

WE ADVOCATE COORDINATED AND IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF BIOFUELS IN SOUTH AMERICA

The signatories of this text, as representative members of a key developing sector in South America, express the firm conviction that it is essential that all governments promote, in a comprehensive manner, the energy transition strategy through the development of biofuels, both for vehicle, air, river and maritime transport.

To this end, the definition of regulatory frameworks that guarantee the progress of investments in biofuels and scientific and technological research must be promoted so that countries can comply with the commitments assumed for decarbonisation in the Paris Agreement and take advantage of the capacities of their agricultural and livestock chains.

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE REDUCE OUR DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Climate models discussed internationally by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) indicate that there is a high probability that South America will be particularly affected by climate change.

The region's biodiversity is an engine of growth and changes resulting from global warming and the frequency of extreme weather events threaten this heritage, as well as the social and economic well-being of millions of people in the region.

Transport, mobility, agricultural production and tourism could be affected. These are economic activities that promote rural and urban development and generate employment in the region.

Mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change must be an irreversible priority on the global agenda, strongly established since the Paris Agreement and reinforced annually by successive United Nations (UN) "Conferences of the Parties".

South America has fundamental resources to be a world leader in the production of clean and renewable energies, thus contributing to reducing dependence on fossil energy to drive the economy.

However, this attribute is far from being explored in its immense potential to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from crucial sectors such as urban, intercity, river, maritime and air transport.

BIOFUELS: ALLIES HERE AND NOW IN THE REGIONAL ENERGY TRANSITION

South America has value-added chains in biofuels that can provide immediate solutions, with a low transition investment, to reduce GHG emissions. They are efficient and available energy sources that promote sustainable development throughout their production chain.

The sector contributes to the reduction of GHG emissions and increases regional development opportunities in countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, among others.

Biofuels offer an opportunity for a real energy transition, as well as for the development of co-products that find their origin in agriculture and not in geology, promoting decarbonisation in a comprehensive manner and increasing the region's energy independence.

Transport and mobility, which are at the core of competitiveness for much of the region's economy, require a combination of different technological pathways, from fossil fuels to advanced biofuels.

Aviation, shipping and the heavy transport sector can have a regionally competitive biofuel energy source and respond to growing demands for CO₂ emission reductions.

WE NEED URGENT POLITICAL ACTION

The need to make an energy transition towards a cleaner matrix in the region is shared by all countries, as expressed in the international commitments signed by governments.

Despite policies that promote the use of biofuels, active energy transition policies are needed for an economy with lower CO₂ emissions, such as those observed in the United States.

In South America, despite undoubted progress, we are lagging behind!

We need urgent government, business and community action to drive the energy transition. We need leaders and parliaments committed to this new agenda and a clear regional roadmap that can responsibly combine the different technological pathways to energy transition.

The cost of inaction will be far greater than the most ambitious sustainability agenda we can imagine.

CREATING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR ENERGY TRANSITION

- We advocate for the creation of stable regulatory frameworks and clear rules that provide the legal certainty needed to increase investment in the sector and thus the expansion of productive capacity and industrialisation in rural areas of the Americas.
- We advocate for a clear roadmap and long-term energy planning that confirms states' choices and increases investor confidence.
- We advocate for the creation of a regional energy transition plan in terms of financing and policy alignment in the face of climate change and the resources available to the region to address it.
- We advocate for governments of South American countries, together with civil society, the business sector and international partners, to take bolder action commensurate with the magnitude of the opportunities and challenges facing the region and the world.
- We advocate for South America to become a region with a fully clean, renewable and sustainable fuel matrix by 2050 through firm, gradual and unrelenting commitments.



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