

**UNFCCC informal meeting of representatives from  
Parties and organizations and experts on the  
outcomes of the activities completed under the  
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Session A – Activities undertaken  
Part II – perspectives from partner organizations

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PERSPECTIVES FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

RIOCC

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OVERVIEW

- The Ibero-American Region and the Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC)
- The Ibero-American Programme of Impacts Assessment, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change (PIACC)
- NWP and PIACC
- Implementation of PIACC
- Synergies with other Regional Initiatives
- Regional projects and activities
- Conclusions and points to discussion

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## The Ibero-American Region

The Ibero-American Conference of Nations includes 21 countries:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Portugal
- Spain
- Uruguay
- Venezuela



- Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State
- Ibero American Forum of Environment Ministers


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## Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC)

*(created in 2004)*

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To guaranty a constant and fluent dialogue among countries in the region, in order to foster a better understanding of priorities, needs, gaps and experiences
- To promote the integration of climate change within the national strategies of sustainable development
- To approach common positions in international forums of climate change
- To collaborate on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
- To facilitate the development of CDM projects in the region
- To strength Institutional capacity of the Climate Change Offices
- To enhance capacity and knowledge building: research, training, information exchange...
- To promote an effective implementation of the UNFCCC





## Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC)

The RIOCC is a cooperative structure that facilitates both North – South and South – South collaboration → **Strong element to disseminate information, methods and tools for adaptation to climate change**

**How does it work?**

- Main coordinator: Head of the Spanish Climate Change Office
- Coordinators: Heads of the Climate Change Offices
- Focal points on Adaptation
- Focal points on CDM

- One regular annual RIOCC meeting → Prioritization + Conclusions → Forums + Summits
- Two annual informal RIOCC meetings → Follow up and review

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II Annual Meeting of the RIOCC, La Antigua, Guatemala Oct. 2005  
WORKSHOP ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

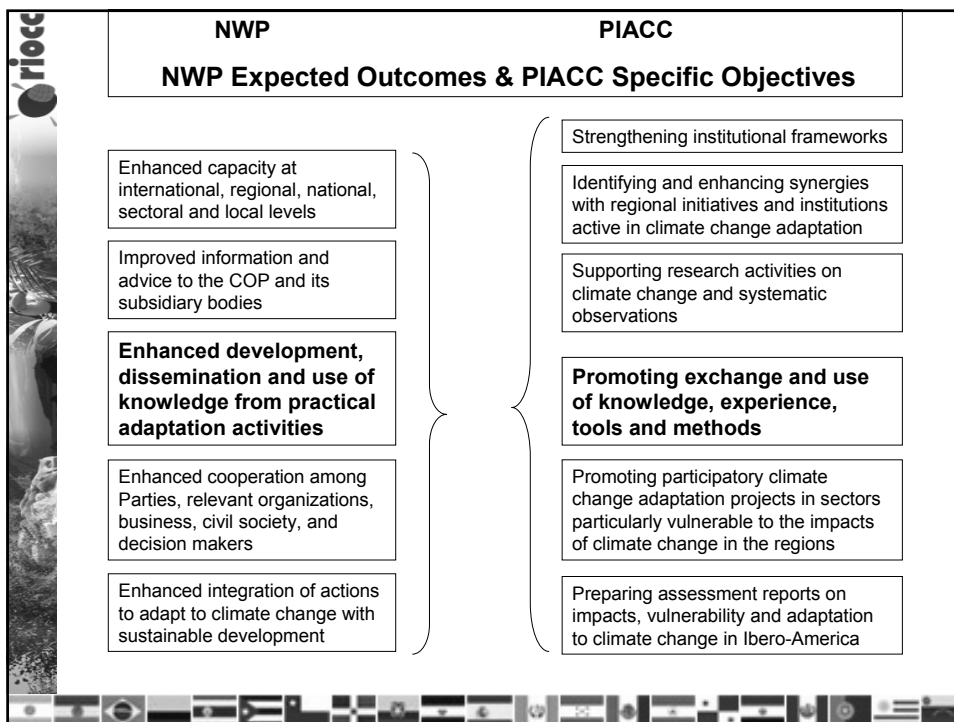
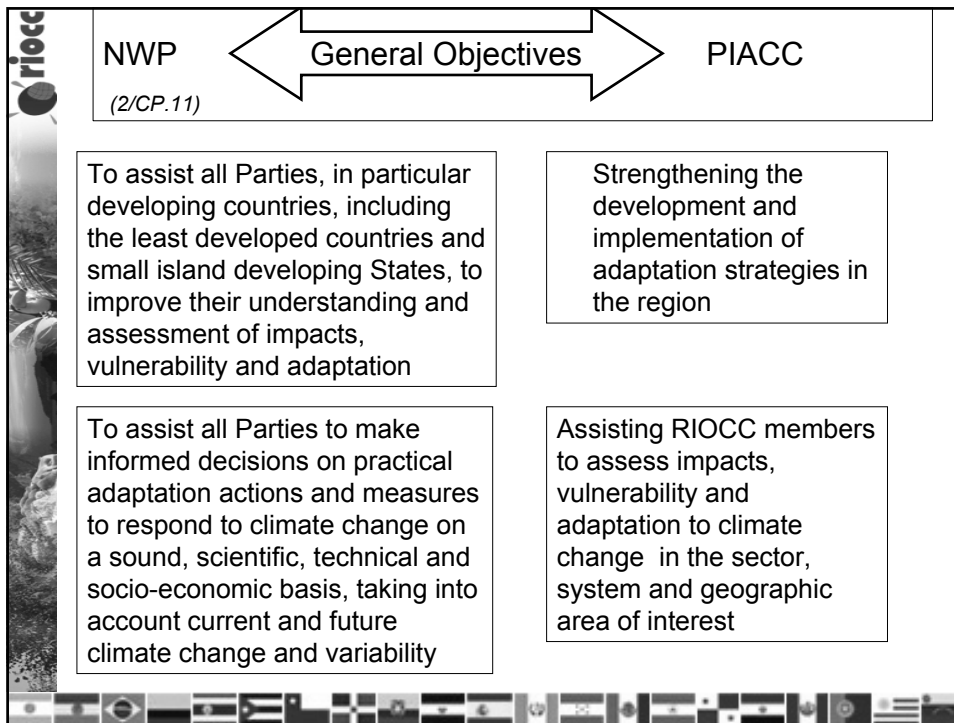
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Proposal of creation of the Ibero-American Programme of Impacts Assessment, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change (PIACC)

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General aim of the PIACC: to strengthen the development and implementation of adaptation strategies and to facilitate assistance to all the members of the RIOCC on issues related to adaptation to climate change







## Implementation of PIACC

- Share information on national adaptation strategies, plans and projects
- Identification of needs and priorities in the region
- Strengthening capacities in priority areas
- Identification of adaptation projects


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→ Financing the elaboration and implementation of projects

**Modalities:**

- Workshops and seminars
- Reports
- Handbooks and guidelines
- Experts Groups

MULTILATERAL  
AND BILATERAL  
COOPERATION  
PROGRAMMES






## Identifying and Enhancing Synergies with Regional Initiatives and Institutions

- CATHALAC (Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean)
- CATIE (Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza)
- CIIFEN (International Research Centre on EL Niño)
- ISDR (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction - Americas)
- IAI (Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research)
- CEPAL (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)
- Regional networks such as Conference of Hydro-Meteorological National Services, National Institutes of Agrarian Researches, Conference of Water Directors...

→ Sharing information, projects, methodologies

→ Promoting collaboration, searching complementarities







**Regional activities to promote capacity building, access and use of climate information and data for adaptation to climate change**

→ Under the framework of the Conference of Hydro-Meteorological National Services (HMNS) in Ibero-America, regular capacity building activities are developed in the field of methods of downscaling to generate climate change scenarios

→ Brazil, under the framework of the PIACC, hosted two capacity building workshops to promote the use of the Eta/CPTEC regional climate model in Ibero-America

→ Training on-line course on International Climate Regime, that includes an area of study on Adaptation to climate change



**Regional projects identified to promote development and use of common methodologies and tools to assess climate change impacts and vulnerabilities and to integrate adaptation into sectoral planning and management**



→ Vulnerability assessment to climate change in marine and coastal areas of Ibero-America

→ Co-operative project on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change in Sustainable Forest Management in Ibero-America

→ Mainstreaming climate change adaptation into the hydrologic governance in trans-boundary Meso-American basins

**Regional Communication Activities**

→ Outreach material has been produced to disseminate and make the initiatives and their activities widely known

→ RIOCC website: information and exchange forums, relevant documents, links with members and main regional initiatives, including the PIACC ([http://www.lariocc.net/riocc\\_principal/es/index.htm](http://www.lariocc.net/riocc_principal/es/index.htm))

**Latest Activities**

**RIOCC**

→ Workshop on “Integration of Adaptation to Climate Change into National Development Policies” (La Antigua, Guatemala – September 2010): Experts on Finance and Planning

→ VII Annual Meeting of the RIOCC (Montevideo, Uruguay – September 2010): Focus on how the RIOCC and the PIACC can collaborate to enhance the implementation of the NWP: Information package (Spanish) + NWP website description (partner organizations and action pledges)

→ *Next step: regional training, under the PIACC, aimed at strengthening the dissemination and use of products and technical documentation of the NWP, building capacity for the promotion of the NWP in Latin America*



## Some Conclusions

- Regional approach is a way to progress in the implementation of NWP
- There is a need to have a strong support at the highest level in order to strengthen the institutional frameworks
- It's necessary to set up some guarantees for the operational work of the regional structure, in order to ensure continuity and stability
- Build confidence and share procedures in the identification of common needs and priorities
- Facilitate multilateral processes, set up co-decision actions and promote transparency
- Link existing regional networks from different communities of interest (e.g. meteorological and hydrological services, disaster reductions, forest and agronomic researchers...)
- Participants can belong to the regional structure as members (e.g. countries), collaborators (e.g. experts), associates (e.g. regional organization), observers (e.g. international organizations)...



***Thank you  
for your  
attention!!!***

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