



19th RedLAC Assembly agenda
Latin American and Caribbean Network of Environmental Funds

Punta Cana, Oct 28 – Nov 2, 2017

Barcelo Bávaro Beach Hotel Convention Center

28 Oct – Saturday	
09:00 – 17:00	Investment Management Workshop – for RedLAC, CAFÉ, TFCA and CBF partner Funds <i>This workshop will contribute to create capacity of the Environmental Funds’ staff and Board members on investment management topics, as part of their sustainable finance strategies. It will be co-organized by RedLAC and WCS, as part of the CTIS Project (Conservation Trust Investment Survey) of the Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA). It is expected to bring together about 30 Funds’ representatives from LAC, Africa and Asia.</i>
29 Oct – Sunday	
09:00 – 17:00	Investment Management Workshop – for RedLAC, CAFÉ, TFCA and CBF partner Funds
30 Oct – Monday	
09:00 – 17:00	Registration
09:30 – 12:00	Investment Management Workshop – for RedLAC, CAFÉ, TFCA and CBF partner Funds
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 16:30	Parallel Events: 1 - Project-K Working Group - Sustainable Financing for the network 2 - CBF Partner Trust Funds Workshop 3 – EAI / TFCA Funds Meeting
16:30 – 17:30	Shark Tank - for RedLAC and CAFÉ members only <i>Inspired in the TV show, in this session the Funds will have the opportunity to participate in a practical exercise to pitch proposals to actual donor institutions, which will be invited to serve as evaluators, providing specialized feedback on the ideas presented.</i>
19:00 – 22:00	Welcome Reception Moderator: Yabanex Batista (CBF) Welcome: Stanley Javier (Fondo MARENA) Kathia Mejía / Melba Grullón (Fundación Sur Futuro) Special guest speaker: Storm Halbich
31 Oct – Tuesday	
07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast – closed session offered by the Caribbean-Pacific Alliance for Marine Conservation Finance
09:00 – 09:30	Official Opening of the 19th RedLAC Assembly Rosa Montañez (Fundación Natura) Hon. Francisco Domínguez Brito, Minister of Environment - Government of Dominican Republic
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote Speaker – Richard Cudney (David & Lucile Packard Foundation) <i>An inspiring speech made by a recognized marine conservation specialist will open the RedLAC</i>



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	<i>Assembly and reinforce the importance of saving our oceans.</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15	<p>Panel 1: The Blue Economy – Beyond Protected Areas Systems <i>This panel will offer an overview on the Blue Economy, bringing together different views and experiences on marine conservation linked with sustainable development. It will also discuss how Environmental Funds can engage in this context.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Importance of Marine Ecosystems to the Blue Economy – Alex Muñoz (National Geographic Society) • Towards a Blue Economy in the Caribbean – Pawan Patil (World Bank) • Building a Blue Economy Model for Marine Conservation: from Local to Regional Approaches – Zdenka Piskulich (Forever Costa Rica) • Supporting Sustainable Fisheries – a Practical Experience – María José González (MAR Fund) <p>Moderator: Jens Mackensen (KfW)</p>
12:15 – 12:30	Special Announcements space
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Panel 2: Promoting Sustainable Tourism and Fundraisings - A Dual Role for EFs <i>Tourism has a dual role for EFs - promoting sustainable tourism through their grant-making programs, and mobilizing resources from the tourism sector for their conservation efforts. This panel will gather tourism sector specialists and examples on how this sector is partnering with conservation actors, including EFs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism – A Dual Role for EFs: Promoting Sustainable Tourism and Fundraising – Jake Kheel (Grupo Puntacana) • Partnering with the Tourism Sector: a Public-Private Collaboration – Jonathan Delance (Government of Dominican Republic) • Crowd Funding for PAs with the Hotel and Tourism Sector – Alberto Galán (Patrimonio Natural) • Management Effectiveness of PAs through Alliances with Tourism – Nicolas Pascal (Blue Finance) <p>Moderator: Paloma Zapata (Sustainable Travel International)</p>
15:15 – 16:30	<p>Panel 3: Funding Climate Change Innovative Experiences in Adaptation <i>How to finance climate change adaptation, including the relationship with the Blue Economy? The panel will focus on highlighting ecosystem-based approach for adaptation; linking conservation and climate change agendas, as well as innovative financial mechanisms linked to climate change.</i></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change – Fabio Scarano (FBDS) • Ecosystem Strategies for Climate Change in the Americas – Edward Perry (Birdlife International) • Integrating Climate Action in Environmental Funds Strategies – Yabanex Batista (CBF) • Microfinance for Climate Change Adaptation – Eduardo Julia Mera (Fundación Sur Futuro) <p>Moderator: Maria Pia Hernández (IUCN)</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 18:15	<p>Panel 4: The Future of Environmental Funds in a Changing World <i>The need to diversify funding mechanisms according to a changing context, combining different types of funds, is the core of this panel. EFs’ donors and RedLAC members will present real challenges and experiences from the region.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endowments are not Enough– Esteban Brenes (WWF) • Diversifying and Combining Instruments for a Changing Context – José Luis Gómez (Fondo Acción) • A TFCA Fund in Transition – Edmilce Ugarte (FCBT Paraguay) • Debt-Conversions: the Next Generation – Robert Weary (TNC) <p>Moderator: Alberto Paniagua (Profonampe)</p>
18:15 – 19:30	RedLAC Blue Market – get to know innovative initiatives!

1 Nov - Wednesday

08:00 – 17:00	Field Trip - Isla Saona (Parque Nacional Cotubanamá)
19:30 – 21:00	Special side event space

2 Nov - Jueves

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast – closed session offered by JP Morgan
09:00 – 10:15	<p>Panel 5: Building Institutional Credibility for Environmental Funds <i>This panel will focus on the increasing requirements for Environmental Funds to enhance their transparency and accountability mechanisms as a critical element to maintain their credibility - an EF’s greatest asset.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Importance of Transparency and Accountability – Carlos Pimentel (Participación Ciudadana/ Transparency International)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Fiduciary and Accountability Standards – Yasemin Biro (GEF) • Instruments and Procedures for Credibility – Allison Rangolan (EFJ) • Accountability in the Public Sector – Jorge Mario Rodríguez Zúñiga (FONAFIFO) <p>Moderator: Rosa Lemos (Funbio)</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Panel 6: Investments Performance – Challenges and Opportunities <i>The economic volatility in the recent years places more challenges to EFs' investment performance. This panel will include an overview on the current investment context, the 2016 results of the Conservation Trust Investment Survey (CTIS) and how to build an investment portfolio that takes into consideration environment, social and governance screens.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTIS Report 2016 – Katy Mathias (WCS) • Overview of the current investments context and the impact investments – Laura Ortiz Montemayor (SVX) • Building an Environmental and Social Responsible Investment Portfolio – Gerold Koch (Deutsche Bank) • From a Conventional to a Regenerative Investment Portfolio – Lorenzo Rosenzweig (FMCN) <p>Moderator: Juan Etinger (JP Morgan)</p>
12:00 – 12:20	Announcement of RedLAC 20th Assembly (Bolivia 2018)
12:20 – 12:30	<p>RedLAC 19th Assembly Official Closing Rosa Montañez (Fundación Natura) - Yabanex Batista (CBF) - Kathia Mejia (Fundación Sur Futuro) – Stanley Javier (Fondo MARENA)</p>
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 17:30	Ordinary 19th RedLAC Assembly (for RedLAC members only)
19:00 – 22:00	Closing Event