

ALCUE NET

Latin America, Caribbean and European Union Network on Research and Innovation Biodiversity and Climate Change working group

Thursday 4, 13:30-15:30

ALCUE NET is a Coordination and support action financed by the 7th Framework Program of the European Union. The consortium is composed of 19 institutions, eight from the European Union and eleven from Latin American and Caribbean countries, representing stakeholders from government and research. Its main goal is to strengthen bi-regional sustainable dialogue on Science and Technology between European, Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Among its priority areas, the project addresses societal challenges through action in biodiversity and climate change thematic and allows identification and development of activities in this field. Recently, an ALCUE NET workshop on biodiversity and climate change, organized by IRD in cooperation with Colciencias (Colombia), has explored the synergies and collaboration between the two regions.

This side-event will illustrate the bi-regional program by presenting strategic research issues and capacity building initiatives conducted jointly. It will particularly emphasize the role of LAC countries with regard to research on climate change impact on biodiversity, the importance of long-term data and scenario development, identify strengths and weakness of the EU-LAC collaboration and propose future avenues to improve bioregional cooperation.

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