Colombia's Ecopetrol sets 1,000MW renewables target

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Colombia's Ecopetrol is seeking to bring online 1,000MW of non-conventional renewable energy by the end of the decade as it decarbonizes its operations, according to a top official.

The target coincides with a shift in focus as the state-run firm aligns its strategy with the low-carbon policy agenda of President Gustavo Petro.

"Our goal is to incorporate 1,000MW of non-conventional renewable energy by 2030 through projects with solar, wind, biomass, geothermal technology, and small hydroelectric power plants, among others," Ecopetrol's clean energy chief Yeimy Baez was quoted telling local media.

She said Ecopetrol is taking steps to measure the potential for wind power generation near its operations in the departments of Huila and Casanare.

A 150m-high tower has already been installed next to the San Francisco field in Huila, which will test the speed and direction of winds at different heights in real time, Baez said.

A similar tower has been earmarked for the municipality of Araguaney in Casanare and is expected to begin operating in mid-December, she added.

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