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Santo Domingo.- Celso Marranzini, President of the Unified Council of Electricity Distribution Companies (EDE), has introduced a comprehensive modernization plan for the Dominican Republic's electric distribution sector, encompassing Edesur, Edenorte, and Edeeste. Speaking at the American Chamber of Commerce of the Dominican Republic (AMCHAMDR), Marranzini detailed a strategy aimed at reducing technical and commercial losses, upgrading infrastructure, and ensuring transparent management, supported by the Electric Cabinet and President Luis Abinader.

The plan includes a significant financial investment of over \$650 million, sourced from multilateral organizations, to modernize networks and expand telemetering infrastructure. It also envisions a major reduction in the EDE deficit by 2027, enhancing service quality and customer engagement. Key aspects of the strategy involve adopting new technologies, rehabilitating networks, and installing prepaid meters to combat electricity fraud, alongside legislative measures to protect EDEs from criminal interference.

Marranzini called for unified efforts from all sectors to build a more reliable and sustainable energy future for the Dominican Republic.

This is the usual empty political rhetoric over fixing the faults of the Dominican electric generation and distribution system. The public has suffered it and the lack of electric power years on end. Action to fix the issue is the desired substitute for speechmaking. Action, the road less traveled, is a rare commodity in the RD. Speeches are easy routes.

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Dominican State Electricity Companies Corporation (CDEEE) vice president Ruben Jimenez Bichara has announced the signing of a US\$120 million loan agreement with the World Bank for the Distribution Grid Modernization and Loss Reduction Project to support the country's work towards improving the financial performance of the three electricity distribution companies (EDEs) in selected circuits and increasing electricity access in the targeted communities.

"By increasing access to reliable electricity in poor communities, this project not only aims to improve the quality of life in poor neighborhoods, but also addresses a key bottleneck to boost inclusive growth in the country," said Sophie Sirtaine, World Bank Country Director for the Caribbean.



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“This funding will allow scaling up a successful project which already has benefited more than 100,000 Dominicans in the metropolitan area of Santo Domingo,” she added.

The agreement was signed at the CDEEE headquarters in Santo Domingo by the legal advisor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), Catherine Abreu.

The Distribution Grid Modernization and Loss Reduction project involves the rehabilitation of 1,003 km of distribution networks and upgrading of electrical interconnection for more than 120,000 customers in priority areas. It is also aimed at reducing commercial losses by installing more than 138,000 remote meters and converting over 73,000 illegal users into regular clients. It also envisions increasing the number of hours of electricity supply to 24h service to all clients in all targeted circuits.

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