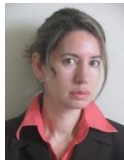




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**Urban Sustainable Design Expert Maria Paz Gutierrez
to Visit Brazil on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows**



Washington, D.C., October 29, 2013 – [Maria Paz Gutierrez](#), a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will visit Brazil October 29th - November 2nd to participate in meetings and events in Brasilia and Sao Paulo about how to design sustainable and efficient buildings. Senior ECPA Fellow Gutierrez is an Assistant Professor at the University of California Berkeley.

During her visit to Brazil, Maria Paz Gutierrez will participate in the [1st Dialogue on Environment and Finance: Sustainable expenditures: efficient buildings](#); where she will be presenting on “Integrative use of Energy, Water, and Waste for buildings- Best practices.” The event will take place at the [School of Finance Administration of Brazil \(ESAF\)](#). During her visit to Sao Paulo, she will also meet with the Brazilian Sustainable Building Council, [Odebrecht/Braskem](#) and the [University of Sao Paulo's Department of Civil Engineering](#).

[The Senior ECPA Fellows](#) program is a network of high-level technical experts in the fields of climate change and energy who travel between countries in the Western Hemisphere to consult with governments or other institutions. The program is sponsored by the [U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs](#) and is administered by [Partners of the Americas](#). There are currently [20 Senior ECPA Fellows](#) who participate in these international exchanges. The main areas of focus for the program are: energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy infrastructure, energy poverty and access, sustainable forestry and land use, and climate change adaptation.

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