

VENEZUELAN CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Venezuelan Government has requested support from the UN Special Fund in establishing a National Centre for Training and Applied Research in Community Development. This Centre, located at the University of Oriente at Jusepín, is the result of a study conducted by the United Nations Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations. The UN Bureau reported that the rapid rate of economic and social change and the great mobility in Venezuela create conditions which require a different approach to community development. Knowledge of methods to direct and control such change is needed. Although Venezuela has taken the lead in establishing the Centre, trainees from all parts of Latin America will be accepted. Aside from training, the Centre plans to conduct action-research for the evaluation and improvement of community development methods, with reference to problems arising from social and economic changes. The Centre may be expected to carry out two research projects annually after the first year.

FORUM

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AAAS	—American Association for the Advancement of Science
ACLS	—American Council of Learned Societies
ADELA	—Atlantic Community Development Group for Latin America
AHA	—American Historical Association
AID	—Agency for International Development
ALALC	—Asociación Latino Americana de Libre Comercio
AEPPEL	—Associação de Assistência Recíproca Petroleira Estatal Latino-Americana
BCIE	—Banco Central de Integración Económica (Central American Bank for Economic Integration)
BID	—Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo
BIETA	—Inter-American Textbook Series on Theoretical and Applied Statistics
CCA	—Committee for Cultural Action
CENDES	—Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo
CEPAL	—Comisión Económica para la América Latina de las Naciones Unidas
CEPLAC	—Executive Committee of the Project for Rural Economic Rehabilitation of Cacao Production
CIA	—Central Intelligence Agency
CIAP	—Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress
CIC	—Inter-American Cultural Council
CIDA	—Inter-American Committee for Agricultural Development
CIENES	—Inter-American Statistical Training Center
CIER	—Inter-American Rural Education Center
CIES	—Consejo Interamericano Económico y Social
CIESPAL	—International Centre for Advanced Studies in Journalism for Latin America
CIJ	—Inter-American Council of Jurists
CIME	—Comité Intergovernmental para Migraciones Europeas
CINVA	—Inter-American Housing and Planning Center
CIRA	—Inter-American Center for Agrarian Reform
COAS	—Council of the Organization of American States
COINS	—Committee on the Improvement of National Statistics (IASI)
CORDIPLAN	—Coordinación y Planificación (Venezuela)
CPCG	—Pan American Committee on Geophysical Sciences
CREFAL	—Regional Fundamental Education Center for Latin America
CSUCA	—Supreme Council of the Central American Universities
DESAL	—Centro para el Desarrollo Económico y Social de América Latina
ECIAL	—Teaching of the Sciences and Engineering in Latin America
ECLA	—Economic Commission for Latin America

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EEC	—European Economic Community
ERS	—External Research Staff/Department of State
ERS/DA	—Economic Research Service/Department of Agriculture
ESCOLATINA	—Escuela de Estudios Económicos Latinoamericanos para Graduados (Universidad de Chile)
ETP	—Extracontinental Training Program
EURATOM	—European Atomic Energy Community
FAO	—Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FLACSO	—Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Universidad de Chile)
GATT	—General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HEW	—Health, Education and Welfare
IACHR	—Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IACI	—Inter-American Children's Institute
IA-ECOSOC	—Inter-American Economic and Social Council
IAGS	—Servicio Geodésico Interamericano
IAII	—Inter-American Indian Institute
IANEC	—Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission
IAPA	—Inter-American Press Association
ICA	—International Cooperation Administration
ICAITI	—Central American Institute for Industrial Research and Technology
ICC	—International Children's Center
ICETEX	—Colombian Institute for Specialized Technical Study Abroad
ICIRA	—Instituto de Capacitación e Investigación en Reforma Agraria
IDB	—Inter-American Development Bank
IIAS	—Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences
IICA	—Instituto Interamericano de Ciencias Agrícolas
ILO	—International Labor Organization (same as OIT and BIT)
IMF	—International Monetary Fund (UN)
INCAP	—Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama
INCORA	—Colombian Institute of Agrarian Reform
INDAP	—Instituto de Desarrollo Agropecuario
INSORA	—Institute of Organization and Administration
INTA	—National Institute of Agricultural Technology
IPGH	—Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia
ITALCONSULT	—Società Generale per Progredipazioni, Consulenze, e Partecipazione
IUGG	—International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics
IUOTO	—International Union of Official Travel Organizations
LAFTA	—Latin American Free Trade Association
LTC	—Land Tenure Center (Wisconsin)
NIMH	—National Institute of Mental Health

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NSF	—National Science Foundation
OAS	—Organization of American States
OCA	—The Organization of the Cooperatives of America
OCAS	—Organization of Central American States
OEA	—Organización de los Estados Americanos
OECD	—Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ONU	—Organización de las Naciones Unidas
ORCAP	—Regional Center for Central America and Panama (AID)
ORIT	—Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers of the ICFTU
OSE	—Administración de Obras Sanitarias del Estado
PAHO	—Pan American Health Organization
PAIGH	—Pan American Institute of Geography and History
PASB	—Pan American Sanitary Bureau
PAU	—Pan American Union
PIAPUR	—Inter-American Program for Urban and Regional Planning
PIEB	—Inter-American Program of Basic Statistics
SCLAC	—Special Committee on Latin American Coordination
SEATO	—South East Asia Treaty Organization
SIC	—Inter-American Communications Service
SIDC	—Sociedad Internacional para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad
SIECA	—Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty for Central American Economic Integration
SIIC	—Standard International Industrial Classification
SMGE	—Sociedad Mexicana de Geografía e Estadística
UGI	—Unión Geográfica Internacional
UN	—United Nations
UNAM	—Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
UNESCO	—United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	—United Nations Children's Fund
USIA	—United States Information Agency
WHO	—World Health Organization