

Short essay

The OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) Scholarship Award

Dear selection committee:

I am pleased to ~~introduce~~present myself to you, with the purpose of applying to your Scholarship Award. I have more than eight years of experience as an ~~researcher and~~ advocate ~~and researcher of~~ environmental, development, and energy issues in Colombia and Latin America. I am professionally committed to positive social and environmental ~~positive~~ change, ~~for these we can~~ protection of life and biodiversity.

Since the beginning of my professional career I have focused on the protection of the environment, ecosystems, the communities that depend on them, and sustainable development. ~~As a result,~~ I began ~~to~~ investigating energy issues when I realized ~~their~~ pivotal ~~great~~ importance ~~into~~ protecting the environment and communities. I started to investigate the entry of unconventional hydrocarbons in Colombia and Latin America in 2014; ~~and,~~ since then, I have actively followed the process. Obviously, humanity will continue to use hydrocarbons and their derivatives for a very long time; however, extreme technologies associated with unconventional hydrocarbons, such as fracking, increase ~~the~~ environmental and social impacts, ~~despite while~~ the availability of ~~are~~ large reserves of conventional hydrocarbons available.

I have published several articles and books on the public policy of hydrocarbons in Latin America and Colombia, and on the tension between conventional and unconventional hydrocarbons, ~~which can be found~~ These are referenced in my resume. ~~Throughout~~ this process of research and advocacy on hydrocarbons policy, I ~~also~~ realized that ~~in any case~~ the energy transition is inevitable and that it is necessary to understand how this transition will ~~unfold~~ happen in Latin American countries that operate differently from countries such as Germany or Japan.

Consequently, my educational objectives, if I ~~am you honor me with your awarded the~~ scholarship to study ~~at the~~ Master's in Global Energy Transition and Governance, ~~are~~ to study ~~the~~ current governance of hydrocarbons in Latin America ~~of hydrocarbons~~, and to compare and contrast ~~between~~ conventional and unconventional governance/hydrocarbon methods, and to ~~and~~ identify the associated differences in environmental and social impacts. ~~In addition,~~ ~~Also,~~ I wish to study and explain the current status and projections of the energy transition in Latin America. ~~This~~ master's degree will also allow me to understand ~~know the experiences of~~ energy transition experiences in France, Germany and, in general, ~~in~~ the European Union. Ideally, I would consider it a great opportunity to learn from OPEC policies, which I consider to be viable given that France, the place where ~~this~~ Master's ~~degree take place~~ would be studied, is very close to Vienna. This ~~would present~~ would be a very valuable South-South learning experience ~~for~~ me ~~and~~ OPEC-Latin America.

The experience I hope to gain in the Master's in Global Energy Transition and Governance ~~w-~~ould be used to promote sustainable development throughout Latin America. ~~With this~~ ~~After the~~ Master's degree, I can contribute ~~to~~ the following to the region: First, a clearer understanding of the current state of energy policy in Latin America, and ~~particularly~~ on conventional and non-conventional hydrocarbons, in particular; secondly, an evaluation of the current state of the energy transition in the region and possible future scenarios. All of this would be very valuable to ward ~~advancing~~ improve governmental ~~the~~ debate and decision making on energy issues ~~by the governments of the~~ in the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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