



Results of IDB-INTAL/RED SUR's Call for Research Projects

The Call for Research Projects was a tremendous success, mobilizing more than one hundred researchers from 43 different academic centers around Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the framework of its Integration and Trade Sector, IDB-INTAL and the South American Network on Applied Economics/Red Sur,* received 65 research proposals, from which 4 projects were selected, one for each of the following subject areas: Value chains and natural resources, Climate change and integration, Renewable energy, and Standards and market access.

159 researchers from 43 different centers around Latin America and the Caribbean, including: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

After due deliberation, the jury has selected the following projects:

SUBJECT AREA 1: Value chains and natural resources

Global value chains in Peru's primary export sector: 1994-2007

Main researcher

- Mario D. Tello, Department of Economics at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP).

SUBJECT AREA 2: Climate change and integration

Emissions reduction policies which countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) commit to voluntarily, and their trade vulnerability faced with carbon footprint border measures imposed by developed countries.

Main researchers

- Mariana Conte Grand, University of CEMA (UCEMA), Argentina.
- Vanesa D'Elía, University of CEMA (UCEMA) and National Social Security Administration (ANSES), Argentina.

SUBJECT AREA 3: Renewable energy

An assessment of the market prospects and trends in renewable energy in Latin America, reviewing government policies in situ in order to assess their effectiveness in promoting innovation in the renewable energy sector.

Main researcher

- José Gustavo Féres, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil.

SUBJECT AREA 4: Standards and market access

The commercial effect of technical requirements and sanitary and phytosanitary measures: A methodological proposal, estimate, and lessons.

Main researchers

- Juan Labraga, ORT Uruguay and adviser Executive Secretary of the Interministerial Commission for Foreign Trade Affairs (CIACEX), Uruguay.
- Natalia Ferreira Coimbra, Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences (DECON-FCS) and Ministry of Economy and Finance, Uruguay.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants who sent us their proposals from different parts of the world.

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