

U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Framework on Clean Energy and Climate Change

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Background

- The U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Framework on Clean Energy and Climate Change was announced during President Obama's April 2009 visit to Mexico.
- The Bilateral Framework establishes a mechanism for facilitating common efforts to develop clean energy economies, including through political and technical cooperation and information exchange.
- Under the auspices of the Framework, the two Presidents announced the Cross-Border Electricity Task Force during President Calderon's May 2010 State Visit to Washington.

Objectives



- Key objectives of the Bilateral Framework include information sharing and capacity building on clean energy and energy efficiency technologies, and modernization of our electricity grids with a view toward the development of domestic as well as cross-border renewable energy generation.

First Bilateral Meeting

- The U.S. Department of State hosted the first meeting of the Bilateral Framework in Washington on January 26, 2010.
- The Meeting, co-chaired on the U.S. side by the Departments of Energy and State, brought together senior officials from both governments to set an agenda for collaboration on bilateral and multilateral initiatives.
- The group agreed to enhance cooperation on renewable energy technologies, smart grid implementation, carbon capture and sequestration, greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and adaptation measures.

Second Bilateral Meeting

- The second Bilateral Framework meeting, held in Mexico City on May 18, 2011, provided an overview of areas where Mexico and the United States are already cooperating and highlighted future areas for collaboration.
- Both sides agreed on the importance of widening and deepening existing cooperative arrangements and seeking potential new opportunities for collaboration.

Key Areas of Cooperation

- Extensive U.S.-Mexico cooperation in the development of Mexico's Transporte Limpio program;
- U.S. support to Mexico for refining and implementing its low-emissions development strategy (LEDS);



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- Implementation of pilot projects to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD).
- Agreement to work towards a successful outcome at COP-17 that implements the actions agreed to at last year's Cancun climate conference.



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- Coordination of minimum appliance standards and discussion of Mexican appliance labeling efforts similar to U.S. programs;
- Cooperation on energy efficiency in the hemisphere under the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas, and globally with the Major Economies through the Clean Energy Ministerial process;



Key Areas of Cooperation

- Analysis of electricity system maturity and identification of strategies to implement Smart Grid technologies;
- Advancement in the promotion of regional renewable energy markets between our two countries through the Cross-Border Electricity Task Force;



Cross-Border Electricity Task Force

- The Task Force was announced in May 2010 by the two Presidents under the auspices of the Bilateral Framework.
- The stated goal of the Task Force is to promote regional renewable energy markets between the two countries.
- A Stakeholder meeting was held in October 2010 to discuss areas that the government-only Task Force could consider.
- During May 2011 meetings between DOE and SENER, they discussed next steps to organize, select members, and manage the activities of the Task Force Steering Committee and Working Groups.

Key Areas of Cooperation

- Cooperation on wind energy, including the just-concluded MOU between DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Mexico's Electricity Research Institute (IIE);
- The development of a North American Carbon Storage Atlas of carbon sources and sinks, together with Canada, to be delivered in 2012;



Thank You

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