



SEMINÁRIO INTERNACIONAL RESERVAS DA BIOSFERA, CONSERVAÇÃO DA BIODIVERSIDADE E DESENVOLVIMENTO SUSTENTÁVEL DA PAN-AMAZÔNIA

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The International Seminar **Biosphere Reserves, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Amazon**, due to take place in Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil (22-25 April 2015), is an initiative of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme of UNESCO, the Federal University of Latin American Integration (UNILA) and the UNESCO Chair in South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development of the Federal University of Pará, Brazil.

The seminar has four main objectives:

- To discuss the main issues related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable development of the Amazon, and in this context, present the results of the project 'Sustainable rural development and conservation of biodiversity in the Amazon biosphere reserves.' Project implementation started in 2010 with the support of the MAB programme and the National Parks Organism of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Environment of Spain. Reports will be presented by each of the 10 biosphere reserves participating in the project.
- To encourage and strengthen studies and research on the Amazon at the Federal University of Latin American Integration (UNILA).
- To produce a book comprising the contributions of the seminar.
- To know the experiences of Itaipu and Iguaçu National Park, a natural World Heritage site recognized by UNESCO.

The Seminar consists of four sessions. Session 1 'The Amazon in the World' will discuss issues related to the Amazon in the current international context and the challenges of regional integration. Session 2 'Population Mobility in Border Areas' will discuss the phenomenon of population mobility along frontier areas of the Amazon and inside Brazil and other Amazonian countries. Session 3 'Development' will examine controversial issues related to development policies and the building of hydroelectric dams in the Amazon. Session 4 is reserved for the presentation of results from the project 'Rural Sustainable Development and Conservation of Biodiversity in the Amazon Biosphere Reserves.'

The speakers at the event will include 30 leading scientist from Amazonian countries.

