



II Latin American and the Caribbean Open Science Forum

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Ciudad de Panamá, Panamá



Public Call for Proposals

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Presentation

The UNESCO Regional Office for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean, together with the SENACYT (National Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation) of the Republic of Panama, the Mayor of Panama City, the Council of Rectors of Panama, the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), the Ibero-American University Council (CUIB) and the Association of Universities Grupo Montevideo (AUGM), under the sponsorship of the Government of the Republic of Panama through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organizes the **II Latin America and the Caribbean Open Science Forum, CILAC 2018, Transforming our region**, under the theme **“Science connects: Sustainable Territories”**, which will be held from October 22 to 24, 2018, in Panama City.

The CILAC Forum (www.forocilac.org) is the “hub” for sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean, connecting the region through the sciences, as a regional platform to debate how to strengthen and implement efficient science, technology and innovation (STI) policies in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Thus, the CILAC Forum represents a permanent movement for dialogue and cooperation between actors, the exchange of experiences, the definition of strategies and the monitoring of actions at the regional level in the STI field.

There is no other conference in the region like it! Connecting future researchers with distinguished scientists, early stage entrepreneurs with heads of corporations and leading businesses, innovators and policymakers, artists, designers, performers, inventors with engineers, science journalists with science media centers. What connects all of these people... the scientific challenges of the 21st Century which require inter-disciplinary and multi-sectorial collaboration from all Latin American and Caribbean society in order to sustainably address the agenda of the future.

Objectives

The main objective of the II Latin America and the Caribbean Open Science Forum, under the motto **Science Connects: Sustainable Territories**, is to create a dynamic and inclusive space to debate, plan and monitor - among all the actors involved: government, universities, companies, researchers, the social sector - the scientific and technological integration of the region and the role

of the **Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)** system for the **sustainable development of the region**.

The Forum, which takes place every two years rotated to different cities, provides a unique space for the alignment of the priorities and regional policies of the various organizations (international and regional), as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies of cooperation in science and technology, together with the national and regional systems for education and research.

Moreover, through the Forum it is intended to significantly boost the process of gestation, development and consolidation of the ‘Space for Higher Education in Latin American and Caribbean (ELACES)’.

The second Forum, to be held from **22 to 24 October 2018, in Panama City** (Panama), will aim to propose an agenda of science, technology and innovation policies for Governments, Universities, Companies and Scientific and Civil Society Organizations, aligned with the priorities established in the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. That is why on this occasion Science Connects us, to think together a Sustainable Territory.

Contents:

The Forum is conceived as a multi-stakeholder dialogue, with **Plenary Conferences** by renowned specialists from the region and the world, as well as **Thematic Sessions and Side Events**, in which Ministers, Rectors of universities, heads of corporations, scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs and innovators, representatives of international and non-governmental organizations, as well as other relevant civil society actors, participate in open and constructive discussions.

The Plenary Conferences are supported by **specialized studies** prepared ad-hoc by worldwide respected scholars, in order to contribute to the discussion based on updated and relevant research results.

The program includes exhibition of **Posters**, the installation of **institutional Stands** and the facilitation of **Technical Visits** for the interested participants.

Parallel to the Forum, in **public spaces** of **Panama City**, there will be **Decentralized Activities** of science dissemination and linking science, culture and society.

Through this approach, the Forum sets up a **pluralistic, coherent and articulated meeting** of multiple reflection activities and proposals from the LAC region within

the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Central Themes in which the different activities will be registered

A set of drivers is determining a new global scenario. It is no longer just new geopolitical conditions within the framework of a multipolar world that pre-announces a new future but a set of mega-trends that will impact governments and their citizens. A new future is no longer merely pre-announced by new geopolitical conditions within the framework of a multipolar world, but rather a set of mega-trends that will impact governments and their citizens. Among the most mentioned are the **demographic evolution** -with growth in developing countries, a greater concentration in Asia, moving towards the "demographic bonus", with greater access to education and health, longer lives and greater mobility of humanity for freedom and equality, with great migrations and an urban future, rather than rural-; the **technological revolution and convergence** -refining the role of information and communication technologies (ICT), with more efficient production processes that allow reallocation of resources to social services, the need to generate innovative dynamics and manage the "digital gap" -; and the **accelerated globalization** -with greater scientific and technological interdependence, greater trade and investment flows and the formation of new regionalisms and partially overlapping free trade agreements, with a greater protagonism for southern and BRICS countries- as the main trends to be taken into account towards the future, not without mentioning certain risks and uncertainties that remain open -such as global inequality, depletion of non-renewable resources, global warming, and financial and food crises-.¹

Within the conceptual framework of joint reflection about the management of a sustainable territory that will enable the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

the Forum will focus on three Central Themes - one for each day. It is hoped that the discussions held during the different days will converge in the construction of a regional vision, which coordinates efforts and generates positive synergies.

1. **Sustainable cities:** the first day will focus on the dynamics of Sustainable Cities, understanding these as a theoretical model and conceiving an action plan that integrates initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life, sustainability and efficient management of services, innovating in materials, resources and models.
2. **RELAC:** the second day will focus on the capacity for resilience and reconciliation of our territory after natural disasters or social problems that happen in our region (RELAC), and explore how to be able to turn the threats into opportunities.
3. **Bioeconomy:** Finally, facing the challenges presented by future global scenarios, the third day discusses a regional strategy within the framework of the new Bioeconomy, understood as the use of biomass in an innovative way to add more value locally and generate new productive opportunities in a sustainable way.

The Forum invites you to participate in the discussion of these three axes, within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, from five areas of intervention - which, in turn, include various lines of approach. Namely:

1. **Science Policy;** how to strengthen the dialogue between scientist, policy makers and society, exchanging knowledge to formulate better public policies.
2. **Universities for development;** the role of higher education, knowledge production and research, to meet the global challenges of the XXI century.
3. **Promoting Citizen Science;** the use of science as a mechanism for strengthening social transformation and integration through knowledge, arts and culture.
4. **Sciences for the 2030 Agenda;** how science, technology and innovation represents a signif-

¹ For more information, see the National Human Development Report for 2013 (UNDP, 2013), or the document "Future State 2030: The Global Megatrends Shaping Governments", where KPMG International conducts a prospective analysis of the future, highlighting the existence of 9 megatrends that will change social and governance relations as we know them today. They are not the only ones, but they serve as a good synthesis on the positions of international organizations and private organizations

icant driver towards the sustainable development contained in the new 2030 Agenda.

5. **Sciences for Business Innovation;** the role of companies as vectors of technological change for sustainable development.

Therefore, submissions are solicited with proposals for sessions and events in the following intervention areas, related to the thematic exes –here you could see a matrix with some examples of possible proposals -:

		Thematic exes		
		Sustainable cities	Resilience and Reconciliation LAC (RELAC)	Bioeconomy
Intervention areas	Universities for Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University-society-policy interface Research programmes in cities Green campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University extension programmes as a tool to build resilience Research on social transformation and sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New needs, new curricula Interdisciplinary research programmes (University-society-business)
	STI Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge production for sustainable cities Innovation programmes and city development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and training in integrated management of natural resources Knowledge for empowering of vulnerable groups (Youth, Women, Indigenous people) DRR management plans and emergency plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology convergence Transdisciplinary programmes R&D investment frameworks
	Science for business innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAB-LABs New entrepreneurs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Social Responsibility Eco hydrology Mining Contingency plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bio entrepreneurs Venture capital
	Science for 2030 Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDG 6 (water) 9 (innovation) 11 (cities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDG 4 (education) 5 (gender) 6 (water) 9 (innovation) 10 (inequity) 13 (climate) 14 (oceans) 15 (biodiversity) 16 (justice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDG 5 (gender) 7 (energy) 12 (responsible consumption and production) 13 (climate) 14 (oceans) 15 (biodiversity)
	Science for citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative cities Waste management and waste recycling in the cities Science Museums and centers and Scientific culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Education (environment, DRR, Water...) Promotion of STI careers Youth networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental education Basic science programmes Waste management

We invite you to suggest these or other panel proposals that you may wish to add to the CILAC 2018.

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Thematic Sessions | Side Events

This is a call for those who are interested in submitting proposals to implement activities at the II Latin American and the Caribbean Open Science Forum (CILAC 2018) to be held in Panama City from the **22th to 24th October 2018**.

The program will include **Thematic Sessions** and **Side Events**. Both streams are described below, together with the presentation, admission and selection criteria. An academic interagency committee team will assess and evaluate proposals and select which ones will be admitted into the Forum's Final Program.

a) *Thematic Sessions*

The Thematic Sessions will be organized by an institution or a consortium of institutions, on topics that are part of one of the lines of approach of the 5 areas of intervention convened for the Forum.

There are a limited number of spaces for Thematic Sessions and they will be distributed differently between the five areas of intervention, according to the strategic priority of each theme and the number of proposals received for each of them.

Proposals sent to the Forum's organizers should follow the format provided for this type of activity, both in terms of time available and working methodology. The maximum time foreseen for each Session is **75 minutes**, and you can choose one of the following modalities:

- **Dialogue session:** This modality will be concentrated on dialogue, for which it will count with the horizontal participation of experts – at least 2 and at most 5- and the audience, with a dynamic journalistic style Moderator. This activity will have a strong participatory tone between the experts and the audience .
- **Presentation & feedback:** In this modality there will be a first Exhibition (a maximum of 20 minutes) that will act as a trigger for the discussion, and that will be commented by at least one specialist - two could be considered at most (with 20 total minutes for comments

and answers of the exhibitor); the remaining time (30 minutes) will be devoted to a plenary debate with the participants, under the guidance of an active and participatory moderator, and a synthesis by the moderator (5 minutes), recording the most relevant points of expert contributions and the plenary discussion.

- **Networks encounters:** This modality is designed so that networks or groups that seek to institute themselves as such, related to the topics of the Forum, can hold encounters of their parties in the ambit of the meeting to be held in Panama.

b) *Side Events*

In this category are included special activities that are not framed in the formats of the Thematic Sessions, and that demonstrate their relevance to the objectives of the CILAC 2018 Forum.

Proposals in this category are expected to have innovative formats and methodologies, and may have a significant workload (up to a maximum of 12 hours), and could cover more than one working day.

For example, as Parallel Event it is possible to consider Workshops or Training, Project Laboratories, Film Festivals, etc.

What to include in your proposal

Each proposal must indicate relevant information allowing the selection Committee to make an informed decision:

1. Type of activity: Thematic Session | Side Event
2. Title of the Thematic Session or Side Event
3. Area of intervention and line of approach in which it is inscribed
4. Name of the organizing institution/s

5. Name and contact details of the person submitting the proposal (address, email, telephone number, country)
6. Justification and rationale, including reference to the relevant Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda (maximum 400 words).
7. General objectives of the activity and expected results (maximum 100 words)
8. Selected work mode.¹
9. Group / community to which the activity is targeted.
10. Number of people expected to participate and mode of diffusion / convocation to target participants.

All delegates of chosen activities will be invited to **CILAC 2018** Forum, with the right to participate in all the activities included in the Program. However, they will need to register on the CILAC website <http://www.forocilac.org>.

Please note: the organizers of each activity will be responsible for covering their own travel, accommodation, meals and other costs that may occur during their time in Panama City.

Presentation and selection of proposals

The proposals must be sent as a PDF to the following address: info@forocilac.org until **12/31/2017**. The result of the evaluation will be communicated to those responsible for the selected proposals by **03/30/2018**.

The Academic Committee will be composed of representatives of CILAC organizing institutions, and their names will be announced in due course.

The criteria for evaluating proposals will include the following items:

- Alignment of the activity with the objectives of the Forum.
- Alignment of the proposal with the approach line and selected intervention area.
- Relevance of the topic addressed in relation to the regional and / or local reality, as well as framing in the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030.
- Regional, subregional or global character of the panel of exponents.
- Quality of justification and foundations expressed
- Trajectory of the organizing institution(s) and the participating exponents.

¹ In the case of Thematic Sessions, you should opt for Dialogue Session, Presentation & Feedback or Network encounters. In the case of Side Events, you should explicitly outline the methodology to be used, including hourly load required (up to 12 hours)

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