



## LACCEI 2024 COSTA RICA

Considering the security notification issued by the United States authorities<sup>1</sup>, in which its fellow citizens are advised to avoid traveling to Colombia, we have been forced to decide to change the venue of the 2024 conference with the commitment to return to Colombia when the security alert level changes.

As a result of the above, we announce that the new headquarters of **LACCEI 2024** will be the city of **San José in Costa Rica**, a decision that was made after careful consideration of all the alternatives that were considered.

Scientific and technological development in Costa Rica has represented an important contribution to national identity. Many of the Costa Rican scientific and technological research projects are carried out in national universities.

**Costa Rica** is a Central American country with great tourism potential that is valued as one of the most visited international destinations. It has the privilege of being the habitat of 5% of the existing biodiversity in the world. 25.58% of its territory is protected under various forms of conservation.

On our website <https://laccei.org/laccei2024/> you will find all the information about the Multiconference, visa requirements or not to enter the country, logistics, updated dates, schedules, and accommodation options. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our team at [info@laccei.org](mailto:info@laccei.org)

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in this unusual situation and look forward to your participation in this exciting multi-Conference in this country.

## II LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

The Research Committee of the Latin American Open Chair “Matilda and Women in Engineering” invites you to participate in the Second Latin American Women in Engineering Research and Innovation Symposium (II SIILMI), which will be held on **December 4, 2023, in virtual mode**.

This event seeks to generate a space for communication and construction of knowledge of research and innovations that address strategies to achieve equal rights, opportunities, and spaces for women in the academic and professional field of engineering and promote the promotion of vocations for engineering in girls and young women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We invite the presentation of original research and innovation works in Spanish or English, using the template found on the Symposium website.

**Reception of works until October 10, 2023.**

More information [www.siilmi-catedramatilda.com/](http://www.siilmi-catedramatilda.com/)

## 2023 NATIONAL HBCU WEEK CONFERENCE

We welcome the US Department of Education's invitation to LACCEI to participate in the White House Initiative to promote educational equity, excellence, and economic opportunity through historically African American colleges and universities. We thank Dr. Sonel Shropshire and Dr. Robert Asprilla for their attention during this productive day of work within the framework of the **2023 NATIONAL HBCU WEEK CONFERENCE**, an initiative dedicated to the formulation of policies at the government level to eliminate the barriers they face and provide education of the highest quality for everyone.

**HBCUs** are a source of accomplishment and great pride for the African American community as well as the entire nation. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as: “...any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary of Education of USA to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation.” HBCUs offer all students an opportunity to develop their skills and talents regardless of race. These institutions train young people who go on to serve domestically and internationally in the professions as entrepreneurs and in the public and private sectors.

**LACCEI** will work on the initiative hand in hand with **HBCUs** to promote mobility programs in Latin America for minorities, generating exchange with universities in the US. The goal will be to train teachers of Spanish as a second language in the coming years with the support of an HBCU, operate an online learning platform for teaching/learning English as a second language for students and teachers in Latin America with native English speakers, as well as promoting local and international mobility and immersion programs for cultural and of entrepreneurship and innovation, which lead to the creation of guidelines to promote the creation of companies that promote bilingualism.



<sup>1</sup> <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Colombia.html>