



Symposium “Cacao for Peace” Mapping the Future of Cacao Research for the Caribbean Region of Colombia

MAY 17 - 19. BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA



The vision for the Cacao for Peace Program (CfP) is to contribute to improvement of rural well-being of Colombian cacao farmers through agricultural development and to have positive impact on income, economic opportunities, stability and peace. The main goals of the project include strengthening key public and private institutions and building their capacity to support the cacao sector in Colombia.

This symposium aims to foster discussions among researchers and varieties of stakeholders in order to:

- Identify current needs and gaps for the Caribbean Region by reviewing and understanding existing national and international research efforts.
- Develop a shared vision for the Caribbean region among CfP’s stakeholders.
- Facilitate collaboration relevant to the priorities of the cacao sector in the Caribbean region of Colombia.
- Educate cacao value chain members about CfP’s research activities in benefit of Colombia and particularly of the Caribbean region

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7:00 - 8:00	Registration		Blue Gardens Convention Centers. 4th Floor. Amadeus Room	
8:00 - 8:30	Welcome Remarks		Session Chair: Victoria E. Ibáñez	Executive Director, AmCham, Barranquilla Colombia
	8:10 - 8:20	Opening Remarks	Anatolio Santos	Economic Development Secretary, State of Atlántico Colombia
	8:20 - 8:30	Opening Remarks	Michael Conlon	Agriculture Counselor, Embassy of the United States USA
8:30-10:30	Session 1: Overview Presentations of CfP Partner Institutions Research Programs and Goals		Session Chair: Juan Gallego	USDA-FAS, Bogota Colombia
	8:30 - 8:45	The Cacao for Peace USAID-USDA program	Andres Romero	USDA-FAS, Washington DC USA

	8:45 - 9:00	National policies supporting the development of the cacao sector	William Granados	Ministerio de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural	Colombia
	9:00 - 9:15	National Cacao Research Agenda for Colombia	Carlos Alberto Muñoz Venegas	Concejo Nacional del Cacao	Colombia
	9:15-9:30	Overview of CORPOICA cacao research programs	Edwin Alirio Rodríguez	CORPOICA	Colombia
	9:30 - 9:45	Cacao research activities at FEDECACAO	Oscar Ramírez	FEDECACAO	Colombia
	9:45 - 10:00	Role of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in strengthening the cacao chain value in the Country	Esperanza Torres	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Colombia
	10:00 - 10:15	Cacao Research Projects in Antioquia	Lucía Atehortua	Universidad de Antioquia	Colombia
	10:15 - 10:30	Cacao research program at Casa Luker	Juan Carlos Arroyave Giraldo	CASA LUKER	Colombia
10:30-11:00	Break and Poster Session		The coffee break will be inside of the room. Posters session outside of the Amadeus Room.		
11:00 - 12:30	Session 2: Overview Presentations of CFP Partner Institutions Research Programs and Goals		Session Chair: Siela Maximova	Penn State	USA
	11:00 - 11:15	Cacao research program at Compañía Nacional de Chocolates	Juan Fernando Valenzuela Arango	Compañía Nacional de Chocolates	Colombia
	11:15 - 11:30	Overview of USDA-ARS cacao research programs	Bryan Bailey	USDA-ARS	USA
	11:30 - 11:45	The Cacao Research Program at USDA-ARS-TARS, Mayaguez, PR	Tomas Ayala-Silva	USDA-ARS	Puerto Rico
	11:45 - 12:00	Soil to bar: how research can contribute to Cacao in Colombia	Mayesse Da Silva	CIAT	Colombia
	12:00 - 12:15	Cacao science and education at Penn State	Siela Maximova	Penn State	USA
	12:15 - 12:30	Questions and Open Discussion			
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch		Blue Gardens Convention Centers. 4th Floor. Amadeus Room		
13:30 - 15:30	Session 3: Cacao Genetic Diversity and Breeding Programs in Colombia		Session Chair: Mark Gultinan	Penn State	USA
	13:30 - 13:50	Assessing genetic diversity of T. cacao in Colombia - the action plan	Dapeng Zhang	USDA-ARS	USA
	13:50 - 14:10	Characterization of genetic material of cacao aimed to selection of parents with traits of interest	Roxana Yockteng	CORPOICA	Colombia
	14:10 - 14:30	Genetic improvement through participative selection	Edwin Gutierrez	FEDECACAO	Colombia
	14:30 - 14:50	Experiences with Cacao Genetics Research and Planting Material Development	Juan Carlos Motamayor	MARS Inc.	USA

	14:50 - 15:30	Questions and Open Discussion			
15:30 - 15:45	Group Photo				
15:30-16:00	Break and Poster Session	The coffee break will be inside of the room. Posters session outside of the Amadeus Room.			
16:00 - 17:15	Session 4: Cacao Diseases and Resistance		Session Chair: Bryan Bailey		
	16:00 - 16:20	Diseases of cacao in Colombia: What we know and what we need to know	Bryan Bailey	USDA-ARS	USA
	16:20 - 16:40	Research results on the main agents causing cacao diseases in Colombia, and projection thereof	Yeirme Jaimes	CORPOICA	Colombia
	16:40 - 17:00	Mechanisms of Disease Resistance in Cacao	Mark Gultinan	Penn State	USA
	17:00 - 17:15	Questions and Open Discussion			
17:15 - 18:50	Session 5: Issues Related to Production		Session Chair: Julián Mateus		
	17:15 - 17:35	Cadmium (Cd) Issues in Cacao Plantations of South America	V.C. Baligar	USDA-ARS	USA
	17:35 - 17:55	Cadmium Ongoing Research at CORPOICA	Julián Mateus	CORPOICA	USA
	17:55 - 18:15	Diagnostic of Cadmium levels in soils and its distribution in cocoa leaves and beans cultivated in Nilo and Yacopí, Cundinamarca	Martha Henao	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Colombia
	18:15 - 18:35	Zoning aptitude for national level of Cacao, 1:100.000 scale.	Fidel Londoño	UPRA	Colombia
	18:35 - 18:50	Questions and Open Discussion			
18:50 - 20:00	Networking Session		Blue Gardens Convention Centers. 4th Floor. Foyer.		
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7:00 - 8:00	Registration		Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center. 2nd Floor. Room Bambú.		
8:00 - 10:30	Session 6: Setting research priorities for Colombia and the Caribbean				
	8:00 - 8:05	Introduction	Juan Gallego	USDA-FAS, Bogota	Colombia
	8:05 - 8:15	Remarks on behalf of USAID	Fernando Gomez	USAID	Colombia
	8:15 - 8:30	Summary and Conclusions from May 17	Siela Maximova	Penn State	USA
	8:30 - 10:00	Facilitated Discussion (priority setting)			

	10:00 - 10:15	Introduction of the CFP communication and knowledge sharing platform	Mark Gultinan	Penn State	USA
	10:15 - 10:30	Summary of Discussion			
10:30 - 11:00	Break and Poster Session		The coffee break will be inside of the room. Posters session Outside of the Bambú Room.		
11:00 - 12:30	Session 7: Team Building for Interdisciplinary Research Projects				
	11:00-11:15	Cacao for Peace Interdisciplinary Research Seed Grant Program Announcement	Andres Romero	USDA-FAS, Washington DC	USA
	11:15 - 12:30	Team Building activities	Siela Maximova	Penn State	USA
	12:30 - 13:00	Summary of Discussion, Project Presentations			
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch (by invitation)		Hilton Garden Inn. Hotel 1st Floor.		
14:00 - 15:30	14:00 - 14:10	Opening Remarks	Juan Gallego	USDA-FAS, Bogota	Colombia
	14:10 - 14:40	Summary and conclusions from the CFP research symposium	Siela Maximova	Penn State	USA
	14:40 - 15:15	Address to the participants from local authorities			
	15:15 - 15:30	Discussion and Open Questions			
15:30 - 15:45	15:30 - 15:45	Presentation: Concurso Cacao de Oro, Casa del Chocolate, Salon du Chocolat	Hilton Garden Inn. Hotel 2nd Floor. Bambú Room.		
15:45 - 16:15	15:45 - 16:15	Chocolate Tasting	María Del Pilar Gomez. Mariana Cocoa		
16:15 - 16:30	16:15 - 16:30	Break	Hilton Garden Inn. Hotel 2nd Floor. Bambú Room.		
16:30 - 17:30	Closing Session				
	16:30 - 17:00	How Colombia can become a world-level cacao production center	Aaron - Micael Beydoun	Fencia Trading	USA
	17:00 - 17:15	Remarks	Samuel Zambrano	Viceminister of Agriculture	Colombia
	17:15 - 17:30	Closing remarks	Eduardo Verano	Governor State of Atlántico	Colombia
17:30- 18:30	Networking Session		Hilton Garden Inn. Hotel 2nd Floor. Foyer		

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9:00 – 14:30 **Barranquitour. Cultural and Gastronomic Day. Tour of emblematic places of the city. (By invitation).
Offered by Government of State of Atlantico and District of Barranquilla**

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