

European Union Water Initiative; Latin American Component

Conference of Iberoamerican Water Directors (CODIA)

Main results

- Iberoamerican Training Programme on water

Approved at the *VIII Conference of Iberoamerican Water Directors* (CODIA, in its Spanish acronym), held in Lima (Peru) December 2007, in compliance of the *VII Iberoamerican Forum of Ministers of Environment* (San Salvador, June 2007).

The Training Programme has 10 subject areas, shown below, identified as priorities by the countries of the region through a survey on training and capacity building in Latin America.

SUBJECT AREAS	COORDINATORS	
Basic		
PLANNING, BASIN HANDLING AND MANAGEMENT (IWRM)	Brazil	Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, UNEP
WATER AND ENVIRONMENT, HYDROLOGY, MODELATION	Argentina	Brazil, Costa Rica, Spain
WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION	Uruguay	Colombia, Spain, Mexico
Cross-cutting		
GOVERNANCE	Guatemala	Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, Spain
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGIES	Peru	Argentina, Spain, Mexico
Specific		
HYDROGEOLOGY	Cuba	Panama, UNEP
CLIMATE AND EXTREME EVENTS	Brazil	Cuba, UNEP
WATER QUALITY	Argentina	Uruguay, UNEP
WATERWORKS, IRRIGATION AND ENERGY	Portugal	Argentina, Chile
GLACIOLOGY	Chile	Peru, Bolivia, UNEP

At this moment, the Technical Permanent Secretariat of the CODIA (STP-CODIA) is making the necessary arrangements for the holding, during 2009 of 20 training proposals to develop in the training international centres (CIF) of the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for development (AECID) so that several courses are held in various subject areas covered in each of these centres.

- Iberoamerican Water Program

The Iberoamerican Water Program, adopted at the *XVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government* (San Salvador, October 2008), arises from the Iberoamerican Water Initiative, approved at the *XVII Iberoamerican Summit of Heads of State and Government* (Santiago de Chile, November 2007), has the same lines of action, but also integrates the entire Iberoamerican Training Program on water adopted in Lima (Peru).

- Provide training on the integrated management of water throughout Latin America, at political, technical and managerial levels, by developing a Training Program.

The Iberoamerican Training Programme on water is totally integrated in this line of action, due to the support received at the VIII CODIA.

- Establishment of a Research and Testing Centre for non conventional technologies in Uruguay, but which will give coverage to all the region and encourage the corresponding transfer and technological development
- Institutional strengthening of local regional and national authorities, in order to facilitate better planning and governance of water
- Support the Ibero-American Conference of Water General Directors (CODIA) and the duties of its Technical Permanent Secretariat (STP).

Plans for 2009

Development and implementation of the IberoAmerican Water Program, with the launch of the construction works of the Research and Testing Centre for non conventional technologies in Uruguay and the definition of content and holding of the proposed training activities.