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Latin America's energy goes further when it crosses borders.



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AT A GLANCE

José Ramón Gómez Guerrero is the IDB Group's regional energy specialist and lead for Central America, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic. He has spent 29 years financing energy infrastructure in more than 15 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

29	US$4B+	15+	3
years in energy infrastructure	financing portfolio	countries in Latin America and the Caribbean	regional interconnections supported

CURRENT ROLE

Regional Energy Specialist and Lead, IDB Group

BASED IN

Panama City

COUNTRIES IN HIS CAREER

Mexico · Guatemala · El Salvador · Honduras · Nicaragua · Costa Rica · Panama · Colombia · Ecuador · Peru · Haiti · Dominican Republic · Argentina · Chile · Bolivia

How to work with José.

Keynotes

Power integration, universal access and how to finance what the region needs, told through cases he lived from the inside. In Spanish or English, on site or online.

Boards

A conversation about risk, governance and regional growth for energy companies. Any potential role requires a compatibility review and the relevant approvals.

Strategic advice

An expert view on regulation, financial structure and delivery of energy projects across more than 15 countries. Scope is reviewed before any collaboration is agreed.

Media

Clear context on power integration, energy access and finance for interviews, op-eds and panels. Forbes Peru, Semana and La Prensa have already covered his ideas. The biography and sources are ready to download.

> "The greatest economic benefits are achieved when the region works as a united bloc."
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> José Ramón Gómez and Arturo D. Alarcón on SIEPAC and the Regional Electricity Market. IDB Blog, 2024.

BIOGRAPHIES

José Ramón Gómez Guerrero

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SHORT · 40 WORDS

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MEDIUM · 92 WORDS

José Ramón Gómez Guerrero is the IDB Group's regional energy specialist and lead for Central America, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic, based in Panama City. Over 29 years he has supported a portfolio of more than US$4 billion across 15+ countries, including the Colombia-Panama and Ecuador-Peru interconnections, universal access programs and the Galápagos energy transition. He served as IDB Representative in Costa Rica and previously worked at the World Bank. He is an environmental and sanitary engineer from Universidad de La Salle with two master's degrees from George Washington University.

LONG · 164 WORDS

José Ramón Gómez Guerrero has devoted his career to one idea: that Latin America's energy should be built as a region. He is currently the IDB Group's regional energy specialist and lead for Central America, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic. He previously worked from Washington, Bogotá, Panama City, San José, where he was IDB Representative in Costa Rica, and Quito, on power interconnection, universal access, renewable energy and corporate governance operations. He has supported a portfolio of more than US$4 billion across 15+ countries. He has written on the IDB Blog about universal access in Ecuador, the Ecuador-Peru interconnection and the Central American power market, and his ideas have appeared in Forbes Peru, Semana, La Prensa and El Oriente. He worked at the World Bank. He is an environmental and sanitary engineer from Universidad de La Salle with two master's degrees from George Washington University. He speaks Spanish and English. His views are his own and do not represent an institutional position.

TRACK RECORD

From Washington to the whole region.

1996 — BOGOTÁ
I graduate as an environmental and sanitary engineer from Universidad de La Salle.

2005 — WASHINGTON D.C.
Two master's degrees at George Washington University. At the World Bank I work on air quality for Santiago, Chile.

2007 — WASHINGTON D.C.
I join the IDB to finance energy infrastructure.

2009 — BOGOTÁ
Eight years in Colombia: renewables, San Andrés and the Pacific coast.

2017 — PANAMA CITY
Colombia interconnection and universal access in Panama.

2020 — SAN JOSÉ
IDB Representative in Costa Rica, in the middle of its decarbonization plan.

2021 — QUITO
Ecuador and Peru: the 500 kV link that will take trade from 80 to 680 MW, and the move off diesel in Galápagos.

2025 — PANAMA CITY
Regional energy specialist and lead at the IDB Group for Central America, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

2026 — PANAMA AND SANTO DOMINGO
I take part in discussions about preparation of the Colombia-Panama interconnection and transmission investment in the Dominican Republic.

KEYNOTES

Questions worth bringing to the stage.

01

The region as one grid

Central America went from 700 to 3,100 GWh of trades in nine years. What SIEPAC, Colombia-Panama and Ecuador-Peru teach, and what the next step needs.

30 TO 45 MINUTE KEYNOTE

02

From ideas to bankable portfolios

If I were an investor, I would look at how many megawatts the country needs and how clear its rules are. That is what this talk is about.

KEYNOTE OR EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP

03

Universal access: the last mile

Ecuador went from half of its rural homes with power to more than 97%. The last 3% is the hard part, and the most honest measure of a transition.

KEYNOTE OR PANEL

04

Islands as labs of the future

Galápagos aims to cut 3 million gallons of diesel before 2030. What we learned there and in San Andrés applies to any isolated grid.

FIRESIDE CHAT OR CASE STUDY

05

Boards that understand energy

Corporate governance for utilities operating across several countries and regulators.

BOARD SESSION

Recent stages

2026	8th Ibero-American Energy Law Congress, opening session	Panama City
2026	Industrial Sustainability, Energy and Water Symposium: Strategic energy infrastructure for Panama	Panama City
2025	7th CELAC Energy Ministerial, side event	Colombia
2025	SIEPAC Vision 2050 workshop, Regional Operator	Central America
2025	ASI Regional Energy Congress	San Salvador
2023	Innovation and Energy Transition Forum, Ecuadorian-British Chamber	Quito
2023	Green Economy and Sustainable Development Forum, Forbes Peru	Lima
2023	Peru Energía Norte: Peru-Ecuador interconnection	Piura
2019	S&P Global Platts Central American Energy Conference	Central America

IN THE MEDIA

What he has published, with sources

Blog del BID
Dec 2021
iadb.org

ARTICLE, CO-AUTHORED · ECUADOR

Avances y estrategias de Ecuador para alcanzar el acceso universal al 2030

Fifty years ago, just over half of Ecuador's rural homes had power. By 2019 it was more than 97%. We wrote about what it takes to reach the last 150,000.

Blog del BID
Dec 2022
iadb.org

ARTICLE, CO-AUTHORED · ECUADOR AND PERU

Interconexión eléctrica: grandes avances para la integración energética regional

The Ecuador–Peru link will grow from 80 to 680 MW, the first piece of an Andean power market.

Forbes Perú
May 2023
forbes.pe

PANEL · PERU

Foro Economía Verde y Desarrollo Sostenible: ¿cómo está avanzando la transición energética en el Perú?

67% of the region's installed capacity is already renewable. What matters is commitment.

Semana
Jun 2023
semana.com

COLUMN BY RAÚL ÁVILA FORERO · GALÁPAGOS

Transición energética y gestión de recursos: caso de islas Galápagos

The plan aims to cut 3 million gallons of diesel between 2023 and 2030, with 31.96 MW of solar and 8.75 MW of wind.

El Oriente
Oct 2023
eloriente.com

FORUM IN QUITO · ECUADOR

Ecuador tiene condiciones para captar inversión eléctrica

What I see are opportunities. Bringing power to the whole Amazon region costs about US$600 million and needs clear rules for investors.

IDB Blog
Nov 2024
iadb.org

ARTICLE, CO-AUTHORED · CENTRAL AMERICA

Driving Energy Integration in Central America through SIEPAC and MER

Regional market trades grew from 700 GWh in 2013 to 3,100 GWh in 2022. Deeper integration cuts total cost by about 10%.

La Prensa
Feb 2026
prensa.com

NEWS STORY QUOTING ME FOR THE IDB GROUP · PANAMA AND COLOMBIA

$800 millones y un 5% crítico: los retos finales de la interconexión eléctrica Panamá-Colombia

The February 2026 report addresses project preparation and the regulatory, environmental and social decisions needed before investment. It does not describe a line that is 95% built.

Proceso
Mar 2026
proceso.com.do

NEWS · DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

BID y ETED informan avance en estructuración financiera para nuevas inversiones en transmisión eléctrica

We presented ETED with instruments to finance a roadmap of investments in the Dominican transmission grid.

Sindicato de Industriales
Sep 2026
instagram.com

KEYNOTE · PANAMA

Infraestructura energética estratégica para Panamá

2026 Industrial Sustainability, Energy and Water Symposium. Panama can become the region's energy hub if it invests in its grid in time.

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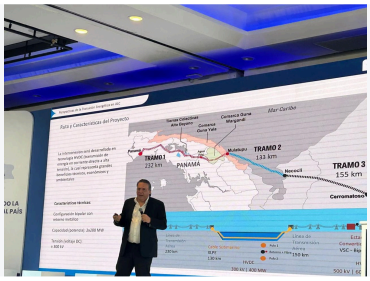
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On stage
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MER360 Regional Symposium, 2025. Outlook for the Central American Power System
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Outlook for the energy transition in LAC. The route of the Colombia-Panama interconnection
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Working session with delegations from Panama, El Salvador and Guatemala
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Costa Rica, as IDB Representative
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Panama City
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At a concentrated solar power plant
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Walking the construction site of a hydropower plant
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With a rural electrification crew
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Community assembly, microphone in hand
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With traditional authorities
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Let's talk about what comes next.

Interviews, keynotes and media requests

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Before you invite

Does José speak on behalf of the IDB?
No. At conferences, in the media and on this site José shares personal views. Any outside activity is coordinated under his employer's rules.

In which languages and formats?
Spanish and English. Keynote, panel, fireside chat, executive workshop or board session, on site or online.

How do I invite him to an event?
Use the form, WhatsApp or the virtual José assistant. Date, city, audience, format and topic help a lot.

Does he take board positions?
You can submit a proposal for review. This site does not confirm availability or authorization to take a role. Each case requires a review of compatibility, conflicts of interest and any applicable approvals.

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