

## LACCEI Strengthens Its Presence at the 39th Annual HACU Conference 2025



From November 1–3, 2025, LACCEI actively participated in the 39th Annual Conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), held at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora, Colorado. Under the theme *“Champions of Hispanic Higher Education Success: Forging Transformative Leaders to Advance Democracy and Prosperity”*, the event brought together academic leaders, policymakers, and representatives from institutions committed to advancing educational opportunities for Hispanic communities.

The conference featured more than 50 workshops focused on federal and state policy advocacy, research, leadership, and student success, as well as a roundtable on equity, justice, and the strengthening of Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

As part of the program, the Colorado Higher Education Convening was held, highlighting the state’s legislative and equity-driven approach, with contributions from prominent academic leaders and legislators.

LACCEI’s participation in HACU 2025 provided an important opportunity to deepen strategic alliances, enhance the consortium’s visibility, and advance collaborative initiatives in engineering education.

This presence reaffirms LACCEI’s ongoing commitment to academic development and to supporting the progress and success of Hispanic communities across the Americas.



## LACCEI Participates in the High-Level Roundtable on AI Governance at the OAS

On November 12, 2025, the **Organization of American States (OAS)**, through the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), held the High-Level Policy Roundtable *“The Evolving Governance of AI: Striking a Balance Between Policies, Progress, and Practical Application”* at the OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

This significant dialogue brought together experts, authorities, and regional organizations to examine the future of Artificial Intelligence in the Americas from a strategic, multidisciplinary, and development-oriented perspective.

**LACCEI** actively participated in this event, reaffirming its commitment to responsible innovation, evidence-based policymaking, and the strengthening of institutional capacities in engineering and education.

Throughout the discussions, participants emphasized the importance of flexible regulatory frameworks, public–private collaboration, and approaches centered on public benefit—principles that closely align with LACCEI’s academic programs and international cooperation initiatives.

The roundtable generated concrete recommendations to enhance regional competitiveness and advance the objectives of the OAS Strategic Plan 2023–2025, particularly in areas such as education, innovation, human development, and sustainability.

LACCEI’s participation underscores its role as a strategic partner in building a hemispheric ecosystem that promotes the ethical, inclusive, and sustainable adoption of Artificial Intelligence.

## LACCEI in the XII Ibero-American Congress on Science and Technology Indicators

The XII Ibero-American Congress on Science and Technology Indicators, organized by RICYT and held on November 25–26 in Montevideo, Uruguay, brought together experts, policymakers, and representatives from the regional science and technology ecosystem under the *theme “Measuring the Contribution of Science for a Sustainable World.”*

Coordinated by the OEI, ANII, IDB, and RELAI, the event focused on analyzing the strategic role of science, technology, innovation, and higher education in addressing global challenges such as climate change, energy transition, inequality, and digital transformation.

The congress explored key discussions on the development and use of indicators to guide public decision-making, assess productivity, strengthen academia–industry linkages, evaluate the societal impact of science, and examine emerging tools related to artificial intelligence and open science.

**LACCEI** had a prominent institutional presence through **Dr. Marcos Moya** and **Dr. Ileana Ruiz**, who contributed to discussions on measuring educational impact and strengthening engineering and innovation capacities in the region.

Their participation reaffirmed LACCEI’s commitment to promoting robust, collaborative, and sustainability-oriented science and technology systems across Ibero-America.