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COMET-LA is a research project financed by the 7th framework programme of the European Commission, analyzing community-based management of environmental challenges in Latin America. Its epistemological approach is based on the conviction that the production of new knowledge requires inputs from different sources. Therefore, this whole project has been developed around a 'learning arena' in which researchers from different disciplines, civil society organizations, local authorities and communities, and policy makers have worked together, sharing knowledge. In this way, we have identified the factors that define bottom-up models of governance in sustainable socio-ecological systems in water, forest, biodiversity and coastal and marine area management, working in 3 case studies from Mexico, Colombia and Argentina.

The development of this research has produced a wide variety of lessons learned. Different theoretical and methodological approaches have been applied and adapted to working at the local level and, more importantly, have been adapted to be used by communities.

COMET-LA reaches its end having gathered a wealth of knowledge and experience. The aim of this Policy Conference is to share these results with politicians, authorities, other local communities and the scientific community, but especially with those decision and policy-makers who determine natural resources management. We aim to generate a lively discussion not only on the results of the project, but more importantly on its future consequences. We will talk about the issues that have emerged during the construction of knowledge with local communities, hoping to generate attention and enthusiasm about the need to continue expanding this approach and its implications towards other parts of Latin America.



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8:00 – 9:00. **Participant registration.**

9:00 – 10:00. **Opening session.**

José Narro (Rector UNAM, México)

Rosario Robles (Social Development Secretariat (SEDESOL), Mexico)

Andrew Standley (Ambassador of the EC in Mexico)

José Carlos Gómez Villamandos (Rector UCO, Spain)

María del Mar Delgado (General Project Coordinator)

Roberto Escalante (Coordinator Mexican Team)

10:00 – 11:00. **Opening lecture: The importance of community-based management of environmental challenges in policy-making.**

Speaker: José Sarukhán (President of the National Commission for Knowledge and Biodiversity Use - CONABIO, Mexico)

Reply: Brigitte Baptiste (Director of the von Humboldt Institute, Colombia)

11:00 – 11:30. **Coffee break.**

11:30 – 12:00. **COMET-LA Project: From a focus on community-based management to a focus of community ownership of the solutions in natural resources management.**

María del Mar Delgado (General Project Coordinator)

12:30 – 13:30. **Environmental aspects of community-based management of natural resources. Pros and cons in the XXI century.**

Speakers: Israel Hernández (Comaltepec Representative, Mexico)
Sebastián Moreno (Legal Representative of the Community Council of Bajo Calima, Colombia)

COMBIOSEERVE Representative (Confirmation pending)

Reply: Leticia Merino (President of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC))

13:30 – 14:00. **Economic aspects of community-based management of natural resources. Pros and cons in the XXI century.**

Speakers: Lucila Martínez (Leader of the Community Council of Alto y Medio Dagua, Colombia)

Néstor Hernández (Comaltepec Representative, Mexico)

Reply: José Luis Samaniego (CEPAL)

14:00 – 15:30. **Lunch.**

15:30 – 16:30. **PARALLEL EVENT 1: Institutional aspect of community-based natural resource management. Pros and cons of the XXI century.**

Speakers: Laura Hernández (Comaltepec Representative, Mexico)

Eduardo Flores (Artisanal Fishers Representative, Monte Hermoso, Argentina)

Manuel Riascos (Legal Representative of the Community Council of Alto y Medio Dagua, Colombia)

Gerardo López (Municipal Pres. of Comaltepec, Mexico)

Reply: Adriana Vázquez (Researcher, Tropenbos Foundation, Colombia)

César Nava (Institute of Legal Research, UNAM, Mexico)

16:30 – 17:30. **Advances in capacity building.**

Speakers: Oscar Hernández (Instructor, National Learning Service, Colombia)

Federico Seleme (Production Director of Monte Hermoso, Argentina)

Pablo Bordino (Director of Aquamarina-CECIM, Argentina)

Reply: Enrique Provencio (Senate of Mexico)

IICA Representative (Confirmation pending)

17:30 – 18:30. **Needs for effective governance of environmental challenges**

Speakers: Roberto Escalante (UNAM, Mexico, COMET-LA researcher)

Cesar Ortiz (PUJ, Colombia, COMET-LA researcher)

Silvia London (UNS-CONICET, Argentina, COMET-LA researcher)

Reply: Sergio Madrid (Mexican Forestry Commission, México)

Liliana Mosquera (Researcher, von Humboldt Institute, Colombia)

15:30 – 18:30. **PARALLEL EVENT 2: Bottom-up influence towards a better natural resources governance to face climate change.**

Coordinator: Ana Correa (Coordinator, Spanish Committee, IUCN)

18:30 – 19:30. **UNAM: Cultural show.**

9:00 – 9:30. **Presentation of the results of parallel event 2.**

Ana Correa (Coordinator, Spanish Committee, IUCN)

9:30 – 10:30. **Central conference: The Mexican experience of community-based management of environmental challenges.**

Leticia Merino (President of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC))

10:30 – 11:00. **Coffee break.**

11:00 – 12:30. **Research in and for communities: The vision of local communities.**

Nayive Mina (Co-researcher of the Community Council of Alto y Medio Dagua, Colombia)

Aladino Mosquera Manyoma (Co-researcher of the Community Council of Calima, Colombia)

President of the Common Goods of Comaltepec (Mexico)

Jorge Carballo (Representative of Pehuén-Co, Argentina)

Representative of the Commission for the Development of the Indigenous Communities, Mexico

Coordinator: Diana Lucía Maya (PUJ, Colombia, COMET-LA researcher)

12:30 – 14:00. **Research and social responsibility: The vision of research institutions.**

Ugo Guarnacci (General Director of Research and Innovation at the European Commission)

Brigitte Baptiste (Director of the von Humboldt Institute, Colombia)

Ileana Villalobos (Coordinating Advisors, Institute of Ecology and Climate Change, Mexico)

Janis B. Alcorn (President of the Department of Governance, Equity and Law at the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy of the IUCN)

José Carlos Gómez Villamandos (Rector UCO, Spain)

Coordinator: Gerardo Perillo (CONICET, Coordinator COMET-LA Argentina)

14:00 – 15:30. **Lunch.**

15:30 – 16:30. **And after COMET-LA? COMET-LA's strategy for the future.**

Roberto Escalante (UNAM, Coordinator COMET-LA Mexico)

María Adelaida Farah Q. (PUJ, Coordinator COMET-LA Colombia)

Silvia London (UNS-CONICET COMET-LA researcher, Argentina)

María del Mar Delgado (UCO, General Project Coordinator COMET-LA, Spain)

16:30 – 17:30. **Closing session. Thanking the participating communities.**

María del Mar Delgado (General Project Coordinator)

Ugo Guarnacci (General Director of Research and Innovation at the European Commission)

Julio Cesar Gonzáles (Leader and Legal Representative of the Community Council of Bajo Calima, Colombia)

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