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Information document

Seed Projects on Transdisciplinary Approaches

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Background

2. Four transdisciplinary projects were established in the PDS Dominican Republic/Canada. They address important socio-economic environmental themes and they are great examples of how activities such as the IAI Transdisciplinary Approaches seminar can contribute to establishing research networks composed of scientists from different disciplines working together with policy and decision makers.

Projects

3. “Temperate grasslands conservation in the Americas: A transdisciplinary socioecological analysis”

PI: Pablo Modernel - University of the Republic, Uruguay

Co-PIs:

- Caitlin Quarrington - MindFuel (Science Alberta Foundation), Canada

- Bastián Oñate - Corporation for the conservation and sustainable use of Alerce forests, Chile
- Gabriel Lui - Ministry of Environment, Brazil
- Jeremy Pittman - University of Waterloo, Canada
- Jessica Duchicela - University of the Armed Forces, Ecuador
- María Virginia Vilariño - Argentinean Business Council for Sustainable Development, Argentina
- Natalia Zaldúa - United Nations Environment Programme, Uruguay

4. “Water governance in Latin America”

PI: Alexander Rincón Ruiz - School of economics at the National University of Colombia, Colombia

Co-PIs:

- Erica Carrizo - Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation, Argentina
- Jorge Vergara Castro - Indigenous community Quechua of Quipisca, Chile
- Maíra Padgurschi - Brazilian Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (BPBES), Brazil
- Tatiana de Souza - Conservation International (CI-Brazil), Brazil

5. “Improving Livelihoods and Promoting Resilience of Cocoa Producers in Latin America: Case Study in the Dominican Republic and Colombia”

PI: Solhanlle Bonilla Duarte - Technological Institute of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Co-PIs:

- Alejandro Velasco - Quality Energy Solutions, Colombia/Germany
- Alexander Fernandez Velazquez - Province Delegation Ministry of Science Technology and Environment (CITMA), Cuba
- Anne-Teresa Birthwright - The University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- Gabriela Alfaro - University of the Valley of Guatemala, Guatemala
- Jeniffer Hanna Collado - National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism, Dominican Republic

6. “Assessing the influence of smallholder livelihoods and governance mechanisms on the management of common pool resources, with focus on Peruvian shark fisheries and Bolivian agriculture”

PI: Naomi Krogman - University of Alberta, Canada

Co-PIs:

- Kerstin Forsberg - Ocean Planet, Peru
- Ivan del Callejo - Major University of San Simon, Bolivia
- Alexander Liebman - University of Minnesota, USA