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**XIII INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON**

**ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

**July 5 to 9, 2021**

**Havana International Convention Center**

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**INVITATION**

Dear colleagues:

The Environment Agency of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of the Republic of Cuba, jointly with other agencies and organizations, is pleased to invite researchers, authorities, educators, specialists, managers, entrepreneurs, professionals, producers and other people around the world working for the sustainability of our planet, to participate in the **XI International Convention on Environment and Development**, to be held in July 5 to 9, 2021 at Havana International Convention Center. In this edition it will be possible to participate in the modalities face-to-face and virtual, always observing the health measures of distance.

The previous editions of this gathering have involved over 10 400 participants,which around 50% of them have been visitors from more than 60 countries in the five continents.

This edition will promote cooperation among countries, exchange of experiences and sustainable practices, knowledge transfer, as well as sustained and inclusive economic growth, participatory social development, environmental protection and the dignity of human beings.

The Convention will comprise several events covering topics of great relevance: XIII Congress on Environmental Education towards Sustainable Development, XII Congress on Protected Areas, X Congress on Environmental Management, VIII Congress on Ecosystem and Biodiversity Management, VII Congress on Climate Change, V Congress on Environmental Policy, Justice and Law, and I Congress on Geospatial Sciences and Disaster Risk. In addition, as in previous years, an Exhibition on Environmental Technologies, Projects and Experiences will be presented.

**The Organizing Committee of the Convention is pleased to invite you to present your professional contributions, ensuring that common goals will be achieved in an ambience of friendship and solidarity.**

We look forward to receiving you in Havana.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maritza García García

Executive President, Organizing Committee

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2. Environment Agency (AMA)
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**Congresses**

**XIII CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

President: María de los Ángeles Serrano Jérez MS Email: marys@acuarionacional.cu

**Main organizing entity:** National Aquarium of Cuba, Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**XII CONGRESS ON PROTECTED AREAS**

President: Dir. Omar Cantillo Email: omar.cantillo@snap.cu

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**Objective:**

Promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences based on research applied to the management and planning of protected areas, their natural resources, historical-cultural values and socioeconomic-financial aspects.

**Main organizing entity:**

National Center of Protected Areas, Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**X CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

President: Jorge Ángel Luís Machín PhD Email: machinigt@geotech.cu

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**Objective:**

Promote the exchange of experiences and knowledge among the main actors involved in environmental management; the ways, instruments and methods used to prevent or mitigate negative environmental impacts caused by productive and service activities, among others, and enhance the positive ones, as well as discuss the results achieved in the context of national and international environmental work.

**Main organizing entity:** Institute of Tropical Geography, Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**VIII CONGRESS ON ECOSYSTEM AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT**

President: Daimar Cánovas González PhD Email: daimar@ecologia.cu

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**Objective:**

Global impacts that jeopardize the very existence of life on Planet Earth have been added to the progressive deterioration of the diversity and functional capacity of ecosystems caused by the direct pressures of civilization on the environment.

There is an urgent need to devise strategies at national, regional and global levels to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by actively involving governments and society in this effort, minimizing the impacts on biodiversity, preserving ecosystems, species and genetic diversity and promoting their sustainable use, ensuring fair and equitable access to the goods and services derived from their use.

The VIII Congress on Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity aims to contribute to the knowledge, management and conservation of biodiversity by promoting the exchange of knowledge and experiences, the integration of working groups and the creation of links among research, academic, governmental and non-governmental institutions to promote solutions, initiatives and actions on scientific bases that contribute to sustainable development for the benefit of all the inhabitants of our planet.

**Main organizing entity:** Institute of Ecology and Systematic, Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**VII CONGRESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

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**Objective:**

Present research results on the latest high-level scientific discoveries, in terms of the explanation of the phenomenon, the phenomenon-risk management integration, capacities/education and awareness.

Share experiences regarding response strategies to climate change (adaptation - mitigation). Show examples of applied actions that foster mitigation-adaptation-metrics-development.

Encourage a dialogue about national and international experiences of scientists, decision-makers and the public on climate change impacts and their consequences for socio-economic development.

**Main organizing entity:** Institute of Meteorology, Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**V CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, JUSTICE AND LAW**

President: Odalys Goicochea Cardoso PhD

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**Objective:**

Exchange on the advances of environmental policy and environmental regulation in the current context, fostering a space for scientific and academic exchange that allows to assess the effectiveness, efficiency and control of public policies on sustainable development and human development, in a globalized world in crisis, where environmental policy, justice and environmental law impose dynamic and different approaches for the sustainable use of natural resources and the forms of production and consumption, including the challenges imposed by the environmental conservation when facing global problems, which solution requires a greater integration of economic, social and environmental variables.

**Main organizing entity:** General Directorate of Environment, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**I CONGRESS ON GEOSPATIAL SCIENCES AND DISASTER RISK**

President: Rudy Montero Mata MS Email: rudy.montero@ama.cu

Executive Secretary: Sonia Orúe Valdés MS Email: sonia@ama.cu

**Objective:**

Promote the exchange, study and application of the knowledge of geospatial sciences and its relation with terrestrial dynamics. Likewise, exchange experiences and promote debate on new knowledge and tools for disaster risk reduction and coping climate change.

**Main organizing entity:** Institute of Geophysics and Astronomy, Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

**SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

The convention includes master lectures and general panels, which will involve the participation of several personalities from multilateral environmental organizations, ministries of environment and prestigious researchers and professors.

Those interested in presenting their contributions at these events that are part of the Convention will do so through oral presentation sand posters. Oral presentations will usually have 15 minutes for presentation and discussion. Papers will be organized according to the modality for which they are approved: panels, roundtables and special thematic sessions. Poster presentations will be made ​​in an area designated for that purpose, in format of 95 cm (horizontal width) and 150 cm (vertical length).

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**ASSOCIATED EXHIBITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES, PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCES**

**Objective:**

The Exhibition aims to promote, confront and display products, services and technologies related to environmental protection and sustainable development. It is intended to involve international organizations, government agencies, universities, research centers, service centers, non - governmental organizations, tourist agencies, protected areas, among other entities committed to building a sustainable society through the improvement of relations among themselves, with others and with nature, of which they are part.

The Exhibition will also include launchings of books and support materials to environmental programs and projects, presentation of sustainable technologies, among other activities. It will be open from July 5 to 9, 2021at the Main Lobby of Havana International Convention Center.

**Main organizing entity:** Environment Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

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