



CRES 2018

III Regional Conference on Higher Education
Cordoba - Argentina

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The UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean [Spanish abbreviation IESALC], in conjunction with the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba [Spanish abbreviation UNC], the National Inter-university Council of Argentina [Spanish abbreviation CIN] and the Secretariat for University Policies at the Ministry of Education and Sports of Argentina [Spanish abbreviation SPU] are pleased to announce and invite the entire educational community of the region to the III Regional Conference on Higher Education [CRES 2018], to be held in the city of Cordoba, Argentina, from June 11th to the 15th, 2018.

As it happened in 1996 in Havana, Cuba, and in 2008, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, The CRES 2018 will be a discussion, analysis and planning meeting with regard to Higher Education [HE] in Latin America and the Caribbean. With the participation of the institutions that make up the HE systems of the region, through rectors, directors and managers, academics, workers, students, higher education networks, professional associations, research centers, unions, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations; and friends of the continent's Education, CRES 2018 will be the most important regional meeting to discuss and agree on criteria, formulate proposals and lines of action in order to consolidate HE as a social, human and universal right, responsibility and duty of States.

Scope and Participation of the Conference

CRES 2018 will ensure its success to the extent that all actors in the education system take responsibility and commitment to participate in the future of a regional cooperation and integration agenda capable of responding to the strategic challenges of each country in Latin America and the Caribbean, its sub-regions and the region as a whole.

Prior to the Conference, there will be instances of participatory debate throughout Latin America and the Caribbean regarding the current state of HE, its strengths and weaknesses, its history and evolution, as well as the improvements and achievements that we intend to achieve in the next decade and over the next hundred years, with a view to the objectives of sustainable development and the definitions of UNESCO's Education 2030 Agenda.

A hundred years of 1918 University Reform

The CRES 2018 will be celebrated in the first centenary of the University Reform of 1918. At the end of the Conference the participants will be able to experience the festivities scheduled for June 15th throughout the city of Cordoba. One hundred years after of that university youth movement that gave its cry of liberation at the National University of Cordoba, its imprint still resonates in every corner of the continent, shaping much of our current system of regional higher education.

There is no better way to honor the struggle of those young people than assuming and participating in the Third Conference of Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, with the commitment and the urgent decision to build a new future for our peoples.

From the Executive Committee, we would like to invite you, in particular, to join this commitment of overcoming our potential, with the certainty that we will find in each institution an irreplaceable ally in the search for the consensus and agreements that the moment requires. If the young reformers of Cordoba imagined in 1918 that this was "the hour of America," let us strengthen today our commitment to the education in general and to HE in particular, at the service of the best tradition of cooperation and generosity of our multi-cultural heritage.

Soon the forum of CRES 2018 will be enabled to participate in the different thematic axes and the corresponding information will be sent. We remain at your complete disposal to attend any suggestion or inquiry about the above.

We salute you with our highest consideration,

On behalf of the Executive Committee,



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