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Agenda

1. **Conéctate A+ Cluster of Collaboration: An introduction** - Carolina Adler, MRI
2. **Outlook Conéctate A+ Phase II (2021-2024)** - Manuel Peralvo, CONDESAN
3. **Experiences from past grant holders**
4. **Opportunities and ways of getting involved in the Conéctate A+ network as an institution and/or researcher** - Alexandra Garces, CONDESAN, and Michèle Egger, MRI
   - How to become a Conéctate A+ member
   - Upcoming funding opportunities
   - Capacity building development activities
   - Webinar series
   - Conéctate A+ communication platforms
5. **Q&A Session** - all
1. Conéctate A+ : An introduction

- A network hub of researchers, practitioners and institutions in Latin America and Switzerland;

- Interdisciplinary exchange on opportunities and challenges linked to ecosystems, climate change, and health in the context of sustainable development in the Tropical Andes – Central America region

Funded by the Swiss Universities Development and Cooperation Network (SUDAC)
1. Conéctate A+: An introduction

Strategic direction 2021-2024

- Promote inter- and transdisciplinary research collaboration between research institutions in Switzerland and the tropical Tropical Andes and Central America region, including capacity building (sharing) and training.

- Identify relevant research outputs and outcomes that contribute to informing sustainable development and environmental governance in the Tropical Andes and Central America region.

- Prioritize collaborative arrangements that produce and disseminate relevant knowledge, including the bridging of knowledge and action in key decision making and policy processes.

- Contribute to the formulation and implementation of new strategies and projects that foster collaborations towards sustainable development.
2. Outlook Conéctate A+ Phase II (2021-2024)

Operationalising our strategic direction 2021-2024

- Communication and diffusion of key knowledge related to the interaction between ecosystems, climate change and human health
  - Update CLOC website
  - Strategic communication items
  - Webinar series
  - Engagement with policy and decision makers

- Collaborative and integrative research
  - Regional synthesis of existing knowledge
  - Small grants to kick-start collaborations on key research
  - Support collaborative proposals
2. Outlook Conéctate A+ Phase II (2021-2024)

- **Strengthening links between Swiss partners and partners in the Tropical Andes and Central America region**
  - Develop mechanisms to promote active exchanges
  - Foster research in the tropical Andes and Central America region by graduate/undergraduate students in local and Swiss institutions

- **Transversal activities**
  - Scanning for funding opportunities
  - Promote communication and exchange among the partners
  - Identify research initiatives and opportunities for incidence
3. Experiences from past grant holders

Proposals for collaborative research that explore the current challenges of effective, equitable and evidence-informed policy making to facilitate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the Tropical Andes and Central America region.

12 postulations which included:
- 40 institutions
- 13 countries
- 71 investigators
3. Experiences from past grant holders

1. Synthesis study on women, sustainable ecosystem management and adaptation to climate change in the Andean region – Johanna Jacobi, Georgina Catacara-Vargas, Aymara Llanque

2. Synthesis of knowledge on observations of river dynamics in the Andean countries – Ronald Gutiérrez

3. Synthesis of knowledge of abiotic and socioeconomic aspects of Andean paramo hydrology – Giovanny Mosquera
4. Opportunities of getting involved

How to become a Conéctate A+ member?

As institution

1. **Member**
   - 2019 - 12 Founding members from Switzerland (SUDAC institutional members) and from the Tropical Andes and Central America region

2. **Associate Partner/Member**
   - new members that join the network in Phase 2
   - Procedure: sign a simple agreement with the Co-Heads to confirm interest and commitment
     ⇒ *Contact us if your institution is interested in becoming a Conéctate A+ Associate Partner!*

As individual

1. **Network Member**
   - = all individuals that participate in a Conéctate A+ activity
   - We especially welcome early career researchers (ECRs)
   - YOU! Subscribe to the [Conéctate A+ Newsletter](#)!
4. Opportunities of getting involved

**Conéctate A+ members** (as of 7 June 2022)

1. **Founding Members**
   - ETH Zurich, Weather and Climate Risks Group, ETHZ/MeteoSwiss (ETHZ WCR)
   - Bern University of Applied Sciences School of Agriculture, Forest and Food Sciences (HAFL)
   - University of Bern, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE)
   - Swiss TPH, University of Basel
   - Universidad Centroamericana ‘José Simeón Cañas’, San Salvador
   - Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Department of Geography, Colombia
   - Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, School of Sciences and Philosophy, Peru
   - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), Peru
   - CARE, Lima, Peru

2. **Associate Partner/Member**
   - Universidad San Antonio Abad del Cusco, Peru
   - Universidad Nacional Agraria la Molina, Lima, Peru
   - Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya, Lima, Peru
   - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP), Peru
   - Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, Bolivia
   - Universidad del Azuay, Ecuador
   - Facultad Lationamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Quito, Ecuador
   - Indiana University Bloomington, United States
   - University of Washington Bothell, United States
   - **Strategic Associate Partner:** Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
4. Opportunities of getting involved

Upcoming funding opportunities

Small grants for synthesis research projects

- **4 small grants** (up to 12,000 USD each), of which one with a specific thematic focus on the interaction of health and climate change
- **Main eligibility criteria:**
  - Research teams (min. 3 ppl.), based on a partnership between a Conéctate A+ Founding member or an Associate Partner institution
  - thematically focused on the triple nexus between climate change, ecosystems, and health **across disciplinary, sectorial, and geographic boundaries** in the Tropical Andes and Central America region

An opportunity for researchers to finance their inter- and transdisciplinary synthesis research project, while establishing new CH-LA collaborations

Next call: **Sept/Oct. 2022**
4. Opportunities of getting involved

Upcoming funding opportunities

Training course on transdisciplinary research on climate, health, and ecosystems

- Organized by the IAI
- Virtual 7-week mentorship and training in transdisciplinary science (Phase 1), 20 Sept 2022 – 03 Nov 2022
- Consecutive in person grant development workshop (Phase 2), location tbd, 1st week Dec 2022
- Conéctate A+ call for funding (e.g. travel support, accommodation) for phase 2 workshop participation will be launched in Aug/Sept. 2022

An opportunity for stakeholders working at the science-policy interface (incl. policy and decision-makers) to better understand transdisciplinary science and to develop the necessary skills to design and implement evidence-based policies

Call for Phase II participation funding: Aug/Sept. 2022
4. Opportunities of getting involved

Upcoming funding opportunities

Seed fund for grant development
- Seed fund intended to support the collaborative development of grant submissions to upcoming calls from larger funding mechanisms (e.g. the Belmont Forum)
- Eligibility criteria: tbd

Support for student participation in scientific conferences and international meetings
- Financial contributions for participation in in person events
- Eligibility criteria: No transoceanic flights, priority is given to conferences and meetings organized by Conéctate A+ members

An opportunity for research teams to secure financial support in the preparation of proposals to larger funding mechanisms
Next call: Early 2023

An opportunity, especially for ECRs, to present their research, to gain experience and to broaden their professional network at regional scientific meetings
Next call: Sep/Oct. 2022
4. Opportunities of getting involved

Capacity building development activities

- Conéctate A+ facilitates and funds the participation in capacity development activities (courses, workshops, training sessions etc.)

- In 2022/23: The network aims to particularly support capacity building activities with a focus on skills development
  - E.g. project proposal development, academic writing, preparing publications in high impact journals

An opportunity for institutions to widely promote their capacity building activities and seek financial support for promising participants
4. Opportunities of getting involved

Capacity building development activities

● Examples of **upcoming courses with Conéctate A+ funding available to support participation**
  ○ “Climate, Environment, and Health Responders in the Americas - Mobilizing transdisciplinary research and training for action” (co-organized by IAI and MRI), location tbd, Dec 2022

● Examples of **upcoming courses facilitated and promoted by the Conéctate A+ Network**
  ○ “Ecosistemas Andinos y Cambio Climático” (organized by Conéctate A+ founding members CARE and PUCP), virtual, 30 May - 22 June 2022
  ○ “Workshop Research network on carbon dynamics in high-Andean tropical cushion peatlands” (co-organized by MRI, the University of Halle and the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés), La Paz, Bolivia, Oct 2022
  ○ Training session “Data analysis of vegetation dynamics in the Andes”, (co-organized by GEO Mountains, Andean Forest Network (RBA), GLORIA ANDES, CONDESAN), Oct 2022
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Do you and/or your institution plan any capacity-building programs thematically relevant for the Conéctate A+? Let us know!
5. Webinar series

- Knowledge management to deepen the **interdisciplinary analysis** of the most important problems related to **ecosystems, climate change, health** and sustainable development in the Tropical Andes & Central America region.

- Organization of one webinar per month:
  - **Thematic webinars**
  - **“Opportunities for exchange” webinars**
    - Latin America to Switzerland, Oct. 2022
    - Switzerland to Latin America, Sept. 2022

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Do you want to present your research or project in one of the Conéctate A+ thematic webinars? Let us know!
5. Communication Platforms

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Conéctate A+ communication channels

- **Conectate A+ Website**
- **Conéctate A+ Newsletter** (mid of every month)
- **MRI Newsletter** (end of every month)
- **MRI Website**
- Communication channels of Conéctate A+ Members

Do you have any news, activities, funding calls, courses etc. to share with the Conéctate A+ community? Contact the coordination team: michele.egger@unibe.ch
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