



CRES 2018

III Regional Conference
on Higher Education

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Cordoba - Argentina

Presentation

The Regional Conference on Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean 2018 (Spanish abbreviation CRES 2018) is a regional meeting organized jointly between the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish abbreviation IESALC), the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (UNC), the National Inter-University Council of Argentina (CIN) and the Secretariat for University Policies at the Ministry of Education and Sports of Argentina (SUP).

It is the most important event related to Higher Education Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean. Rectors, presidents, professors, researchers, students and representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations meet to analyze and discuss the situation of the education system in the region. The Regional Conference is oriented to reaffirm the meaning of education as a social good, a human right and a State responsibility.

Purpose

To organize both a Declaration and a Plan of Action on Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean viewing sustainable human development as a regional commitment towards more equal societies, ratifying State's responsibility to guarantee Higher Education as a public good and a human and social right.

Background

Historical and thematic background of CRES 2018 are the valuable experiences collected from Havana, CRES 1996; Cartagena de Indias, CRES 2008 and World Conference on Higher Education 2009 in Paris. Conference preparation also considers the contributions of university networks and councils of rectors regional meetings carried out in recent years: 2011 in Buenos Aires; 2013 in Panama City; 2014 in Bogota; and 2015 in San Miguel de Allende.

Goals

To reflect and debate about the development of higher education during last decades, current state of the art and challenges to come, recognizing social inequities of the region framed by deep social and cultural changes taking place.

To analyze the meaning of contemporary university policies and strategies of higher education systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, taking into account key guidelines of quality, commitment and social inclusion, cultural diversity and internationalization, in order to face 21st Century challenges.

To promote commitment and responsibility of participating actors with the Declaration and Plan of Action as guiding instruments for governments, higher education institutions and other organizations in society to ensure sustainable development with the contribution of higher education conceived as a public good, a universal social right and a State responsibility.

To reflect on the legacy of 1918 Cordoba Reform, refitting commitment for an autonomous, critical, democratic, participatory university with academic freedom and sensitive vision of Latin American and Caribbean societies requirements.

To develop a higher education open to cooperation and integration of Latin America and the Caribbean as a region.

Thematic Construction of the

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The Third Regional Conference on Higher Education considers the development of preparatory thematic meetings, virtual forums, meetings, seminars and a wide range of consultation and analysis mechanisms. These contribute to enrich the reflection and debate on achievements and propose to the region the pending challenges that the systems and institutions are facing towards their consolidation and quality assurance, among others. The thematic axes considered in this call are the following:

- Higher education as part of the education system in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Higher education, cultural diversity and interculturality in Latin America
- Higher education, internationalization and regional integration in Latin America and the Caribbean
- The role of higher education ahead of social compromises and challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Scientific and technological research and innovation as the engine of human, social and economic development for Latin America and the Caribbean
- The strategic role of higher education in sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Centennial of University of Cordoba Reform. Towards a new Manifesto of Latin American Higher Education

Preliminary Program

CORDOBA FAIR COMPLEX

Monday, June 11th

Registration
Official opening
Opening Ceremony
Conference

Thematic Symposia (7)

Tuesday, June 12th

Conference

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Conclusions

Wednesday, June 13th

Conference
Declaration approval

Reading of Declaration
Guidelines and Roadmap for the Action Plan
Closing Ceremony

CRES 2018 book fair
Science and technology exhibition



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