

UK-Colombia Networking Workshop

Meeting report

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Background

The UK's Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC) jointly with the Colombian Administrative Department of Science Technology and Innovation – Colciencias, held a workshop in support of a future joint research call. The workshop hosted approximately 40 leading academics from the UK and Colombia with the purpose of:

1. Informing researchers of the biodiversity evidence needs to support Colombian Departments sustainable biodiversity based development.
2. Facilitating discussion to identify and refine potential priority areas for research collaboration in order to inform the scope of the future joint research call.
3. Facilitating new collaborative and established partnerships between UK environmental and arts/humanities researchers and Colombian researchers.

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Workshop outputs

The potential scope of the workshop is broad but specific research challenges identified during the workshop included:

- Impacts, Resilience and adaptation to climate change
- Knowledge to inform conservation and restoration in strategic ecosystems
- Ecosystem services and Natural Capital
- Supporting green growth and innovation

- Community engagement (cultural values; local knowledge; governance, heritage and peace construction etc.)

These outputs will help contribute to the Announcement of Opportunity; however this is not a comprehensive list and given the wide range of potential research challenges further planning is required to determine the priorities for the planned research call.

Participating Colombian departments (regions) have been confirmed as Cundinamarca and Boyacá.

Next Steps

We are aiming to publish the Announcement of Opportunity as soon as possible. The announcement will be published on NERCs website under the [Research announcements page](#) and on Colciencias website.

If you have any questions about the workshop or process of the call then please contact colombiabiio@nerc.ac.uk

Please note it was not a requirement to attend the workshop to be able to apply to the call for funding.