



# Global Universities Partnership on Environment and Sustainability (GUPES)



## Environmental Network of Dominican Universities, (RAUDO)



The **Environmental Network of Dominican Universities (RAUDO, Spanish acronym)** is a nonprofit association of Dominican institutions of higher education, aimed articulate the potential of higher education institutions in the Dominican Republic , for the dissemination of topics related to environmental sustainability from the education, research and extension . Its basic principles are cooperation, solidarity and teamwork and their values are : truth, ethics, fellowship, responsibility, creativity, innovation, transparency and respect.

### Education

**Programs related to environment and natural resources offered by RAUDO Universities:**

#### Undergraduate:

- **UNEV:** Agroforestry Engineering, concentration Organic Agriculture

#### Graduate:

- **INTEC:** Master in Environmental Engineering Master and Environmental Sciences.
- **UASD:** Master Environmental Protection and Master Environmental Impact Assessment
- **UCATECI:** Master in Environment and Energy
- **UNIBE:** Master in Sustainable Design
- **UNPHU:** Master of Science in Ecology and the Environment y Master in Agricultural Diversification

Also Universities develop various environmental initiatives such as: ITECO has a subject in Energy and Environment, UCSD develops a Green Week, **UAPA** has the subject Environment and Human, **UAFAM** develops a line of research in Environmental Sustainability, **UNAPEC** has a subject in Environmental Management and **UCNE** has Ecology and Environment.

### Training, Research and Development

Universities affiliates to RAUDO, UNIBE, ITECO, INTEC, UAPA, UCNE UASD participated in the National Training Programme for Teachers on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development. The Training Programme is being implemented in the framework on the National Strategy to Strengthen Human Resources and Skills to Advance Green, Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development with support from the UN CC:Learn project. It is based on a Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development course, originally designed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to support teachers in helping young people understand the causes and consequences of climate change, and bring about changes in attitudes and behaviours.

The high-level event it was organized by the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism (CNCCMDL, Spanish Acronym) with support from UN CC:Learn, bringing together participants from government, education institutions, NGOs, and the UN Country Team. UN CC:Learn is a partnership of 33 multilateral organizations which supports Member States in designing and implementing results-oriented and sustainable learning to address climate change.

In November 2012, RAUDO organized the First Forum of Health and Environment. In this event, the universities presented their environmental actions. In the Forum were presented environmental academic programs and the universities social responsibility related to the protection of the environment and natural resources.

Among these actions are highlighted the reforestation of degraded areas, the watershed management, the waste management and recycling, the awareness on the protection of water resources and protected species of flora and fauna. There was a roundtable to analyze the impacts of mining operations in the Dominican Republic.

### Networking

Under the Environmental Protection Program sponsored with funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the INTEC initiated the formation of a network with all the higher education institutions in the Dominican Republic about environmental issues and sustainable development. In February 2012 arises Environmental Network of Dominican Universities (RAUDO, Spanish Acronym). Currently, this Network has 16 universities from the whole country, in alphabetical order:

- **APEC University**
- Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (**UASD**, Spanish Acronym)
- Catholic University Santo Domingo (**UCSD**, Spanish Acronym)
- East Central University (**UCE**, spanish acronym)
- Fernando Arturo de Merino Agroforestry University (**UAFAM**, Spanish Acronym)
- Iberoamerican University (**UNIBE**, Spanish Acronym)
- **ISA University**
- National Evangelical University (**UNEV**, Spanish Acronym)
- Nordestana Catholic University (**UCNE**)
- Open University for Adults (**UAPA**, Spanish Acronym)
- Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University (**UNPHU**, Spanish Acronym)
- Technological Catholic University of Barahona (**UCATEBA**, Spanish Acronym)
- Technological Catholic University of the Cibao (**UCATECI**, Spanish Acronym)
- Technological Institute Easter Cibao (**ITECO**, Spanish Acronym)
- Technological University of Santiago (**UTESA**, Spanish Acronym)
- Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (**INTEC**, Spanish Acronym)

### Articulation with GUPES - LATIN AMERICA

In December 2012, RAUDO attended the launch of Chapter GUPES-Latin America in Bogota, Colombia. In December 2012, RAUDO adheres to GUPES and ARIUSA. As part of the agenda to develop GUPES-LATIN AMERICA, RAUDO will hold a second Forum on Environment, Health and Sustainable Territories in the second half of 2013 in Santo Domingo. Also RAUDO will attend in December of this year to the Chilean and Latin American Forum on Universities and Sustainability, to be held in the University of Valparaiso, Chile.

#### Sustainability Indicators RAUDO Universities

RAUDO is participating in the Latin American Consortium of Universities which with the Autonomous University of Madrid and the network RISU developed the project "Defining indicators and evaluation of commitments to sustainability in Latin American Universities". It expects to receive financial support from the Bank of Santander. The objective of this project is to capacity university leaders in the application of the system of indicators to assess the sustainability commitments of its institutions. RAUDO attend the session of this project at the University of Valparaiso, Chile in the days before the Latin American Universities and Sustainability Forum. Also tend to the Third Ibero-American Conference of ARIUSA.

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