

**Public Forum of the 10<sup>th</sup> IPSI Global Conference**  
**Conservation in Mountain Landscapes and Sustainable Ecotourism**  
 4 March 2026. ESPOCH, Riobamba, ECUADOR

8:30 am to 12:00 noon. EXHIBITS	
<b>Programme (9:00 am – 12:00 noon)</b>	
MC: <i>Fausto O. Sarmiento</i> (Professor of Mountain Science, UGA)	
<b>09:00</b> 5 min	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> Washington Luna (Dean of Electronics and Informatics, Rector elect-ESPOCH)
<b>09:05</b> 10 min	<b>FRAMING PRESENTATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montology and Biocultural Heritage Imperatives in the Andes and the world's mountains <i>Fausto O. Sarmiento</i> (Professor of Mountain Science, UGA)</li> <li>Regenerative development for strengthening SDGs in SEPLS <i>Suneetha M. Subramanian</i> (Research Fellow, UNU-IAS/IPSI Secretariat)</li> </ul>
<b>09:15</b> 10 min	
<b>9:25</b> 35 min	<b>1<sup>st</sup> PANEL SESSION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Actions and efforts to protect and conserve mountain landscapes</b> <i>Mordecai Owidi Ogada</i> (Executive Director, Conservation Solutions Afrika) <i>Renato Chávez</i> (Professor, ESPOCH) <i>Alden Yépez</i> (Professor, Director of PachaLab, Chimborazo, Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador; PUCE) <i>Patricio Mena</i> (Conservationist, Andean Researcher, ECOCIENCIA NGO) <i>Olmedo Cayambe</i> (Indigenous Community Representative, Chimborazo Wildlife Production Reserve; RPFCH) <i>Paul Tito</i> (Engineer, Director of Chimborazo Wildlife Production Reserve; RPFCH) <i>Jeamileth Alejandra Razo Sandoval</i> (Engineer, Coordinator of Sumak Kawsay Research Center; local NGO)</li> </ul> Moderators: <i>Fausto Sarmiento</i> (UGA), <i>Suneetha Subramanian</i> (UNU-IAS/IPSI)
<b>10:00</b> 15 min	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK / EXHIBITS</b>
<b>10:15</b> 35 min	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PANEL SESSION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Raising awareness and motivating stakeholders towards conserving mountainscapes - integrating arts, media, innovative and conventional approaches</b> <i>Chen-Fa Wu</i> (Professor, National Chung Hsing University; NCHU, Taiwan Landscape Environment Association) <i>Carlos Jara</i> (Professor, ESPOCH) <i>Ana Maria Varea</i> (Biologist and equatorial ecologist / Former UNDP Quito) <i>César Cotacachi</i> (Indigenous environmental leader, Imbakucha Sacred Landscape and Imbabura Global GeoPark) <i>Juan Manuel Carrión</i> (Scientific Illustrator, Charles Darwin Foundation; CDF) <i>Sidney Eigeman</i> (Biology/Geography Researcher, UGA) <i>Alex Gavilánez</i> (Professor, ESPOCH)</li> </ul> Moderators: <i>Fausto Sarmiento</i> (UGA), <i>Suneetha Subramanian</i> (UNU-IAS/IPSI)
<b>10:50</b> 35 min	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL SESSION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sustainable ecotourism as an engine for conservation of SEPLS</b> <i>Engin Yilmaz</i> (Executive Director, Yolda Initiative) <i>Danny Castillo</i> (Professor, ESPOCH) <i>Jack Rodríguez</i> (Owner, Hostería Cumandá; Ecosustainable Ecuadorian Amazon Foundation; FAEES) <i>Luis Suárez</i> (Former Director, Conservation International Ecuador; CI) <i>Chadley Hollas</i> (Ecotourism and Precarity Researcher, UGA) <i>Jaime López</i> (Professor, University San Francisco de Quito; USFQ) <i>Miriam Nataly Piulamunga Remache</i> (Indigenous Leader, Puruwa Women for Environmental Communication)</li> </ul> Moderators: <i>Fausto Sarmiento</i> (UGA), <i>Suneetha Subramanian</i> (UNU-IAS/IPSI)
<b>11:25</b> 30 min	<b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b> Moderators: <i>Suneetha Subramanian</i> (UNU-IAS/IPSI Secretariat) and <i>Fausto Sarmiento</i> (UGA)
<b>11:55</b> 5 min	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <i>Carlos Jara</i> (Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources, ESPOCH)