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BRIEF PRECOP ESCAZÚ 2024 EVENT

The first Escazú PreCOP will take place on April 19 and 20, 2024 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, at the Centro Cultural de España, Santiago, Chile. This event is positioned as the crucial prelude to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement (COP3), which will take place at CEPAL headquarters, between April 22 and 24 of this year.

This initiative seeks to bring together leaders, experts, authorities, communities and civil society organizations committed to promoting environmental action and citizen participation, fostering international collaboration and strengthening partnerships.

With a dynamic format that includes keynote speeches, thematic blocks, workshops and networking space, among others, the event is projected as an inclusive and inspiring platform.

In addition, the organizations are working on raising funds for live broadcasting and simultaneous translation, so that the conversations can reach all of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as other regions that are developing processes similar to Escazú.

This event is not only an opportunity for dialogue; it is a call to action to be part of a process as important as guaranteeing the rights of access and protection of environmental and human rights defenders in the region. With cross-cutting approaches such as parity, equity, sustainability and citizen participation, the PreCOP event has the following objectives:

- Facilitate regional interdisciplinary and intercultural dialogue and collaboration for the implementation of the Escazú Agreement.
- Promote citizen participation, raise needs for access to information and deepen the discussion on environmental justice.
- Share knowledge and experiences to strengthen capacities among environmental defenders at both local and regional levels.

Some of the topics of interest are:

- Gender and the Escazú Agreement
- Governance of the Escazú Agreement
- Escazú Agreement and Climate Change
- Indigenous Peoples and Vulnerable Groups in the Framework of the Escazú Agreement
- Capacity Building for Climate Justice and Environmental Protection
- Escazú Agreement for Just Transition
- Fundamentals of the Escazú Agreement
- Examples of implementation
- Environmental defenders and tools to ensure a safe environment
- Role of the Public in the Escazú Accord

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Event Format: In-person

- Expository Talks
- Panel Discussions
- Interactive Workshops
- Artistic activities
- Networking spaces

Target audience:

- Latin American civil society organizations working on environment, climate change, democracy, human rights, etc.
- Environmental defenders in the region.
- Collectives of youth, women, peasants, and other priority groups.
- Academics and researchers
- Authorities and/or decision makers in the region.
- Public interested in environmental issues, but not necessarily aware of the Escazú Agreement.

Key messages:

- Increasing awareness of the Escazú Agreement and valuing the COP instances as significant events is fundamental to ensure citizen participation and thus push for implementation by the States Parties.
- We face global environmental challenges, but their impacts are felt locally. The regional dialogue on the Escazú Agreement seeks to address these challenges from a local perspective, recognizing the importance of contextualized and culturally sensitive solutions.
- The Escazú PreCOP Event aims to be a catalyst for effective environmental action and citizen participation. The importance of this event lies in its ability to foster dialogue, share knowledge, and establish partnerships that will drive sustainable environmental action in the region.

Description of the event

The event will be carried out through a format of parallel activities, which will take place in 3 closed spaces with different characteristics (auditorium and halls). There will also be an open space where people and organizations will be able to interact, generating networking and informal conversations, which are essential for building synergies and networks. On the other hand, there will be blocks reserved for artistic and spiritual activities.

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All activities will have a maximum duration of 50 minutes.

All talks in rooms 1 and 2 will be recorded (or, if possible, transmitted by streaming) and uploaded to youtube.

Room 1: Auditorium

Maximum capacity 150 people.

This space has a sound table and projector.

It will also have simultaneous translation in all its activities.

In this space, priority will be given to activities involving associated organizers from different organizations and with more expository themes.

Maximum of 4 panelists.

Room 2: Cloud

Maximum capacity 50 people.

It has the possibility of amplification and projector.

This space is oriented to talks with a closer and conversational character.

Maximum 4 panelists.

Room 3: Workshop

Maximum capacity 15 people.

This is a collective work space for the transmission of knowledge and creation.

The responsible organizations must provide the specific materials necessary for the workshop.

Artistic and spiritual activities

These types of activities can be carried out both in the open networking space, as well as in the different rooms, depending on the technical description of the project.

There is a fixed block (schedule) for these types of activities.

Call for events

In total there are 36 blocks available for the realization of events, such as seminars, talks and workshops, in addition to 3 blocks for artistic and/or spiritual activities.

The call to apply for events to the Pre COP will be open to all civil society organizations, academia, environmental defenders, with strong work in environmental care and the Escazú Agreement. This will be done through a registration form in which the organizations must describe the proposed activity, panelists, name of the convening organizations and the contact of two people responsible for coordination.

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The proposing organizations will be in charge of all the tasks and responsibilities of the event (sending presentations, coordination with panelists, necessary expenses, dissemination, etc.).

The Pre COP coordinating organizations (CEUS and FIMA) will only be responsible for the coordination between the different events and the functioning of the common space.

Applications will be reviewed by the convening organizations to ensure that they meet the relevance and formal criteria to participate in the Pre COP.

In the event that the number of events submitted exceeds the number of available blocks, a committee composed of five representatives of the organizations in charge of programming the event will be in charge of reviewing the activity applications and suggesting the adequacy of coordinating events and trying to ensure that all organizations can participate.

To be eligible, activities must follow the below criteria:

- Have a maximum duration of 50 minutes
- Address a theme associated with the Escazú Agreement, the protection and defense of nature, the promotion of human rights, including environmental human rights, and/or environmental democracy.
- Be proposed by a civil society organization, academia, environmental defenders, with strong work in environmental protection and the Escazú Agreement.

In addition, activities that incorporate the following aspects will be valued:

- Gender parity
- Participation of exhibitors from different territories and/or different sectors
- Participation of indigenous peoples and vulnerable groups
- Participation of environmental defenders

The final program of events will be communicated to each applicant's e-mail address by March 15, 2024.

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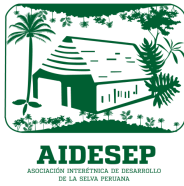
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