

## OAS VISIT REPORT



### Report VII REMICYT 2024 - OEA

On December 12 and 13, 2024, in Washington DC, the seventh Meeting of **Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology** (VII REMICYT) of the **Organization of American States** (OAS) was held with the attendance of three representatives of LACCEI:

- Dr. María Larrondo-Petrie
- Dr. Libis Valdez
- Dr. Jose Texier

REMICYT is the highest hemispheric forum for the design and implementation of public policies and generation of alliances for development in the areas of science, technology, and innovation. The meeting is held every three years, with the objective of:

- Report on progress in the implementation of its mandates (the previous report was held virtually in Jamaica, 2021).
- Promotes scientific, technological, and innovative development in the Americas.
- Promotes hemispheric cooperation.
- Encouraging participation in the private sector and civil society.
- Establish new lines of action based on the decisions of the OAS General Assembly, Inter-American Commission on Science and Technology (COMCYT), and Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) of the OAS.

The Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology of the 34 OAS member countries attending REMICYT (see list at the end of the document) exchange good practices and identify cooperation offers to help implement hemispheric actions to accelerate scientific and technological development in the region.

The Technical Secretariat for the meetings of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology was the Department of Economic Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) of the OAS, represented by:

- Dr. Kim Osborne
- Dr. Cesar Parga
- Dr. Aryanne Quintal



The motto of the VII REMICYT was *“Towards the development and deployment of safe, secure and reliable artificial intelligence in the Americas: The importance of governance, regulatory and institutional frameworks”*, with an action plan focused on:

- Coherent AI governance and interoperability.
- Development of institutional governance capacities and AI skills.
- Research and Innovation.
- Respect for human rights.

The two working groups that were established in line with the Declaration along with the presentation of ten plenaries were:

- **Working Group 1:** Governance, regulatory and institutional AI models.
- **Working Group 2:** Framework for regional cooperation and collaboration for the development and deployment of safe, secure and trustworthy AI.

The follow-up to some of the actions established by LACCEI for the next three years are:

- Continuing to foster the OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies.
- Support periodic planning meetings and sessions of COMCYT and REMICYT, as requested by OAS.
- Develop future and prospective studies that are in line with the Washington Declaration (VII REMICYT) and the mission of LACCEI.
- Encourage training and sharing good practices in programs to increase digital literacy, public awareness, and access to information on AI among the general population, and to assess the effects of the use of AI on our citizens and communities.
- Assists in building a common baseline for understanding AI in the Americas.
- Encourage the search for distinguished members of the scientific community in the Americas year after year to be awarded and selected by the OAS.
- Support, expand and strengthen the OAS Network of Centers of Excellence in Transformative Technologies as a catalyst for innovation, collaboration and the advancement of AI in cutting-edge fields.

The network of existing centers is:

- ❖ COEBAH/CITNOVA: Blockchain Center of Excellence - México (Hidalgo)
- ❖ AudacIA: National Center for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics - Colombia (Barranquilla - UNISIMON)
- ❖ CEITTEC (Ceitt.EC): Centre of Excellence in Innovation and Transformative Technologies for the Circular Economy - Argentina
- ❖ CENIA: National Center for Artificial Intelligence - Chile
- ❖ CEMAT: Center for the Development of Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology - Perú
- ❖ Center of Excellence in Biotechnology and Health Sciences - Panamá
- ❖ Center for Ocean Technologies: Universidad de Sao Paulo-Brasil



## EURACE CONNECT 2025

We are pleased to announce the **2025 International Networking Forum** for EUR-ACE Accredited Engineering Programs, taking place in Lisbon on May 29th and 30th, 2025.

This forum promises to be a pivotal event for EUR-ACE accredited institutions, fostering collaboration that strengthens the quality and global recognition of engineering programs.

The forum will feature an engaging blend of panel discussions, workshops, and keynote speeches, all tailored to facilitate meaningful networking and foster insightful dialogue among participants. As each program involved holds the prestigious **EUR-ACE** label, this event brings together only the highest verified quality engineering programs, enabling an environment of mutual trust.

With a strong emphasis on structured and open networking, the forum encourages attendees to share experiences, challenges, and successes in engineering education and accreditation, creating robust pathways for future collaboration based on shared standards and values.

The event will be conducted in multiple languages, making it accessible to a diverse audience from around the world. <https://enterprof.org/euraceconnect>



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## FIDÉLITAS UNIVERSITY COMBINES KNOWLEDGE, PASSION, INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

**Universidad Fidélitas** has established itself as a benchmark in higher education, standing out for its **innovative approach and commitment to academic excellence**. Its STEM (learning by doing) methodology encourages students to experiment and develop practical skills in real environments, preparing them to face global challenges with creative and effective solutions. Through disruptive methodological strategies, the university seeks to transform traditional learning, offering students an education that enables them to adapt to a constantly changing world.

With almost 45 years of experience, Universidad Fidélitas continues to make a difference in key areas such as Computer Science, engineering and fully virtual programs. The constant investment in technological infrastructure, such as the **STEM Center and the Innovation Building**, is a sign of commitment to innovation. These spaces are designed to foster creativity, collaborative learning and problem solving, providing students with laboratories equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

In addition, the university offers flexible study modalities that allow students to balance their academic training with other responsibilities, bringing higher education to all corners of the country. With SINAES accreditation for most of its programs, **Universidad Fidélitas** ensures quality education that meets the highest international standards.

Thus, the institution continues to train leaders with a global vision, committed to a more sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future.

## TRANSFORMATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions (LACCEI) invites its members to participate in a high-impact in-person event, entitled **“Educational Transformation and the Future of Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean”**, which will take place from **March 4 to 5, 2025** in the city of **Boca Raton, Florida, USA**.

This exclusive event for LACCEI members will bring together **senior university authorities, industry representatives, and public policymakers** to address key issues in advancing higher education in the region.

One of the highlights will be the participation of renowned **Dr. Ricardo Hausmann** (The Growth Lab, Harvard University), who will lead a training session and roundtable discussions under the theme: **“Creating Innovation Ecosystems for National and Regional Economic Growth”**

### Conditions for participation:

- **Exclusive in-person attendance:** One authority per LACCEI member university may attend at no additional cost (includes lunches and coffee breaks).
- Institutions must coordinate with LACCEI the invitation of a private sector executive and a public policy creator.
- **Registration:** Complete the form available at this link <https://forms.gle/Pim5KYKXHHaxG3QR7>

### General Program

- **Monday, March 3:**
  - **Training and roundtable discussions by country** led by Dr. Ricardo Hausmann.
  - **Participants:** Representatives from universities, industry and the public sector.
  - **Objective:** To design innovative ecosystems adapted to national realities.
- **Tuesday, March 4:**
  - **Sessions on models of collaboration** in infrastructure, technological alliances with industry and multi-degree strategies with LACCEI.

More information: [info@laccei.org](mailto:info@laccei.org)

We look forward to your valuable participation in this event that promises to be a catalyst for the future of higher education in the region!

