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# ANNUAL LATIN AMERICAN COLLOQUIUM 2023

Powering Australia and Latin America  
toward a clean energy future



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# 16th Annual Latin American Colloquium

The University of Queensland (UQ) is proud to be celebrating 16 years of hosting the Latin American Colloquium (LAC). Since 2007, we have welcomed leaders from Latin American government, industry, and the higher education sector to connect with our researchers and university staff. Together, we have discussed emerging opportunities and explored ways to address grand challenges of interest to both regions.

LAC is just one aspect of a strong and long-standing partnership between UQ and Latin America dating back almost 40 years. The University's people-to-people links with Latin American universities, government agencies, corporate networks, and non-government organisations have led to hundreds of research projects and encouraged thousands of international students to join our Brisbane campuses.

Importantly, our close working relationships have supported connections between our people and our capabilities, leading to real and meaningful outcomes. From science and sustainability to health and humanities, our collaborative work has had impact at a global level.

Key activities in the UQ-Latin America relationship include the establishment of the Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI) International Centre of Excellence (SMI-ICE-Chile), which aims to address major challenges facing Chile's mining sector. The Centre has built an impressive reputation for contributing to the sustainability and improving social impact of mining in the region.

Led by UQ President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry AO, the University's leaders had the privilege of embarking on a Senior Executive Mission to Chile and Brazil in August 2023 to meet with university partners, industry, government, and alumni. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with new and emerging collaborators across Latin America and deepen our engagement with several long standing UQ partners. UQ also signed agreements with several partners, committing to collaborate across teaching, research, innovation, and commercialisation.

The Global Bioeconomy Alliance (GBA) is another example of collaboration for change. A tripartite partnership between UQ, São Paulo State University (UNSEP) in Brazil, and the Technical University of Munich (TUM) in Germany is creating a strong global network of leaders in the field of bioeconomy. Hosted by UQ in September 2023, the GBA Conference will showcase solutions to inform the future of the bioeconomy – locally and internationally – and facilitate action-oriented discussions on building a sustainable future.

UQ's links with the diverse countries of Latin America is not limited to research. UQ offers Spanish language as a field of study for Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of International Studies, and Diploma of Languages students. Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese language classes are also available to students and members of the public through the Institute of Modern Languages. Students with an interest in diplomacy can also apply for the UQ Embassy Internships program, which gives students the chance to spend four weeks in a Latin American or North American embassy in Canberra.

For the 16th iteration of LAC, we turn our focus to 'Powering Australia and Latin America toward a clean energy future', to explore the complexities of the global issue and work together for a cleaner, reliable, and more affordable energy system.

Latin America, with the world's largest deposits of both copper and lithium, has an important role to play in deciding the pace of the global energy transition. Like Australia, Latin American governments are looking to take advantage of opportunities to benefit their countries long-term and are committed to finding solutions to the economic, social, political, and environmental challenges that pose barriers to a rapid paradigm shift in energy production and consumption.

Thank you, for participating in the 16th UQ-Latin American Colloquium. We look forward to continuing our connections and robust discussions into the future and expanding our collaboration on key global issues, academic partnerships, technological innovations, and trade relations for the mutual benefit to our regions.

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# 2023 PROGRAM

TIME	DESCRIPTION
7:30-8am	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS AND NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b>
8-8:15am	<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> Professor Rick Valenta, Director (Acting), Sustainable Minerals Institute, UQ <b>Welcome address</b> Mr Brett Lovegrove, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Partnerships), UQ His Excellency Mr Ronald Recinos, Ambassador of Guatemala
8:15-9:15am	<b>Panel 1: Supporting the reliable supply of critical minerals in Australia and Latin America</b> Moderator: Professor Claire Côte, Director, Centre for Water in the Minerals Industry, Sustainable Minerals Institute, UQ Dr Liliana Pagliero, Deputy Director (HDR); and Research Fellow, Sustainable Minerals Institute, UQ Dr Janelle Simpson, Director, Minerals Geoscience, Department of Resources, Queensland Government Dr Helen Degeling, Project Acquisition Manager, Cobalt Blue Holdings
9:15-9:50am	<b>NETWORKING MORNING TEA</b>
9:50-10:20am	<b>Keynote speaker</b> Ms Namali Mackay, Director, Critical Minerals Association Australia
10:20-11:15am	<b>Panel 2: The journey to net-zero: opportunities and challenges for Australia and Latin America amid the global push towards renewables and zero-carbon commodities</b> Moderator: Professor Tim Kastle, Director, Andrew N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership, UQ His Excellency Mr Jamie Chomali, Ambassador of Chile Dr Isabel B. Franco, Executive Director, IBF International Institute for Better Futures Dr Juliana Segura-Salazar, Research Fellow, Sustainable Minerals Institute, UQ Mr Daniel Esteban Nieto Martínez, Petroleum Engineer and Senior Consultant, Arche Energy Pty Ltd
11:15-11:25am	<b>Closing remarks</b> Her Excellency Mrs Dianela Pi, Ambassador of Uruguay Professor José Celso Freire Junior, Associate Provost for International Affairs, São Paulo State University (UNESP)
11:25am	<b>EVENT ENDS</b>



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