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*Venezuela is committed to building a safe, peaceful Amazon for all South Americans*

**T**he Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, representing Venezuela, participated in the technical-scientific meeting on the Amazon held in Leticia, a city in southern Colombia, close to the Amazon River on the border with Brazil and Peru.

The meeting was attended by environment ministers from Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, to discuss ideas for protecting the Amazon from an unsustainable and destructive model that places it in the greatest danger.

The work agenda began on July 6 with different events organized by entities such as the World Resources Institute, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), dealing with the importance of protecting ecosystems, indigenous communities, containment of deforestation, science and technology.

This activity was presided over by the President of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, together with the President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, who were accompanied by the environment ministers of both countries, together with those of Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, with the purpose of joining proposals, assuming political commitments focused on reversing the accelerated deterioration of the Amazon and working for its restoration.

Likewise, this joint work seeks to create strategic conservation actions, establish works and languages that will be taken to the Amazon Summit in August in Belém de Pará, Brazil.

Civil society spokespersons, other authorities and indigenous representatives are also participating in the construction of a comprehensive plan.

Minister Lorca explained that "Venezuela is joining in a very strong way, on the instructions of President Nicolás Maduro

Moros, to unite all its technical and scientific teams, civil society, indigenous peoples, who in the end are the inhabitants of the Amazon, of the entire Amazon biome, in order to contribute concretely to all the proposals, to build a safe Amazon, of peace and of all South Americans".

He also emphasized that "Venezuela took a group of specialists, from the Ministry of Science and Technology, negotiators from the Foreign Ministry, experts in Climate Change who are actively involved in each of the working tables".

"You can count on the will of the Venezuelan Government in all areas so that the proposals that come out of here have the necessary strength for our President to assume them as part of a work sheet and that next year we meet again, probably in another town in the Amazon", he concluded.

For the preservation of spaces

## National Parks protect Venezuelan Amazonia

**O**n the occasion of his participation in the Technical-Scientific Meeting of the Amazon, towards the Amazon Summit, which was held in the city of Leticia, Colombia, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, declared the Pan-Amazonian Communications Network of Aler and the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum, for the Cumari Reporters Network, voices of the peoples of the Amazon and the Orinoco.

He emphasized that being in Leticia, the heart of the Amazon, makes him return to the roots of our indigenous peoples and together with them seek the solutions that the Amazon needs for its preservation, since it is considered the lungs of planet Earth.

The Minister indicated that "deforestation is only one point of a problem that is complex and must be dealt with in this way, since one of the objectives of this pre-summit that is on its way to Belém do Pará, is to achieve with the different groups, civil society, the Popular

Power, as we call it in Venezuela, scientists and governments, a path that will allow us to work on this problem in an integral manner".

He emphasized that a large part of the Venezuelan Amazon is protected under the National Parks and Protected Natural Areas.

He added that "six years ago in Venezuela, President Nicolás Maduro decreed the Caura National Park, which is the largest tropical forest National Park on Planet Earth, with 7.5 million hectares".

### Working groups in Leticia

Minister Lorca detailed the aspects that were discussed during the technical tables in Leticia, "the work and joint operations from the scientific and military point of view, and with the indigenous peoples, since they are the main ones affected".

In this regard, he indicated that "I was participating in the working groups with local and regional

governments, indigenous peoples, the private sector, research institutes, scientists, universities, civil society, forest managers and international collaborators".

He indicated that the working groups dealt with deforestation, transnational environmental crimes, conservation strategies, ecological restoration, bioeconomy, indigenous peoples' rights, health and education.

Aspects such as financial mechanisms, information management, science, technology, indigenous knowledge, international advocacy agenda and strengthening governance were also raised.

"Here we were able to observe the exchange of ideas from all sectors, to address the problems of the Amazon Basin, with concrete proposals to address the climate crisis we are facing," he explained.



*They addressed issues such as deforestation, transnational environmental crimes, conservation strategies, among others*

Venezuela's participation in international meetings highlighted

## Forestry Cabinet presents management balance

**T**he Forestry Cabinet met at the facilities of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) in order to present the proposals and advances on its management.

The meeting was attended by Minister Josué Lorca, accompanied by the General Director of Forest Patrimony, Zoraima Echenique, the President of the National Foundation for Environmental Education (Fundambiente) and General Director of Training of the Minec, Jesús Méndez, and the President of the National Reforestation Company (Conare), Adolfo Paredes.

The meeting served to present the statistics of plant production in the national territory, the experience of the Comuna Flor de Mi Patria (Rodal Semillero Bum Bum) and the progress of the Vivero Barinas Alianza Minec-Maderas del Orinoco, as well as all the progress that has been made in these areas.

One of the points detailed was the case of the Comuna Flor de Mi Patria, in which they have

carried out actions as a family that help through the seedling stand, protect and conserve that new seed. Also, they have a production of plants, carry out reforestation days and later make donations of plants to institutions.

The Flor de Mi Patria commune has five nurseries located in four communal councils and has to date a total of 349,900 plants.

Zoraima Echenique, director of Patrimonio Forestal, highlighted Venezuela's participation during the 33rd Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (Coflac), in which 21 countries of the region participated, with the purpose of developing strategies and articulating actions for the sustainable management of forests, mitigation and adaptation to Climate Change.

The intervention in the 5th Meeting of Forestry Authorities of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) was also detailed, which made it possible to outline a work route between member countries

whose objective is to ensure the conservation of Amazonian forests.

The delegations recognized Venezuela's capacity and potential when it comes to publishing and generating content, as well as the issue of creating children's content. Therefore, the countries agreed that the different restoration methods they have will be compiled and sent to the country, and from Fundambiente, the publication will be made for the rest of the continent.

Meanwhile, Minister Josué Lorca specified that "within the policies of strengthening the institution, many things have been advanced at international level, showing in these participations the truth and all the advances that Venezuela has been developing".

"I congratulate them for all the work that this cabinet has done and that we always take into account the national policy, and that Venezuela is a country that takes care of its diversity and protected areas," he said.



Comuna Flower of My Homeland has a total of 349,900 plants to date

Climate crisis management and cooperation

## UNHCR and Minec develop care plans for vulnerable populations



*Adaptation and mitigation processes will be addressed in the face of climate crisis*

**T**he Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) and representatives of the United Nations Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) discussed the vulnerable populations in the face of the climate crisis.

The meeting was held in the meeting room of the National Observatory Against the Climate Crisis, located in Caracas, with the purpose of discussing, shaping and debating the lines of action on the subject.

It was proposed the creation of a cooperation management between the two entities, with the purpose of attending to the processes of adaptation and mitigation of the climate crisis,

and the action plans that have been established in Venezuela.

The meeting dealt with the conditions in areas highly vulnerable to adverse climate events and insisted on the elaboration of joint projects of the institutions and other State agencies involved in dealing with climate phenomena.

A series of meetings were considered to define a road map for joint work, in accordance with the policies instructed by President Nicolás Maduro Moros.

Film Forum Cycle

## The secret behind their smile: The life of dolphins in captivity

**D**uring the cycle of film forums called "Climate change, peoples, planet and life", carried out by the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), through the General Directorate of Training, the documentary "The secret behind his smile" was screened.

In this regard, David Álvarez, Director of Dissemination of the promoting entity, indicated that "this documentary orients us on the life of dolphins in captivity".

"It shows us how life in captivity, even if you take care of them, affects these animals because they cannot develop in their natural space, in an open place, and not in those tanks where they are locked up and that in the long run brings health problems to the species", he said.

He pointed out that "we see how the dolphins are affected by the unnatural conditions in which they are kept and how some private sector companies make economic benefits by keeping them locked up".

"Not only do they lock them up for their protection, but they keep them there for recreation and to exhibit them to the public who are interested in them for some activities that thanks to their intelligence they can perform, but not for their preservation," he said.



International Soil Conservation Day

## UN: Two quarters of the earth is in the process of desertification

**T**he International Soil Conservation Day is celebrated every July 7, a date that reminds us of the debt that humanity owes to nature and to the most vulnerable animal and plant populations.

This day is dedicated to Hugh Hammond Bennet, a renowned scientist who stood out for increasing land production by protecting it, preventing erosion and loss of fertility, factors that affect soil quality.

Climate variations and anthropogenic activity have been the main promoters of soil erosion and desertification, an alarming phenomenon that knows no boundaries.

According to the United Nations (UN), up to two quarters of the planet's soil is in the process of desertification, while 70% of the world's agricultural surface faces severe deterioration.

The Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), concerned about the wellbeing of the soils, through the Fundación Misión Árbol, has undertaken the task of reforesting the country's surfaces and hydrographic basins.

The Bolivarian Revolution, through Ecosocialism, fulfills the Fifth Objective of the Plan of the Homeland 2013-2019 of "preserving life on the planet and saving the human species", which is why we should dedicate every day to the care of our land.



Promotion and mapping of possible linkages

## Minec promotes transformation of the productive model in "the economy behind solid waste"

**T**he Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) participated in the massive training activities carried out by the Vice-Presidency of Planning, with an intervention in the videoconference "The economy behind solid waste".

The videoconference served to present plans that seek to promote, map and make visible possible linkages, as a way of transforming the productive model.

The workshop is also expected to achieve traceability and improve information on how waste and residues are produced and managed at the national level.

It is also expected that individuals will have training tasks, incentive designs and fiscal instruments that will enable

them to become profitable and adopt the elements of the relevant production chains, with a regulatory policy that facilitates the process.

These training processes are intended to lead to the development of industrial policies focused on innovation, the dissemination of new knowledge, productive articulation, the establishment of responsible consumption patterns through transparent systems and taking advantage of the eco-productive vocations of the localities and their linkage with the industrial sector.

Likewise, the meetings seek to take direct action to integrate the requirements of circular economy and efficient use of raw materials in national public procurement, in order to move towards inclusive and sustainable economies.

El Niño phenomenon affects high temperatures

## The hottest day of the year is recorded

**2**023 is proving to be a year of records that remind us that we are in the midst of unprecedented climate chaos. The latest milestone to join the list came earlier this week. Monday, July 3 becomes the hottest day on record for the planet, according to data from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP).

The global average temperature last Monday was 17.01°C, surpassing the previous record of 16.92°C from August 2016, the hottest year since measurements have been available. Monday's temperature was about 0.81°C warmer than the average for the time of year in the late 20th century, a period when thermometers were already experiencing global warming due to human

activities, mainly the burning of fossil fuels.

In the absence of more detailed studies to know the cause, recognized climate specialists agree that it is due to two factors. The main culprit is climate change induced by greenhouse gases generated mainly by fossil fuels and deforestation. Added to this is the El Niño phenomenon. Precisely, this Tuesday, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has officially declared the beginning of this phenomenon, responsible for the anomalous warming of the waters of the Pacific.

"Earlier this year, I already pointed out that the combination of human-induced long-term steady warming and additional surface warming caused by the El Niño phenomenon would

come together to give us the warmest year, month and day on record. And so it has been," says U.S. climatologist Michael Mann.

Dr. Robert Rohde, chief scientist at the U.S.-based Berkeley Earth, agrees. The expert also predicts that the record could be broken again in the next six weeks. The fact is that we are at a point where every historical record is pulverized in a short time, whether it is the hottest summer, the driest year or the day with the highest levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Climate change is responsible for surpassing any extreme or record every day. Or as Rohde puts it, "global warming is taking us into an unknown world".



*The global average temperature last Monday was 17.01 °C (63 °F).*

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*On behalf of the Venezuelan people, I congratulate the athletes who represented us in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023. More than 150 medals for our homeland that reflect the dedication, effort and perseverance of a Golden Generation that was born to make Venezuela shine, filling our hearts with pride!*



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**07/04/2023**

*Our eternal recognition to the martyr General of the Homeland, Paulino Millán, who gave his life in the line of duty. His promotion as the first of his promotion, earned with thousands of flight hours, in defense of the Homeland. Honor and Glory to the morale, honor and eternal spirit of our distinguished pilot! Long live the Bolivarian Military Aviation! Long live the FANB!*



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*The nationalization of Banco de Venezuela meant a step forward towards the inclusion and promotion of the national productive sector. Today it represents a great strength for the Revolution in the resistance against economic aggressions and the development of a new economy.*



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