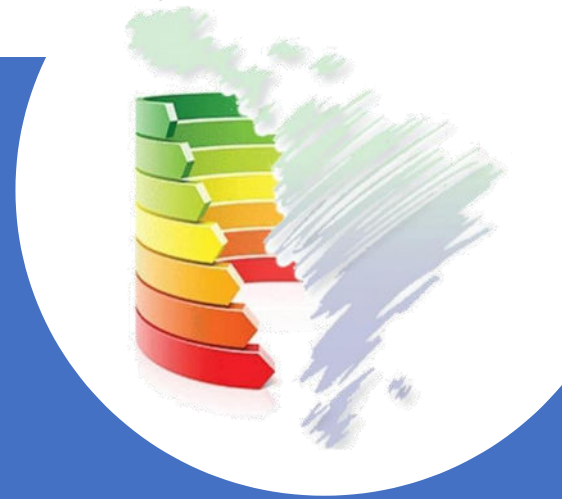




Latin American Regional Seminar on Energy Efficiency

13-14 December 2022
Marriott Panama Hotel (Albrook Mall)
Panama City, PANAMA

SCHEDULE



Context

United for Efficiency (U4E for its acronym in English, United for Efficiency) is a global initiative led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), which promotes personalized technical support to developing countries and emerging economies to make the most of their energy resources. Most of the older products in use, and even newer products being sold today, waste a large amount of electricity, leaving consumers, businesses and governments with fewer energy resources to use for other priorities. Outdated technologies strain power grids, create more air pollution, and negatively impact the climate compared to energy-efficient alternatives. The rapid and steady increase in sales, coupled with long lifespans of up to 40 years for some products, means decades of wasted electricity, unless energy policies are enforced around the world.

In the context of the global climate and energy crisis that we are experiencing, now is the time to ensure that highly efficient products dominate the market and become the norm. This transformation will enable billions of families to save money on their utility bills, enable businesses to prosper through increased productivity, enable utilities to respond to growing electricity demand, and assist governments in achieving their economic and environmental goals.

This seminar is part of the work carried out by U4E in energy efficiency projects financed by the Green Climate Fund. The objective of the seminar is to share with the countries of the region the experiences and results of the implementation of these projects, in order to replicate the valuable lessons learned and adopt energy efficient and environmentally friendly appliances and equipment in their respective countries.

Topics to be discussed at the seminar include:

- Monitoring of progress regarding policies, regulations and programs by the countries, for the adoption of energy efficient and environmentally friendly products.
- Presentation of the tools that U4E makes available to countries to facilitate the adoption of ambitious energy efficiency policies.
- Presentation of the best international practices in support policies, such as (a) Monitoring, Verification and Compliance, (b) Sustainable Public Procurement, (c) Product Registration System, among others, for the promotion of highly efficient products.
- Experiences and lessons learned by Brazil, Cuba, Honduras and El Salvador in the implementation of integrated energy efficiency policy projects. Examples of the two projects implemented with the Green Climate Fund will be presented: (a) Brazil, in efficient commercial refrigerators, and (b) Cuba, El Salvador and Honduras, in efficient air conditioning equipment.
- Identification of opportunities for the development and financing of projects to transform the market towards energy efficient and environmentally friendly products.

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Day 1 – Tuesday 13 December 2022 (Amador Hall)

Time	Duration	Theme	Content	Presenter
9:30 am	30 min	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks from U4E Presentation of participants Schedule of event and the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosilena Lindo , <i>Undersecretary National Energy Agency, Panama</i> Gustavo Máñez, <i>Regional Coordinator Change Climate, UNEP</i> Paul Kellett, <i>U4E Global Programme Manager, UNEP</i> Participants
10:00 am	45 min	Tools U4E (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U4E Country Savings Assessments 2022 update U4E model regulations on energy efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roberto Borjabad, <i>U4E Regional Coordinator, UNEP</i> Miquel Pitarch, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i>
10:45 am	30 min	Coffee Break		
11:15 am	30 min	Regulation MEPS and labelling	<p>Progress of the Cuba, El Salvador and Honduras project on efficient air conditioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of market assessment MEPS recommendations and labels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victor Minguez, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i>
11:45 am	45 min	Efficient air conditioners project in Cuba, Honduras and El Salvador	<p>Panel discussion with representatives from the three countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current situation regarding the MEPS regulation and labelling Implementation experience of the project. Lessons learned Country plans and next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erdey Cañete, <i>Representative of Cuba</i> Nora Xatruch, <i>Representative of Honduras</i> Jose Luis Campos, <i>Representative from El Salvador</i> Moderator: Victor Minguez , <i>U4E</i>
12:30 pm	60 min	Lunch		
1:30 pm	30 min	Regulation MEPS and labels	<p>Summary of the progress of the efficient commercial refrigerators project in Brazil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of the market assessment. Recommendations for MEPS and labelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miquel Pitarch, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i>

2:00 pm	45 min	Efficiency commercial refrigerators project in Brazil	<p>Panel discussion with representatives from Brazil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current situation regarding MEPS regulation and labelling for commercial refrigerators ▪ Implementation experience of the project. Lessons learned ▪ Country plans and next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paul Lucian of Carvalho, <i>ANEL, Brazil</i> ▪ Jeferson Soares, <i>EPE, Brazil</i> ▪ Moderator: Michael Pitarch, <i>U4E</i>
2:45 pm	30 min	Experiences from other regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experiences of the European Union in the energy efficiency agenda ▪ Examples of implementation in France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Benoit Lebot, <i>International Counsellor for the French Ministry of Ecological Transition</i>
3:15 pm	30 min	Coffee Break		
3:45 pm	30 min	Developing technology	Reduction of energy consumption in air conditioners through the use of presence sensors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mauro Apuy, <i>DAIKIN</i>
4:15 pm	30 min	Country experiences: Chile	successful experience of domestic refrigerator replacement programmes in Chile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marcelo Padilla, <i>Ministry of Energy, Chile</i>
4:45 pm	45 min	Country experiences	Current situation and upcoming initiatives to promote energy efficiency in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Republic Dominican and Uruguay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Esteban Barrante, <i>Representative of Costa Rica</i> ▪ Representative of Ecuador ▪ Alfonso Rodriguez, <i>Representative of the Dominican Republic</i> ▪ Carolina Mena, <i>Representative of Uruguay</i>
5:30 pm	Day 1 - End of the Day			

Day 2 – Wednesday 14 from December from 2022 (Living room Balboa)

Time	Duration	Theme	Content	Presenter
9:00 am	30 min	U4E Tools(Part 2)	Sustainable public procurement: Benefits, available tools and implementation examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soledad Garcia, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i>
9:30 am	30 min	Sustainable public procurement in Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador and Honduras	Advances in projects on sustainable public procurement: Recommendations for countries and good practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victor Minguez, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i> Miquel Pitarch, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i>
10:00 am	30 min	monitoring, Verification and Compliance (MVC)	Advances in MVC projects: MVC good practice recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Nour, <i>Econoler</i>
10:30 am	30 min	Coffee Break		
11:00 am	30 min	Developing technology	Evolution of energy efficiency in refrigeration and air conditioning products in recent years, and prospects for the next 5-10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mariana Garcia, <i>MABE</i>
11:30 am	30 min	U4E Tools (Part 3)	Product registration systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits, components and tools available Implementation examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madeleine Edl, <i>U4E Energy Efficiency Expert</i>
12:00 pm	30 min	Mobilization of resources	Development of proposals and mobilization of resources for new energy efficiency projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Borjabad, <i>U4E</i> Participants
12:30 p.m. p.m	60 min	Lunch		
1:30 pm	90 min	Energy Week energy efficiency session	Attendance at the Energy Week energy efficiency session, organized by OLADE (Contadora III Hall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Kellett, <i>U4E Global Programme Manager</i> Other speakers of the panel
3:00 pm	30 min	Coffee Break - networking		
3:30 pm	120 min	Bilateral meetings UNEP U4E with countries or free participation in other Energy Week sessions		
5:30 pm	Day 2 - End of the Day			