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### **LAC-CORE ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE 2019 CLEAN ENERGY AWARD**

**Washington, DC, March 12, 2019** – At its annual conference, the Latin American & Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE) delivered its 2019 LAC-CORE Clean Energy award.

The 2019 recipient is Sebastian Kind, Undersecretary of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency at Argentina's Energy Secretariat, a post he has held since early 2016.

Previous winners of the prestigious award include Jose Maria Figueres, ex-President of Costa Rica; Marcelo Tokman, ex-Minister of Energy of Chile; Cesar Hernandez Ochoa, ex-Deputy Secretary of Energy of Mexico; and Ramon Mendez, ex-Minister of Energy of Uruguay. Each of these individuals played key roles in transforming the energy matrix of their countries to include significantly more renewable energy generation.

"Mr. Kind was an obvious choice for our organization," stated Jorge Barrigh, LAC-CORE's chairman. "His track record in writing Argentina's renewable energy law and as architect of the very successful RenovAr renewable energy program leave no doubt of the success he helped create."

Mr. Kind, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in renewable energy, gave a brief acceptance speech, indicating that RenovAr's success would not have been possible without the excellent team he had at the Secretary of Energy's office.

In announcing the recipient, LAC-CORE board member Carlos St. James gave an emotional introduction. "I have known Sebastian since the early days when we established the Argentine Renewable Energies Chamber ('CADER' by its acronym in Spanish) along with Martin Bayugar", he stated. "From the beginning Sebastian was a constant calming voice to this nascent industry. Argentina owes him a significant debt for the investment his program has attracted and the jobs created."

#### **About LAC-CORE**

Incorporated in 2008, the Latin American & Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Based in Washington, D.C., its mission is to match innovation, new technology and financing opportunities for the development of renewable energy markets in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its methodology is to convene, to educate and to encourage partnerships. For more information please visit [www.lac-core.org](http://www.lac-core.org).

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