to Operate
 - Energy access and energy poverty

4:00 pm – Coffee Break

4:30 pm – **SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS**

- **Whither Big Oil: Advancing technological development and innovation for low carbon solutions**
 - Unconventionals - what's next?
 - CCUS: when will victory be declared?
 - Has deep water reached its limits?
 - Where next for production quotas?
 - Will IOCs become IECs?
- **Low Carbon Fuels: Moving from Green Premium to Green Bonus**
 - Are evolving global economic models and trade fostering low carbon solutions
 - Do carbon taxes and adjustment mechanisms provide an opportunity for LAC?
 - Hydrogen and PtX: Derivatives or Bust?
 - Sustainable Fuels – From Shipping to Aviation to Agribusiness
 - Transport, EVs, Battery value chains

5:30 pm – KEYNOTE

6:00 pm – Cocktail on the Institute of the Americas Plaza

7:30pm – NIGHTCAP ROUNDTABLE

US Election Outlook

Thursday, October 17

All sessions at Estancia La Jolla Hotel

9:00 am - LNG AND NATURAL GAS PLENARY

Rethinking the role of natural gas for accelerating de-carbonization

Panel 1

- Meeting power demand growth
- Non-traditional uses beyond power generation – hard to abate sectors from transport to industry
- Flaring and managing methane
- Blue hydrogen

Panel 2

- Regional integration and interconnection
 - US-Mexico
 - Southern Cone
 - Colombia-Venezuela
 - Venezuela-Trinidad & Tobago
- LNG Exporters: Pacific Basin vs Atlantic Basin

10:45 am – Coffee Break

11:15 am – **FINANCE AND INVESTMENT PLENARY**

How to move from billions to trillions to deliver low-carbon solutions

- Free market vs industrialization policy
- Furthering clean energy deployment – Offshore wind, enhanced geothermal, nuclear
- Cost of capital and rate of return
 - Political and exchange rate risks
 - Derisking technology and scale
- Investment frameworks
 - Policy, regulatory measures and fiscal incentives
 - Guarantees
 - Market transformation
- The role of Multilateral Development Banks and National Development Banks

12:15 pm – Lunch at the Olive Lawn

1:30 pm – **DEEP DIVES**

- Mexico Energy Renewal?
Joint hybrid session with 14th Congress of Energy Associations of Mexico
- Brazil, G20 and Energy Outlook

3:00 pm – Coffee Break

3:30 pm – **DEEP DIVES**

- Colombia's Energy Transition
- Critical Minerals
 - Regional collaboration: Lithium Triangle, Quad or Bigger?
 - Beyond Lithium: Copper, Nickel, Cobalt, Uranium, Zinc and Gold
 - Oil Companies and Lithium
 - Argentina's Mining Provinces Tango
 - Chile's Lithium Policy Reset

5:00 pm – **CLOSING KEYNOTE**

5:30 pm – XXXIII La Jolla Conference Closing Cocktail

Friday, October 18

Steering Committee Strategic Planning Breakfast Meeting