Urban Planning, Clean Energy and Resilience:
Strategies to Advance Sustainable Buildings and Construction in Latin America

Background
In 2019 the IEA launched a process, together with Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC), to develop a Regional Roadmap for Buildings and Construction for Latin America. The purpose of the Roadmap is to engage with experts in the region to develop a shared understanding of the elements required to advance sustainable buildings, exchange experience and lessons learned, and produce a set of targets over the short, medium, and long-term.

In September, a questionnaire was sent to more than 500 experts and professional networks in the region to solicit feedback on eight strategic areas for buildings and construction:

- Urban planning
- New buildings
- Existing buildings
- Building operations
- Systems
- Materials
- Clean energy
- Resilience

The responses from the questionnaire are being incorporated into a draft Roadmap, which is expected to be published in December. The IEA, GlobalABC and other partners are further engaging experts through web conferences, phone calls, and in-person meetings.

In September 2019, the GlobalABC-Mx organized a workshop in Mexico City to advance work on sustainable buildings and to solicit feedback on the Roadmap. GlobalABC-Mx is the first regional chapter of the GlobalABC in Latin America. This was the first workshop in the region dedicated to discussion of the GlobalABC Roadmap.

The workshop in Rio de Janeiro will serve as the second workshop in the region to advance dialogue on sustainable buildings and construction. The workshop is organized in parallel to an event taking place the same week on Energy Transitions in Latin America, which is being co-organized by the IEA and GIZ in cooperation with the Ministry of Mines and Energy. By organizing the two events during the same dates, we hope that participants in the workshop will be able to benefit equally from the broader discussions around energy transitions.

Objective
The objective of the workshop is to discuss preliminary findings for three of the eight strategic areas of the Roadmap: urban planning, clean energy and resilience. These are areas in most need of stakeholder consultation, due to lack of data and survey responses on these themes. The workshop will consist in reviewing and discussing the proposed policies, technologies and key actions and their targets for the short, medium and long term, as well as key capacity building and finance tools necessary to meet them.
Details
Date: November 26, 2019
Time: 13.30 – 17.00
Participants: Experts from the public and private sectors, academia and civil society from Brazil and other countries in Latin America.
Cost: The workshop is free of charge.
Organization: The IEA is organizing the workshop with the support of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC)
Venue: Rio de Janeiro, address TBC