



„GERMANY-LATIN AMERICA: STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR A GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION POLICY“

KAS & IASS SIDE EVENT TO THE 4TH BERLIN ENERGY TRANSITION DIALOGUE

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Concept:

Latin America is an important continent for global climate protection and a global energy transition. The region not only takes on a global climate protection function with its vast forest areas, in particular the Amazon basin. It is also exposed to the drastic effects of climate change in the form of droughts, melting glaciers or rising sea levels. The region has large oil and gas reserves. While its electricity supply has for long been based on hydropower, new renewable energy technologies such as wind and solar are recently gaining ground. Latin America is therefore of great importance for the international energy policy of Germany. Germany has established already bilateral energy partnerships with the regional heavyweights Mexico and Brazil. Argentina will play a central role in international energy policy in 2018: with its G20 presidency following Germany, Argentina will be shaping the energy agenda, and thus be instrumental for the decision whether the forum will harness the momentum of the worldwide advance of renewable energies. The geopolitical challenges are enormous, as the US policy change under Trump threatens the previous achievements of global cooperation for energy transition and climate protection.

Right now, it is the right time to initiate and continue the political dialogue between Germany and Latin America: How can Germany expand its strategic alliances with Brazil, Mexico and Argentina for a global energy transition? To what extent do Germany and the Latin American G20 countries benefit from bilateral cooperation? What social and economic opportunities are associated with an energy transition and the use of renewable energies? Which energy policy challenges unite these countries, and which separate them? Do countries also pursue common goals on a global scale?



MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

I. Welcome

- 9:00 **Frank Priess**, Deputy Department Head, Department European and International Cooperation, Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung
- Prof. Dr. Ortwin Renn**, Scientific Director,
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

II. Keynote

- 9:15 **Andrea Heins**, Undersecretary of Energy Saving and Efficiency of the Ministry of Energy and Mining of the Argentine Republic

III. Panel

- 9:45 Topic: Germany in the energy transition dialogue with Latin America

Franziska Tröger, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Prem D. Zalzman, Environmental Ministry Argentina

Suzana Kahn Ribeiro, Professor and Coordinator "Fundo Verde" Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Member IPCC, Former National Secretary for Climate, Brazil

Pablo Necochea, ESG & Sustainability Manger Televisa , Mexico

Moderation:

Dr. Christian Hübner, Head of the Regionalprogramme Energy Security and Climate Change in Latin America (EKLA), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

IV. Closing

- 11:15 **Dr. Sybille Röhrkasten**, Scientific Project Leader, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

V. Networking

- 11:30 Networking Lunch for all Participants