



Agreement

for the creation of the Network for Research on Mountain Environments of Latin America and the Caribbean

Researchers and other professionals from Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia, and Argentina participating in the Mountains 2018 International Conference held in Nova Friburgo, agreed, supporting the Charter of Nova Friburgo, to establish the Network for Research on Mountain Environments of Latin America and the Caribbean. This network will be linked to the Mountain Partnership, which has offered to provide support at different levels, including communication, engaging with other organizations, and fund-raising.

The objective of this Network is to cooperatively advance research in several mountain themes to produce information, knowledge and other joint initiatives aligned with conservation, ecosystem services valuation and sustainable development in mountain environments. These activities will contribute to the encouragement of research initiatives, practices, decision-making processes, policies and programs that aim to improve the living conditions of people in mountain areas and of those who depend on them, in the context of the protection of mountain ecosystems. Thereby, this agreement is established with the following initial guidelines:

- To build synergies for joint work and institutional integration,
- To obtain data on the state-of-the-art about mountain knowledge in each of the respective countries,
- To expand the network to other countries with institutions and research networks at the global and regional level,
- To strengthen and amplify mountain knowledge of common interest,
- In about one year, this agenda will be evaluated to consider whether new forms of international collaboration have been built that will justify further actions to consolidate the network.

Given in Nova Friburgo, RJ, on the 14th of December of 2018.