



*"The protection of the people against damages caused to the environment requires the economy to recognise and realise its social responsibility in taking adequate measures in the development of technology preventing damage to humanity".*

(Ludwig Erhard, former German Chancellor (1963-1966) and Economics Minister)

## FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY ARE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE WORK OF THE KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG.

The **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)** is a German political foundation with more than 80 offices abroad and projects in over 120 countries. Our goal is to contribute to the promotion of democracy and the rule of law. As a think-tank and consulting agency, we mean to offer a basis for political action and foster the dialogue between the spheres of politics, economy, science, and society. To strengthen peace and freedom we encourage a continuous dialog at the national and international levels as well as the exchange between cultures and religions.

We provide guidance on the basis of our political know-how and knowledge that helps to shape the globalization process along more socially equitable, ecologically sustainable and economically efficient lines.

We cooperate with governmental institutions, political parties, civil society organizations and handpicked elites, building strong partnerships along the way. In particular we seek to intensify political cooperation in the area of development at the national and international levels on the foundations of our objectives and values.



*Konrad Adenauer, the first post-war Chancellor of Germany*

Alongside the country-specific programmes provided by the country offices of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Latin America, there are cross-border regional programmes with separate thematic focuses. One of these is the Regional Programme Climate Change, Environment and Energy Security in Latin America based in Rio de Janeiro.

## REGIONAL PROGRAMME CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA



The regional programme has been designed as a dialogue platform, in order to provide impetus for political decision-making processes. The programme understands itself as a consultative centre for the coordination of the individual KAS country projects on the Latin-American continent and supports the country projects with its expertise and network on the subject. Assuming

the role of an initiator and consultant, it aims at complementing the activities of the country programmes by means of regional networks and the provision of know-how and thus, enhancing their impact. The programme organizes events on a regional level where experts and participants from several countries of the region have the opportunity to exchange ideas. Its central goal is to raise awareness of the topics of climate change, environment and energy security in Latin America.

To achieve this goal the regional programme arranges regional discussion forums, conferences and seminars and releases reports, specialist publications and studies.





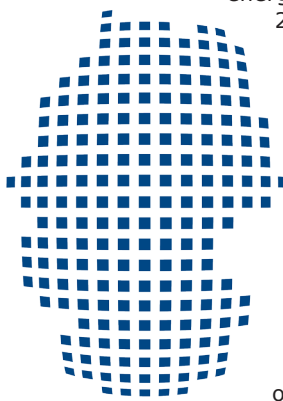
## Why Germany?

Germany will seek to fully shift to renewable energy sources, drastically reduce climate-damaging greenhouse gases and improve energy efficiency by

2050. For the coming years, the German energy policy is based on a multi-party consensus in favour of an accelerated energy transition.

However, this consensus demands that the country's share of energy derived from nuclear sources

has to be eliminated incrementally by 2022. In order to successfully complete this task, Germany needs support of his international partners, especially from Latin America, by exchanging ideas and improving learning on all levels.



## Why in Latin America?

Latin America is the ideal region to start an environmental related project due to its great abundance of green energy sources such sun, water, geothermal energy, wind and biomass. Exploring and developing this potential will help Latin America to satisfy its growing demand for energy.

Moreover it posses a delicate natural richness, like the Amazonian rainforest or the Mesoamerican Biological corridor, which need to be protected to diminish climate change and preserve the worldwide biodiversity.

As a traditional and reliable European partner, Latin America offers prosperous ways for cooperation in the ecological field, and therefore was advocated for the implementation of such a pilot-project in the region. We expect that the joint endeavor strengthens the cooperation even further and facilitates achieving solutions for the ongoing global challenges.

