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EBP Schweiz AG, Mühlebachstrasse 11, 8008 Zurich

10:00 - 10:30 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

10:30 - 10:40 Welcome, Joaquin Fischer, Managing Director, LATCAM

Welcome, Hans Bohnenblust, Partner and Member of the Executive Board, EBP

10:40 - 11:10 The Paris Agreement on Climate Change: Overview and Initiatives in Latin America
Dr. Joachim Sell, Head International Climate Change, EBP

11:10 - 11:40 Energy Cities and Climate Change in Chile and Colombia

Caroline Huwiler, Project Leader, ENCO Energie-Consulting AG and Barla Vieli, Senior Climate Change Expert, EBP

11:40 - 12:10 Sustainable Reforestation of Grazing Lands in Argentina: A Climate Change Mitigation Project by Novartis

Luzia Bieri, Senior Climate Change Expert, First Climate Switzerland AG

12:00 - 12:10 Q & A

12:10 - 12:20 Closing Statement, Joaquin Fischer, LATCAM

12:20 - 13:30 NETWORKING APERITIF

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Speakers

Joachim Sell heads international climate change in the department Resources, Energy and Climate (REC) at EBP. He holds a degree as environmental scientists and a PhD from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. He has more than 15 years of expertise in climate change mitigation, particularly in renewable energies, landfill and waste water sector, energy efficiency, and forestry projects.

Joachim is senior expert in mitigation projects and programs and their finance. He develops private sector climate change projects (CDM, VCS etc.) and governmental mitigation programs (NAMAs). He consults governments in the design and implementation of carbon pricing instruments (carbon tax, ETS, offset programs) and the implementation of MRV systems. On city level, Joachim was involved in both, low carbon development and resilient adaptation measures. He is overall responsible for EBP's validations, verifications and development of CDM-like offset projects within the Swiss offset scheme. Joachim has been working with multi-lateral development banks and climate funds such as Green Climate Fund, Inter-American Development Bank, CAF – Latin American Development Bank, World Bank, SECO and SDC. From 2006 to 2012 he was Director of First Climate's regional team in Latin America and headed First Climate's world-wide forestry activities. Joachim's professional regional focus has been Latin America and Europe in the last 15 years, and he has mainly been working in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru and Switzerland.

Caroline Huwiler is an expert in sustainable energy management and policy with over 16 years of experience in policy design and implementation in Latin America (Colombia, Mexico, Nicaragua), India, North, West and South Africa (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Liberia), including five years as a policy advisor to the Moroccan government and coordinator of the national strategy for sustainable energy management at city-levels. She also has an extensive background in private-sector development, business environment, regulatory reform, infrastructure project enabling and financial deal structuring, public-private partnerships and energy performance contracting. In addition to currently managing international projects at ENCO AG, she is the co-founder and executive director of the Institute for Development, Environment and Energy (IDE-E), a not-for-profit think-tank based in Switzerland and France with extensive operations in North Africa (Morocco and Tunisia). Mrs Huwiler holds two master's degrees (University of Lausanne, Switzerland and SIPA/Columbia University, New York).

Barla Vieli works as a project manager in the Resources, Energy and Climate Department of EBP and is responsible for questions related to climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as market mechanisms such as NAMAs, domestic off-setting schemes or Emission Trading Systems (ETS) and provides technical and regulatory advisory services to public and private customers. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Sciences from the ETH Zurich with a major in Atmospheric and Climate Science. Before joining EBP, she was working as a climate change consultant at First Climate (Switzerland) AG in the field of international climate policy and carbon markets.

Luzia Bieri is Environmental Scientist and works as senior advisor in the consulting team of First Climate, advising on climate change mitigation projects and strategies in Europe and Latin America. From 2007 to 2013, she was responsible for the assessment, development and due diligences of climate change mitigation projects in Latin America, particularly renewable energy, biomass, methane avoidance, energy efficiency and forestry projects. From 2009 to 2013 she was based in Chile and also managing First Climate's subsidiary in Santiago de Chile. Before joining First Climate, Luzia worked with Swisscontact in Bolivia in an environmental education project.

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