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### **LAC-CORE ANNOUNCES BOARD CHANGES**

**Washington, DC, July 19, 2019** – At a recent board meeting with formal elections, the Latin American & Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE) made changes to its Board of Directors with immediate effect.

**John Paul Moscarella**, board member since 2014 and a past President of LAC-CORE, had decided recently to step down from the board -- but will remain active as a member of the organization's Advisory Committee. "JP's leadership was instrumental in reconvening our signature event in Miami in 2016 after a hiatus in 2015, stated chairman Jorge Barrigh. "We're grateful he remains on the Advisory side."

During board elections, a number of extremely qualified candidates had been submitted for the prestigious role. In the end however, two individuals were elected: Bas Ramon Candia Avendaño and Patrick Longmire. Both have financier's backgrounds.

**Ramon Candia** is a Managing Director of the Corporacion Interamericana para el Financiamiento de Infraestructura, also known as CIFI, and based in Panama. He has worked for Grupo ECOS and has an MBA from Purdue University in the United States. "Ramon's infrastructure finance lending background should prove very valuable to not just our organization but to the clean energy sector at large", stated fellow board member Camila Ramos. "LAC-CORE is fortunate he was available." Stated Mr. Candia: "I am honored to have been elected to this distinguished board and look forward to furthering LAC-CORE's work."

**Patrick Longmire** is a Managing Director at the Small Enterprise Assistance Fund, also known as SEAF, and based in Miami, U.S.A. His past experience in banking includes Chase Manhattan, Lehman Brothers and IFC. He holds an MBA from the Wharton School of Business in the United States. "Patrick's private equity experience, with a specific focus on our region, should prove very useful as LAC-CORE's grows into the 21<sup>st</sup> century", stated fellow board member Roland Clarke. Added Mr. Longmire: "I've followed LAC-CORE's work for a number of years and feel honored to have been elected. With this team there is a lot of good we can continue doing for the industry."

#### **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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