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"The climate crisis is a political crisis, a moral crisis and also a cultural crisis, which we must all face in the same way. It is time to act. We must review our production models and make them more sustainable and kinder to living beings every day," said Lorca during his speech at the plenary round table.

He said that it is necessary to set up a financing fund for losses and damages that is fairer and more equitable and that generates confidence for all the countries of the world.

The Venezuelan minister emphasized the importance of the upcoming COP28, as it represents a unique and hopeful opportunity to see what the new way of managing environmental policy should be. He added that the main expectation is that the host country of this summit, the United Arab Emirates, will mark a before and after in the fight for the existence of life on the planet.

"Less discourse and more concrete actions against the Climate Crisis, is the demand of our President Nicolás Maduro and is the action of the Venezuelan Government", expressed the minister in his social networks, regarding the Pre-COP28.

In this opportunity, the Venezuelan delegation led by the head of the Minec, Josué Lorca, together with the different representations of the world, addressed issues concerning the Paris

Agreement, implementation mechanisms, the need for greater funding for mitigation and adaptation plans, as well as launching the new Loss and Damage Fund.

"For us (Venezuela) it is a reality that unilateral coercive measures, do not allow us access to our resources to fight this real threat that is the climate crisis, and as well as for us, this is a reality for many countries, so we ask that it be taken into account and be worked on in this forum. Developed countries must assume greater responsibility in the fight against climate change and provide adequate financing for developing countries", Minister Lorca demanded during his speech.

A total of 70 ministers attended the meeting. The fight against the climate crisis requires the effort of everyone to obtain tangible results through the COP28 to be held in Dubai at the end of November.



## Work agenda included high-level meetings

As part of the agenda of the Government of Venezuela in Abu Dhabi for the Pre-COP28, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, participated in working meetings, which addressed issues such as the importance of optimizing the means of implementation and compliance with agreements such as the Paris Agreement, in order to mitigate the Climate Crisis.

Also on the importance of financing, capacity building and technology transfer, as well as

moving forward with policies that promote actions against climate change and in favor of the existence of life on the planet.

In addition, during the World Ecology Day, the Minister held a meeting with representatives of the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry and the head of the Bolivarian delegation, Diego Pacheco, who is part of the ALBA negotiating group, with a view to consolidating the road map for the COP28, which will make it possible to agree on joint positions among the allied countries, to raise their voices and continue fighting for the salvation of

the human species and life on the planet.

The Bolivarian diplomacy of peace deployed in Abu Dhabi, during the Pre-COP28, carried the message of unity of the Government of President Nicolás Maduro, for the preservation of life and the stability of the planet.

Intense deliberations took place among all the delegations present to fix the agreements that will be presented to the heads of State who will participate in the COP28 in Dubai, at the end of November.



COP28 to be held in Dubai at the end of November

## Venezuela and United Arab Emirates reaffirm commitment to the Paris Agreement

**T**he Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, on behalf of the Government of Venezuela, held a meeting with the Minister of Industries and Advanced Technologies of the United Arab Emirates and President of the COP28, Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, a meeting that served to reaffirm the commitment of the Bolivarian nation to contribute to the generation of policies

for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and for the preservation of life on the planet.

This was stated by Minister Lorca in his official account on the social network X, @JosueLorcaV.

During the meeting, the Minister expressed the message of full support of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros, for the

COP28 to be successful and to generate concrete actions that allow progress in mitigating the effects of the climate crisis.

It should be recalled that Minister Lorca traveled to the Arab nation to participate in the Pre-COP, which began last Monday and lasted until November 2, towards the official event (COP28), to be held in Dubai from November 30 to December 12.



Exchange of experiences

## Minister Lorca visits Abu Dhabi aquarium to exchange experiences in species rehabilitation and reproduction

**D**uring the last day in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, took the opportunity to visit the National Aquarium of this populous Arab city where an exchange of experiences took place.

According to what he shared through his account on the social network Instagram @josuelorca, the National Aquarium of Abu Dhabi is a space where he had the

opportunity to learn firsthand how this type of centers that serve as rehabilitation and reproduction sites of species of importance to the world are managed.

During the tour of the facilities of the National Aquarium of Abu Dhabi, he verified how coral restoration is carried out in the center, as a way to contribute to life on the planet and save one of the species that absorb more carbon emissions and help in the fight against climate change.

"This exchange of experiences allowed us to identify innovative techniques for the protection and conservation of marine species," said the head of the Minec.





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*Closer ties between the two sectors will strengthen the fight against the climate crisis*

**T**he Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), through the Vice-Ministry for the Preservation of Life and Biodiversity, participated together with 300 people from public and private organizations in the 4th Venezuela 2023 Sustainability Forum on Climate Change and Sustainable Finance.

The event was held at the Aula Magna of the Universidad Central de Venezuela with the purpose of articulating and showing the efforts of the private and public sectors to mitigate the effects of Climate Change, define the concrete contributions for the acceleration and fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially those related to Education, Finance, Employment, Climate Change and Social Cohesion.

This dialogue has led to partnerships to generate short-, medium- and long-term impact.

The SDGs are 17 interconnected global goals, which are designed to be a "blueprint for achieving a better and more sustainable future for all", established in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and intended to be achieved by 2030.

The participants agreed that Venezuela has achieved significant levels in the SDGs, despite the coercive measures, unilateral sanctions and financial blockade imposed against the Venezuelan people, which has even placed the country as a reference by registering levels of achievement of the SDGs higher than the achievement of other countries.

Among the results of this space for dialogue, it stands out that the closeness between the public-private sector is essential to mitigate and adapt to climate change, that companies with a social interest play a fundamental role and that communities must be at the center of the action.

The SDGs are 17: end poverty, zero hunger, health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure; reduction of inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, responsible production and consumption, climate action, undersea life, life of terrestrial ecosystems, peace, justice and strong institutions and partnerships to achieve the goals.

Oceanographic/atmospheric event forecast and assessment

## MINEC and the International Research Center on The Child Phenomenon (CIIFEN) analyze and prepare actions for possible extreme events

Sharing information on comparative analyses of the The Child phenomenon, the study of changes in seasonal patterns and the preparation of actions for possible extreme events, was the objective of the videoconference held by the Vice-Ministry for the Preservation of Life and Biodiversity of the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) with the International Research Center for the The Child Phenomenon (CIIFEN).

The event was attended by the Vice-Minister for the Preservation of Life and Biodiversity, José Ramón Pererira and CIIFEN spokespersons, who discussed forecasts and the evaluation of the oceanographic/atmospheric event The Child - Southern Oscillation ENSO.

It should be noted that the "Global The Child" phenomenon, currently in a moderate category, continues with a high probability of reaching a strong category. For this reason, the meeting reiterated the invitation to continue strengthening

anticipatory measures in view of the approaching maturity phase of The Child.

Among the recommendations that arose in the area of risk management, it is worth mentioning that for preparedness, readiness and risk management plans, it is recommended that these be comprehensive, since in several countries opposing scenarios are probable, with some areas having excessive rainfall and others having deficient precipitation.

For this reason, they consider that hazard preparedness should be associated with: reduced rainfall and possible droughts; increased rainfall and extreme rainfall events that may generate floods, flash floods, landslides and torrential floods; heat waves and high levels of sunshine that may affect health, food and nutritional security and productive sectors such as agriculture and livestock.

They urged to take into account the prevention of forest fires in the Amazon, the High Andean zone and dry corridors.

According to the analysis of the particularities of each region and each country, it is invited to take the necessary measures in the health, environmental, agricultural, livestock, fisheries, food and nutritional security, water resources, transportation, infrastructure and tourism sectors, both in activities in insular, maritime, coastal, Andean and Amazonian territories.

The community is recommended to consult the risk management plans in their localities and to heed the warnings issued by the authorities, in view of the evolution of the El Niño phenomenon in each country, state or province, department or municipality and locality or town.

They also emphasize the importance of following the information and monitoring issued by the national meteorological and hydrological services.



Communities are urged to follow the risk management protocols in each locality



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*Commemorated 25 years of the Iberomar Network and invited to comply with the action plan 2016-2025*

**T**he Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism participated in the 2nd Congress of the Network of Committees, Mab Focal Points and Biosphere Reserves of Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, an activity that took place in Copán Ruinas, Honduras.

On this occasion, the 25th anniversary of the Iberomar Network was commemorated and an evaluation was made on the fulfillment of the Lima/Iberomar 2016-2025 action plan.

Proposals to be considered in the new strategy of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program "Mab" and the subsequent Action Plan for the World Network of Biosphere Reserves 2026-2035 were also discussed.

Participants from 25 countries established working tables from which proposals for actions were outlined around the areas of: Climate change, mountains, forest areas, arid zones and mangroves.

The speakers, among other aspects, emphasized the importance of continuing to promote research, as well as the strengthening of integrated work between government institutions at all levels, cooperation and, of course, the communities. Respect for the identity of peoples and cultural values was also discussed.

The Presidential Designate of Honduras and member of the Tri-national Trifinio Plan Commission, Doris Gutiérrez, stated that the purpose of this event was to exchange experiences, knowledge

and best practices on the conservation of biosphere reserves that have been declared World Heritage Sites and thus identify strategies and alternative approaches to biodiversity conservation, integrated water resource management, sustainable development and the multiple effects of climate change in the reserve areas.

For her part, the president of the IberoMAB network, Alejandra Reyes, emphasized that this is the moment to "tell the world that we are united with all the actors; academia, indigenous peoples, cooperants, government institutions. We are setting an example of how we can move forward and manage these territories in an integrated manner.

Venezuela has two biosphere reserves

## Biosphere reserves: spaces for the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems



*Unesco proclaimed November 3 as International Day for Biosphere Reserves*

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) proclaimed November 3 as International Biosphere Reserve Day, in order to highlight the importance of these natural spaces.

Unesco, in 1974, with the support of the governments of several countries, created the Biosphere Reserves, with the objective of promoting the balanced, fair and equitable management of these sites, to avoid the indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources and to conserve the planet's ecosystems.

Likewise, the conservation of biodiversity is promoted through research, sustainable

development and decision-making on environmental care.

Biosphere Reserves are those territories of the planet that possess natural resources that represent the diversity of habitats, harboring a wide variety of ecosystems and biodiversity such as: tropical rainforests, temperate forests, arctic deserts, boreal forests and subtropical rainforests, among others.

Every year, the urgency of addressing environmental problems becomes more evident, with the understanding that we only have one planet and it is in danger. To address these issues, it is necessary to radically change the human

relationship with nature and other living beings.

Venezuela has two biosphere reserves associated with the third largest river in the world, the Orinoco-Casiquiare, with more than 8 million hectares, while the Orinoco Delta reserve has more than 1 million hectares and, as its name indicates, is located at its mouth.

Both reserves were created on the basis of Unesco's Man and the Biosphere Program, which was created with the vision of reconciling or reconnecting people with their surroundings, the environment and nature.



Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Maracaibo Lake

## Oil containment barrier installed in the beaches sector of the San Francisco municipality in Zulia state

The Presidential Commission for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo installed an oil containment barrier in the Las Playas sector of the parish of El Bajo, municipality of San Francisco, Zulia State.

The action was carried out by Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA), the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) and the Institute for the Conservation of the Maracaibo Lake Basin (Iclam), on a line of about 400 meters of coastline which will be protected from the presence of crude oil and other polluting wastes.

The information was made known by the president of Iclam and director of the Territorial Ecosocialist Unit (UTEC) Zulia of the Minec, G/D Castor Vicente Pérez Leal, who explained that the area had already been cleaned up after the collection of waste, oiled material and cleaning of the beach, executed through the Master and Strategic Plan for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo.

In this sense, the rescue plan is an orientation of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros, which is developed by the Sectoral Vice-Presidency of

Public Works and Services led by G/J Néstor Reverol. With the placement of the container, the environmental work carried out at the site will be maintained.

The barrier will have an open space, so that the fishermen of the nearby communities can carry out their work without difficulties.

As part of the actions of the Vice Presidency of Public Services, the beaches of Cãñamao, Emmanuel Fonseca, Los Fernández and Los Pérez of the Municipality of San Francisco were declared a recovery zone to guarantee their care, preservation and development.



Strengthening the Master Plan

## Third Coordination Roundtable for the Integral Management of Solid Waste was held in Zulia

As part of the Master Plan for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo, this week the 3rd session of the Coordination Board for the Integral Management of Solid Waste in the state of Zulia was held.

At this meeting, experts in the subject were organized to carry out inspections in the different municipalities and thus consolidate different projects.



Induction by Sunai

## Minec promotes workshop on inspection as a fiscal control activity

**T**his week, a workshop on inspection as a fiscal control action was held in the Waraira Repano Hall of the Universidad Popular del Ambiente Fruto Vivas (Upafv), located in the facilities of the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec).

The induction was conducted by personnel from the Internal Control and Audit System of the National Superintendence

of Internal Audit (Sunai), who addressed the subject as part of the provisions of the Organic Law of the Comptroller General of the Republic.

The workshop was addressed to all public servants attached to the Internal Audit Unit of the Minec and its attached entities, with the purpose of keeping the public administration in general trained and updated on the subject of inspection as a control

measure, under the provisions of the current regulations of the process.

Currently, the development of nine more workshops for the remainder of 2023 is in the approval phase, in order to deepen the subject and capture the largest number of people.



*Minec conducts ongoing training processes*



Christmas is here

## Minec awakens the spirit of the holiday season with a festive party



*Workers were greeted with seasonal sweets and Christmas gifts*

**A**s proclaimed by the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, this November 1st marked the beginning of Christmas in Venezuela and the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) celebrated it in style.

The season was opened with different activities with songs and dances to the rhythm of

bagpipes performed by the group "La Primera Siembra del Cuatro", made up of employees of the institution and its affiliated entities such as the Environmental Education Foundation (Fundambiente).

From the early hours of the morning, Minec's workers were welcomed at the entrance of the facilities with Christmas sweets and the melodious

bagpipes, to awaken the spirit of the Christmas holidays.

The parrandón began at the entrance of the Towers of El Silencio, adjacent to Plaza Caracas, and then moved through each of the floors of the Minec headquarters, where everyone joined in to the rhythm of the typical Zulian music.



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