

Strong regional participation in the 2026 OLACDE Energy Excellence Award: 155 projects submitted from 21 Countries

The 2026 OLACDE Energy Excellence Award marks a new milestone, achieving the highest level of participation since its creation, with 155 projects and a record number of participating countries. This growth reflects Latin America and the Caribbean's increasing commitment to developing innovative solutions that contribute to a sustainable energy transition.

This year's call received the highest number of submissions since the Award was established, consolidating it as one of the region's leading initiatives for recognizing, showcasing, and promoting projects that contribute to sustainable energy development. The growing interest from companies, public institutions, international organizations, universities, research centers, and civil society organizations reflects the region's commitment to an increasingly innovative, inclusive, and resilient energy transition.

Projects were submitted in the Award's four categories: Decarbonization, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Education.

The projects will be evaluated by a jury composed of leading energy-sector specialists, and the winners will be announced during Energy Week 2026, the region's premier energy gathering. In this context, the Award reaffirms its role as a platform for recognizing the talent, innovation, and commitment of those working every day toward a more sustainable energy future for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Projects Submitted by Category

Decarbonization (27 projects)

- **Logistics Competitiveness and Freight Transport Decarbonization**

Fundación Logyca — Colombia

- **ReSolar LATAM: Responsible End-of-Life Management of Solar Panels in Colombia**

ReSolar Latam SAS — Colombia

- **Municipal Energy Council**

Municipio de Bahía Blanca — Argentina

- **Powering Curaçao's Energy Transition**

Wärtsilä — Curaçao

- **Analytical Model for Smart Mapping of Photovoltaic Infrastructure**

Compañía Nacional de Fuerza y Luz — Costa Rica

- **La Uruca Zero Route**

Compañía Nacional de Fuerza y Luz — Costa Rica

- **Energy, I Take Care of You**

Secretaría de Energía de la Provincia de Jujuy – MISPTyV — Argentina

- **UNAB Renewable Energy Projects for Carbon Neutrality**
Universidad Andrés Bello — Chile
- **Princz Group Carbon Neutral 2040**
Grupo Princz — Argentina
- **Contribution of the Cuenca Tram to Electric Mobility and Emissions Mitigation**
Gobierno Autónomo Descentralizado Municipal del Cantón Cuenca — Ecuador
- **Organic Waste Recovery at Santiago Airport**
Sociedad Concesionaria Nuevo Pudahuel S.A. — Chile
- **Corporate Energy Transformation and Green Financing for Decarbonization**
Banco Promerica de Costa Rica S.A. — Costa Rica
- **Photovoltaic Solar Cooker**
Solar Dinámica S.A. — Guatemala
- **NovaSAF-1: The Light-Driven Future of Sustainable Aviation Fuel**
Syzygy Plasmonics — Uruguay
- **Operational Optimization of the Colina and Renca Plants**
Aceros AZA — Chile
- **Configuration of Sectorized Grounding Systems (CTS)**
Centrales Eléctricas de Norte de Santander S.A. E.S.P. (CENS) — Colombia
- **LNG Fleet Implementation**
Transportes Interandinos S.A. — Chile
- **Electrification of the San Antonio Mining District**
Compañía Minera San Gerónimo — Chile
- **CEPM Zero: Building the Carbon-Neutral Grid of the Future**
Consorcio Energético Punta Cana Macao (CEPM) — República Dominicana
- **ATLAS Project: Circularity and Valorization of Dairy Effluents**
Cooperativa Agrícola y Lechera de La Unión Limitada (COLUN) — Chile
- **Installation of a Biomass Boiler at the Osorno Plant**
Watt's S.A. — Chile
- **Respira Patagonia Project**
ISA Energía Chile — Chile
- **Comprehensive Climate Management Model for the Decarbonization of the Faculty of Economics and Business**
Facultad de Economía y Negocios, Universidad de Chile — Chile
- **Centro de Carga de Valdivia (CCV): Infraestructura de Carga Mixta y Modelo Integrado de Movilidad Eléctrica Urbana**
Ministerio del Medio Ambiente y Agencia Chilena de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo — Chile

- **Efficient Intermodality Pilot between Biotrén and Micromobility in Greater Concepción: Decarbonizing the First and Last Mile**

Ministerio del Medio Ambiente — Chile

- **Piloto Demostrativo de Infraestructura de Carga Rápida e Integración de Electromovilidad Urbana en Comunas de Menor Densidad: El caso de Lebu, Provincia de Arauco y comunas aledañas**

Ministerio del Medio Ambiente y Agencia Chilena de Cooperación Internacional

para el Desarrollo — Chile

- **ECO2Mining**

Anglo American Chile — Chile

Renewable Energy (34 projects)

- **Implementation of a Solar Photovoltaic Generation System at SEPAL S.A. Headquarters to Reduce Operating Costs and Mitigate CO₂ Emissions in Pasto, Nariño**

Servicio de Alumbrado Público de Pasto SEPAL S.A. — Colombia

- **Aurora Green Mining, Renewable Energy and Climate Resilience Investment Initiative**

AGM Inc. — Guyana

- **Energy that Transforms: Democratizing Solar Energy from the Garage to the High Mountains**

Goodenergy — Argentina

- **California 2 Solar Park Project**

DREX — Ecuador

- **Production of Electricity and Biofertilizer from Fresh Poultry Manure**

OVOBRAND S.A. — Argentina

- **Energy Transition and Sustainable Value Creation at Plaza de las Américas**

Centro Comercial Plaza de las Américas P.H. — Colombia

- **Floating Solar Energy for a Historic Hospital**

CPFL Energia — Brasil

- **Installation of Solar Water-Heating Systems in Public Hospitals**

Módulo Solar S.A. de C.V. — México

- **Godoy Cruz Solar Park: A Case of Socio-Environmental Regeneration toward Clean Energy for the Future**

Municipalidad de Godoy Cruz — Argentina

- **Nature Reserves and Areas Beyond the Reach of Provincial and National Power Grids**

Secretaría de Energía de la Provincia de Jujuy– MISPTyV — Argentina

- **Santa Ana Solar Community and Distributed Generation**

Secretaría de Energía de la Provincia de Jujuy– MISPTyV — Argentina

- **Wayuu Sun: Clean Energy Transforming Education in La Guajira**

Ecopetrol S.A. — Colombia

- **Leading the Energy Transition from the Urban Rooftop**
Mallplaza — Chile
- **Solar Panels: Clean Energy for an Evolving City**
Empresa Pública Metropolitana Mercado Mayorista de Quito — Ecuador
- **Energy Autonomy for Rural Drinking Water Systems in Ñuble through Renewable Energy**
Gobierno Regional de Ñuble — Chile
- **Energy Innovation for Sustainable and Competitive Mining**
Aris Mining — Colombia
- **Transition toward a Renewable Energy Mix: Novopan del Ecuador S.A. Biomass Plant**
Novopan del Ecuador S.A. — Ecuador
- **Programa Apolo 800: Plataforma para la gestión integral de recursos energéticos distribuidos en la Provincia de Córdoba** Secretaría de Planificación Energética – Ministerio de Infraestructura y Servicios Públicos – Gobierno de la Provincia de Córdoba — Argentina
- **Smart Energy Management at American Industrial Park Free Trade Zone through the Integration of Storage and Distributed Photovoltaic Generation**
American Industrial Park S.A. de C.V. — El Salvador
- **Soventix Nexus: Smart Energy Operations Center**
Soventix Caribbean SRL — República Dominicana
- **Photovoltaic Solar Yard at School No. 4-150 Mario Pérez Elizalde in Godoy Cruz**
Municipalidad de Godoy Cruz — Argentina
- **Talagante Community Solar Park: A Joint-Ownership Model for Democratizing Solar Energy in Chile**
Ministerio de Energía de Chile — Chile
- **Energy that Takes Root - Sustainable Rural Home: A Public, Financed and Monitored Photovoltaic Service for Rural Development in Neuquén**
Ente Provincial de Energía del Neuquén (EPEN) — Argentina
- **First Access to Electricity: Implementation of a Battery-Backed Solar Power Source in an Indigenous Community and Its Social Impact**
Administración Nacional de Electricidad (ANDE) — Paraguay
- **Terra Site I Solar Project**
Greenwood Energy y Financiera de Desarrollo Nacional (FDN) — Colombia
- **Parque Fotovoltaico Institucional da Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo: Geração Distribuída como Política Pública de Transição Energética**
Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo (UFES) — Brasil
- **Solar Kiosks: A Social Energy Model**
CERCA – Centro de Energía Renovable y Calidad Ambiental — México

- **Ampliación de cobertura de energía mediante soluciones fotovoltaicas individuales en Zonas No Interconectadas del departamento de Cundinamarca Gobernación de Cundinamarca – Secretaría de Energías y Minería Sostenible**

— Colombia

- **Implementation of a Photovoltaic Plant at the Tixán Drinking Water Treatment Plant for ETAPA EP Self-Supply**

ETAPA EP — Ecuador

Energy Efficiency (37 projects)

- **Industrial Flow Optimization and Operational Energy Efficiency**

Consultores ESG SPA — Chile

- **AGUA Y ENERGÍA LIMPIA: ENERGÍA SOLAR PARA EL CONTROL Y MONITOREO EMPRESA PUBLICA - EMPRESA MUNICIPAL DE AGUA POTABLE Y**

ALCANTARILLADO DE AMBATO — Ecuador

- **Artificial Intelligence and Drones for Inspection and Predictive Maintenance of Power Grids**

NACE I+D — Perú

- **ELECTRIFICATION OF MONTEVIDEO'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

CUTCSA — Uruguay

- **Energy Efficiency Strategies at the Gustavo Galindo Velasco Campus ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITÉCNICA DEL LITORAL (ESPOL) — Ecuador**

- **Optimization of Dispatch Demand for CNFL Generation Plants, 2021-2025**

Compañía Nacional de Fuerza y Luz — Costa Rica

- **Impulso Project: Electrical Modernization at PIMA CENADA**

Compañía Nacional de Fuerza y Luz — Costa Rica

- **New ENSA Operations Center - Cerro Viento**

Elektra Noreste S.A. — Panamá

- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY SYSTEM WITH SMART MONITORING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

MCT Ingeniería (MCT-ESCO) — Uruguay

- **Energy for Health: Backup Power for Healthcare Centers**

Elektra Noreste S.A. — Panamá

- **Installation of Enclosures between Industrial Buildings**

Roca Argentina S.A. — Argentina

- **Installation of a Compressor Room**

Roca Argentina S.A. — Argentina

- **ENERGY OPTIMIZATION OF THE AYACUCHO-COVENAS L24 SYSTEM: IMPLEMENTATION OF DUAL PUMPING**

CENIT — Colombia

- **Implementation of Tata Pirirí Improved Cookstoves - Component 1 of the PROEZA Project**

Viceministerio de Minas y Energía — Paraguay

- **Energy Optimization in Foundry and Heat-Treatment Processes**

Magotteaux Andino SA — Chile

- **Reduction of the Water-to-Gypsum Ratio**

Compañía Industrial El Volcán S.A. — Chile

- **Programa CPFL Energia para a Saúde: Energia que Cuida de Vidas**

CPFL Energia — Brasil

- **SISTEMA DE GESTIÓN DE ENERGÍA APLICADO AL PARQUE DE LA BIODIVERSIDAD – ENTE MUNICIPAL BIOCORDOBA – MUNICIPALIDAD DE CÓRDOBA Instituto de Transformación Energética de Córdoba (ITEC) - Ente Municipal**

BioCórdoba — Argentina

- **Consolidation and Expansion of the COAEE Model 2023-2026: Data-Driven Institutional Energy Management for the Honduran Public Sector**

Secretaría de Energía de Honduras (SEN) — Honduras

- **Energy Efficiency Program for Central Heating in Residential Buildings in Montevideo**

Distribuidora de Gas de Montevideo S.A. (MontevideoGas) — Uruguay

- **Yumbo, Classrooms of Light**

Alcaldía de Yumbo — Colombia

- **SafeGRID: Smart Monitoring and Control System for Meter Cabinets to Reduce Non-Technical Losses in Distribution Transformers**

Centrales Eléctricas de Norte de Santander S.A. E.S.P. (CENS) — Colombia

- **Thermal Conditioning Pilot at the "Manantial" Nursery and Kindergarten**

Agencia de Sostenibilidad Energética — Chile

- **Institutional Health Simulation Center (CISS UdeC): Efficient and Sustainable Design and Construction for Training**

Universidad de Concepción — Chile

- **Projeto de Eficiência Energética Industrial**

Companhia de Gás da Bahia — Brasil

- **Instalación de Compensadores Estáticos Síncronos en Serie en Subestación 15 de Septiembre y línea San Antonio Abad – Nejapa 115 kV EMPRESA TRANSMISORA DE EL SALVADOR, S.A. DE C.V. (ETESAL, S.A.**

DE C.V.) — El Salvador

- **INTELIGENCIA TERRITORIAL PARA LA TRANSFORMACIÓN Y LA EFICIENCIA ENERGÉTICA: Planificación eficiente de inversiones e infraestructura basada en los recursos y las oportunidades del territorio Secretaría de Planificación Energética - Ministerio de Infraestructura y**

Servicios

Públicos - Gobierno de la Provincia de Córdoba — Argentina

- **Network Consolidation and Modernization of Mobile Electronic Equipment**

ENTEL PCS TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A — Chile

- **FLEET MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN EFE VALPARAÍSO RAIL SERVICES**

EFE Valparaíso — Chile

- **Sustainable Campus**

Lincoln School — Costa Rica

- **Optimization of Operations at Santiago de Chile Airport's Thermal Power Plant**

Concesionaria Nuevo Pudahuel S.A. — Chile

- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS**

HOSPITAL PUBLICO MARTERNO INFANTIL SALTA — Argentina

- **Amorphous-Core Transformers: Innovation for Energy Efficiency in Arequipa**

Sociedad Eléctrica del Sur Oeste S.A. - SEAL — Perú

- **NUMU PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PROJECT - NYA CITY**

GENERA POWER — Costa Rica

- **Technology for Sustainable Operations**

Puerto Ventanas S.A — Chile

Education (57 projects)

- **Energy Excellence Transition in Academia**

Consultores ESG SPA — Chile

- **#EnergyChallenge Student Competition**

SEREMI de energía de Valparaíso - Subsecretaría de Energía — Chile

- **Generador Sincrónico de Torque Sostenible Centro Investigaciones y Pruebas Electro-energéticas, Universidad Tecnológica**

de la Habana — Cuba

- **Energy Engineering: Developing Human Talent for the Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Ecuador and Latin America and the Caribbean**

Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja — Ecuador

- **Bringing Hydrogen Knowledge Closer to Society**

H2 CULTURE — Colombia

- **Photovoltaic Expansion of the UTPL Loja Campus 2025-2026**

Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (UTPL) — Ecuador

- **Self-Consumption Photovoltaic Plant at UBO Main Campus**

Universidad Bernardo O'Higgins (UBO) — Chile

- **De la universidad al barrio y del barrio a la política pública: un modelo de formación en cascada para la eficiencia energética y la inclusión**

social Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM) y Fundación Pro Vivienda Social (FPVS) — postulación conjunta. Entidad postulante formal: FPVS (Raúl Zavalía

Lagos, Director Ejecutivo) — Argentina

• **YOU AND ENERGY**

Fundación YPF — Argentina

• **Rural Mini Power Plant for Territorial Transformation**

Universidad del Valle — Colombia

• **Argentina Energy Program**

Fundación YPF — Argentina

• **ESAI NEWSLETTER**

ENERGY STRATEGY — Panamá

• **Educational Program "Let's Learn about Electricity"**

Compañía Nacional de Fuerza y Luz — Costa Rica

• **Jujuy Energy, I Take Care of You**

Secretaría de Energía de la Provincia de Jujuy - MISPTyV — Argentina

• **Learning with Sustainable Energy**

EMPRESA MENDOCINA DE ENERGÍA (EMESA) — Argentina

• **Educational Ecosystem for the Energy Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean (Academy + Book + Platform)**

Fundación Para la Acción Climática y Ambiental Uno Punto Cinco — Chile

• **Inclusive Energy: Access, Education and the Future**

Grupo DESA — Argentina

• **Biosolar Roof - Integrated Green-Roof and Photovoltaic Generation System for Buildings in Semi-Arid Areas**

Universidad Católica de Córdoba — Argentina

• **Faraday Lab**

Facultad de Ingeniería UDELAR — Uruguay

• **Sustainable Education Program**

Agencia Chilena de Eficiencia Energética — Chile

• **Sustainable Schools Competition**

HINS Energía — Argentina

• **EnergIF - Projeto Energias Renováveis e Eficiência Energética da Rede Federal de Educação Profissional, Científica e Tecnológica Empresa Brasileira de Participações em Energia Nuclear e Binacional S.A.**

(ENBPar / Procel) — Brasil

• **Green Hydrogen Explorer**

Ministerio de Energía y Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile — Chile

• **Diploma Program in E-Mobility: Technology, Public Policy and Business Models**

Universidad de Santiago de Chile — Chile

- **Promoting Energy Sustainability: Knowledge Transfer in Solar Generation and Electric Micromobility for Children and Adolescents in Cumbe Parish**
Universidad de Cuenca — Ecuador
- **FUGSEN: Certification in Gender Fundamentals for the Energy Sector**
Gendergy — México
- **Smart Campus for the Energy Transition at Universidad Americana**
Universidad Americana — Nicaragua
- **Photovoltaics Laboratory: An Innovation Space Supporting Cuba's Energy Transition**
Laboratorio de Fotovoltaica — Cuba
- **Contributions of the Bachelor's Degree in Integrated Design to Energy Efficiency in Sustainable Habitat Design**
CENUR Litoral Norte - Sede Salto (UdelaR) — Uruguay
- **Energy that Connects Communities: Education and Action for Responsible Energy Use**
Centrales Eléctricas de Norte de Santander S.A. E.S.P. — Colombia
- **Advancing Training-of-Trainers in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**
Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL) — Ecuador
- **YOUNG TALENT + ENERGY**
CORPORACIÓN EDUCACIONAL SOFOFA — Chile
- **Specialization in Hybrid and Electric Vehicles**
Talleres Don Bosco — Uruguay
- **ISA-Santo Tomás Talent Incubator: Building Bridges toward Technical and Vocational Excellence - A Training Model for a Just Energy Transition**
Instituto Profesional Santo Tomás - Sede La Serena — Chile
- **Integrated Renewable Energy Platform for Remote Monitoring and Operation under Real-World Conditions**
Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL) — Ecuador
- **"Energy in Practice": Application of the "Teaching-Learning in an Electric Utility" Methodology**
Administración Nacional de Electricidad (ANDE) — Paraguay
- **Dual Training as a Strategy for Diversifying Paraguay's Energy Mix**
Administración Nacional de Electricidad (ANDE) — Paraguay
- **Projeto Enetrix: Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia para a Diplomacia Energética Internacional**
Universidade Federal da Paraíba — Brasil
- **Innovación energética para la producción sustentable de mezcal en Oaxaca Instituto de Ingeniería - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (IINGEN-UNAM) — México**

- **Energy-Sustainable UCE - Roadmap to ISO 50001 Certification**
Universidad Central del Ecuador (UCE) — Ecuador
- **Programas Avanzados de Posgrado y Especialización para la Transición Energética en Bolivia** Centro Universitario de Investigaciones en Energías (CUIE) – Universidad Mayor de San Simón (UMSS) — Bolivia
- **Investigación Científica y Alianzas Estratégicas para la Descarbonización y Transición Energética en Bolivia** Centro Universitario de Investigaciones en Energías (CUIE) – Universidad Mayor de San Simón (UMSS) — Bolivia
- **FOCUS and TAKE CARE**
UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL SUR — Argentina
- **WOMEN TRANSFORMING ENERGY**
ASOCIACIÓN DE MUJERES EN ENERGÍA — Chile
- **FING Hydrogen Racing**
Facultad de Ingeniería - Uruguay — Uruguay
- **Community Engagement Program in Energy Audits and Energy-Efficiency Culture at Universidad Bernardo O'Higgins**
Universidad Bernardo O'Higgins (UBO) — Chile
- **Creación de estándares de competencia y certificación de técnicos instaladores** COMITÉ DE GESTIÓN DE COMPETENCIAS LABORALES EN EFICIENCIA
ENERGÉTICA Y ENERGÍAS RENOVABLES — México
- **CONEXIÓN Lineworker School**
CONEXIÓN Kimal Lo Aguirre — Chile
- **Awareness-Raising and Outreach on the Peaceful Applications of Nuclear Technologies in Colombia**
Red Nuclear Colombiana (RNC) — Colombia
- **Training Program for Community Representatives and Leaders**
ISA Energía Chile — Chile
- **E-Mobility Training**
Ministerio de Medio Ambiente de Chile - Proyecto CLETS — Chile
- **Environmental Education Model for Knowledge Generation, Social Appropriation and Application in Hydropower Territories: A Governance Strategy to Strengthen Renewable Energy Sustainability through Collaboration among Industry, Academia and Local Communities**
EPM - Empresas Públicas de Medellín — Colombia
- **SUSTAINABLE HOUSING: Energy Efficiency in Social Housing**
Universidad Nacional Arturo Jauretche — Argentina
- **Illuminated Neighborhoods: Communities Leading the Energy Transition through Community Solar Solutions**
ENCO — Perú

- **Supporting the Implementation of NDCs in the Caribbean – Transforming the Transport and Energy Sectors Towards a Low-carbon and Climate Resilient Future (NDC-TEC): Capacity Building (Component 2)**

• *The University of the West Indies — Jamaica*

We extend our special thanks to all the organizations that placed their trust in this call for submissions and are part of this historic edition of the OLACDE Energy Excellence Award. Their work demonstrates that Latin America and the Caribbean's energy transformation is already under way and that the region's future is being built through innovation, commitment, and collective action.