

Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles
2nd Partnership Meeting
December 11-12, 2003
The Hague, Netherlands

Breakout Session Summary
Latin America and the Caribbean

Key Issues

Participants in the breakout session agreed that sulfur is the driving issue in the Latin American and Caribbean countries. There are already efforts under way to remove lead from gasoline in these countries.

Ongoing Activities

- Mexico City heavy-duty retrofit pilot
- Proposed retrofit program in Chile
- EPA is planning a regional workshop in Central America.
- The participants supported the formation of a formal LACC Regional working group. Goals would be to more fully engage the local governments and build on efforts in South America by the World Bank's Clean Air Initiative. Partners interested in participating in this working group should contact Orlando Gonzalez, with U.S. EPA, at 202-564-6446 or gonzalez.orlando@epa.gov.
- ARPEL (Oil Industry Association for Latin American and Caribbean Countries) is planning a refiners workshop in 2005.
- U.S. EPA is expecting to receive a proposal for a heavy duty retrofit program on the US/Mexico border.
- International is working with PEMEX to do engine testing of the impacts of lower sulfur fuels.

Needed Inputs

Sulfur Document

Partner Participation in the working group

Leaders

U.S. EPA already has several projects going forward. Need to involve the local governments and associations more fully.

Funds

Earmarked funding for the Central America workshop have already been provided to UNEP.

Information Needed

Potential economic studie(s) for the region to identify the costs of desulfurization.

Additional Events and Activities

In discussions following the breakout session report, the following information was offered by partners:

- The World Bank and World Resource Institute will hold meetings focused on sustainable mobility in January (15&16).
- MECA's sister organization in Latin America sponsored a workshop in June 2003 in Brazil on fuels and vehicle technologies.
- Potential regulations in Mexico to reduce sulfur in diesel by Sep. 2008.

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