

First Regional Network of National Recognition Structures meeting Havana, Cuba

February 8, 2024



Background

At the first ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Regional Convention for the Recognition of Studies, Degrees and Diplomas in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (Buenos Aires Convention) in Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay on April 13 and 14, 2023, it was agreed to form a Regional Network of National Recognition Structures.

During 2023 we have been articulating this regional network with different competent national organizations in the area of recognition of degrees and studies. Seven regional meetings have been held, with invited experts and specific topics concerning the implementation of the Convention, in addition to the formation of three working groups. The first is responsible for coordinating the network, the second for training and the third for developing public policies in the area of recognition.

In order to formalize the constitution of the regional network, the first ordinary meeting of the Regional Network of the Buenos Aires Convention will be held on February 8, 2024 in Havana, Cuba.

Objectives

Specific objectives

- Formalize the creation of the Regional Network on recognition, to make it the operational arm that will contribute to the implementation of the Regional Convention.
- Adopt the formal name of the Regional Network
- Adopt a guide/statutes of the Regional Network
- Elect the coordinating group of the Regional Network
- Define a 2024 Work Plan
- Present the progress of the work being carried out by the Regional Network

Agenda (preliminary)

Thursday, February 8, 2024	
08:30 – 09:00	Accreditation of participants & observers
09:00 – 10:00	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the host, Cuba • Address by the Director of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, Dr. Francesc Pedró
10:00 – 10:15	Adoption of the Agenda In charge of Francisco Contreras, secretariat of the Regional Convention
10:15 – 10:30	Adoption of the name of the Regional Network In charge of Francisco Contreras, secretariat of the Regional Convention
10:30 – 11:00	Election of the Regional Network coordinating group.
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Presentation and adoption of the Regional Network Guidelines In charge of Carla Brufau, Higher Education Area, National Directorate of Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Uruguay
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Work Plan 2024 In charge of Francisco Contreras, secretariat of the Regional Agreement
14:30 -14:45	Progress on the regional manual for evaluators In charge of a Representative of Jamaica
14:45 – 15:00	Progress on the work of Recognition for Refugees and Displaced Persons In charge of a Representative of the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ecuador.
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 15:45	Presentation of the Digital Credentialing Community Group TBC
15:45 – 16:00	Presentation of comparative study of recognition systems in the region TBC
16:00 – 16:30	International Guests
16:30 – 16:45	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of the Regional Network • Chairman of the Regional Convention Committee, MSc. Gonzalo Baroni • Representative of Cuba