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LAC-CORE ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE 2021 CLEAN ENERGY AWARD

Washington, D.C., August 2, 2021 – The Latin American & Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE) has elected outgoing board member Carlos St. James as the recipient of the 2021 LAC-CORE Clean Energy Award.

The selection was made from several extremely well-qualified candidates; St. James becomes the first private sector recipient of the award, as all previous recipients have come from the public sector and include Jose Maria Figueres, President of Costa Rica (2015 recipient) and Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley of Barbados (2020 recipient).

St. James, who recently announced his retirement from the LAC-CORE board, will transition to the organization's Advisory Committee. He is considered a leading figure in the renewable energy sector in Latin America, having co-founded and led the Argentine renewable energies chamber (CADER in Spanish) in 2005. While leading CADER he contributed to the creation of Argentina's initial legal and regulatory framework for renewable energy, later consolidated in the RENOVAR program.

Carlos has advised multilateral entities and national governments from around the globe on regional matters and is the co-founder (with former U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson) of the Middle East-Americas Energy Council, an organization created to help channel increased south-south clean energy investments into Latin America.

"We are pleased to present this award to Carlos, as it recognizes a long career and track record championing the mainstreaming of renewable energy and energy efficiency in the hemisphere. In addition, his contributions and dedication to LAC-CORE are justifiably recognized," stated LAC-CORE chairman Jorge Barrigh. "He is without question one of the champions of this industry in our region." Added fellow board member Luis Aguirre-Torres, "He has also been the driving force in recent years to expand and re-direct our organization's focus into areas that are increasingly relevant to the industry, such as sustainability and gender."

Mr. St. James will receive the award at the upcoming Renewable Energy Finance Forum – Latin America & Caribbean ([REFF-LAC](#)), to be held in Manhattan, New York, USA on September 27, 2021.

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.

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