



In this season of hope and renewal, LACCEI reiterates its commitment to strengthen higher education in engineering, promoting innovation, global collaboration, and sustainable development. We thank all our members, teachers, researchers, and students for their continued effort and dedication. Thank you for sharing the dream of a more inclusive and technological world. ¡Happy holidays and a successful 2025!



WEEF-GEDC 2024

The **World Engineering Education Forum (WEEF)** is an international gathering that brings together engineering educators, practitioners, and researchers to discuss and advance engineering education globally.

Established in 2006, WEEF is an annual event organized by the Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC) and the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies (IFEES).

LACCEI was present at the World Forum on Engineering Education, **WEEF 2024**, in the vibrant heart of Sydney, Australia, with the participation of Dr. Libis Valdez, current president, Dr. Renetta Tull, president-elect 2025, Dr. Laura Romero, VP of membership, Dr. Vianney Lara, member at large and Dr. Miguel Sosa, Associate VP of Deans, and Ileana Ruiz, director of the Women in STEM Committee.

The forum aims to foster collaboration, share best practices, and address challenges in engineering education.

www.gedcouncil.org/feature/weef-gedc-2024



LEIRD 2024, CLOSING OF SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES

On December 4, the 4th version of the **LACCEI International Multiconference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Development, LEIRD 2024**, concluded with great success. It was a space that brought together visionaries, entrepreneurs, and innovation experts to share ideas, develop solutions, and foster the entrepreneurial spirit in our region.

More than 860 contributions were received, 754 in the form of Full Papers, of which 359 were accepted and will be indexed in Scopus, with an acceptance rate of 47.61%, thus encouraging the quality of the scientific articles presented.

50 student projects were also presented. The 10 finalist teams received 8 weeks of pre-incubation support from experts in entrepreneurship and incubation, and the first three places will receive financial compensation and support to carry out their projects.

The next version, **LEIRD 2025**, will be held in a hybrid manner, in person in the City of Cartagena, Colombia, and virtually through its platform, Ágora Meetings, with the support of the Technological University of Bolívar and UNITECNAR.

We would especially like to thank the **Organization of American States, OAS**, for its great contribution to this conference's success, as well as all the participants, speakers, and allies who made this memorable event possible.

This is to recognize the Director of the Permanent International Committee on Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Dr. Luis Carlos Arraut, and the entire CIPEI team, who were always present so that LEIRD could develop with great success.

