



Latin American Research and Practice Forum for Sustainable Consumption and Production

Researchers, practitioners and consultants from Latin America create the first multi-stakeholder network in the region for expanding and exchanging knowledge and experience on SPaC issues and solutions

Arequipa, Oct. 22, 2014 - Representatives from academia, NGOs, state departments, Parliament, and consultancy based on Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, and United States launched the Latin American Research & Practice Forum on SPaC/Fórum Latinoamericano de Investigación y Prácticas sobre Consumo y Producción Sostenible (FLIP-CPS).

This unique regional, multi-stakeholder network was founded during the 1st GRF-SPaC regional workshop: Strategies for Sustainable Production and Consumption Research in Latin America, hosted by the Arequipa Lawyer Association in the city of Arequipa, Peru, past October 19, 2014. Over 40 area experts and professionals gathered to discuss and take stock of existing research and practice on SPaC in the region, which led to the creation of a community of researchers and practitioners in Latin America with connections to the global GRF-SPaC community. The multi-sectorial, interdisciplinary composition of the Latin American Forum will be instrumental to effectively address obstacles for progress like fragmented topic information and duplication of research efforts in order to attain improved understanding of challenges and alternatives toward a sustainability-driven society.

Maite Cortés, co-founder of the Forum, interprets that “governments, organizations, and consumers from Latin America confront new challenges and opportunities, highly similar, in the pursuit of redressing the social and environmental drawbacks of the current unsustainable path to development”. And she adds, “the multi-stakeholder composition of this unique regional Forum will enable a better articulation of ongoing efforts by different players to address those problems derived from unsustainable choices”.

Fabián Echegaray, co-founder of the Forum, stresses that “this unique network has the advantage of counting with the first-hand experience of committed members working within NGOs, state offices, and legislative bodies in implementing sustainability policy and initiatives, and relying on the knowledge-based differentials provided by the community of

researchers associated to GRF-SPaC”. According to Echegaray, “such capabilities facilitate an effective mapping of pathways and alternatives for designing smooth transitions towards sustainable consumption and production solutions.”

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