

SPANISH COOPERATION TRAINING CENTRES



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Ever since the 1980s, it has become clear, at international fora on cooperation for development and through the statements made at Ibero-American Summits, that human resource training is one of the most effective instruments in the cooperation for development.

To reinforce this concept, one of the development goals established in the Fourth Master Plan of the Spanish Cooperation 2013-2016 is intensive cooperation to strengthen institutional capacity and the transfer of knowledge.

A NETWORK OF TRAINING CENTRES

There are four Spanish Cooperation Training Centres throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, specialising in knowledge management for development and coordinating and implementing training activities and the transfer and exchange of knowledge. Their activity is essentially aimed at the experts responsible for designing and managing public policies in Latin America and International Organisations, and promotes the creation of networks and peer-based learning between Latin America and Spain. They also establish synergies with bilateral and national initiatives.

BETWEEN 1987 TO 2014, MORE THAN 6,000 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE TRAINING CENTERS.

HUMAN RESOURCE TRAINING IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENTS IN THE COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

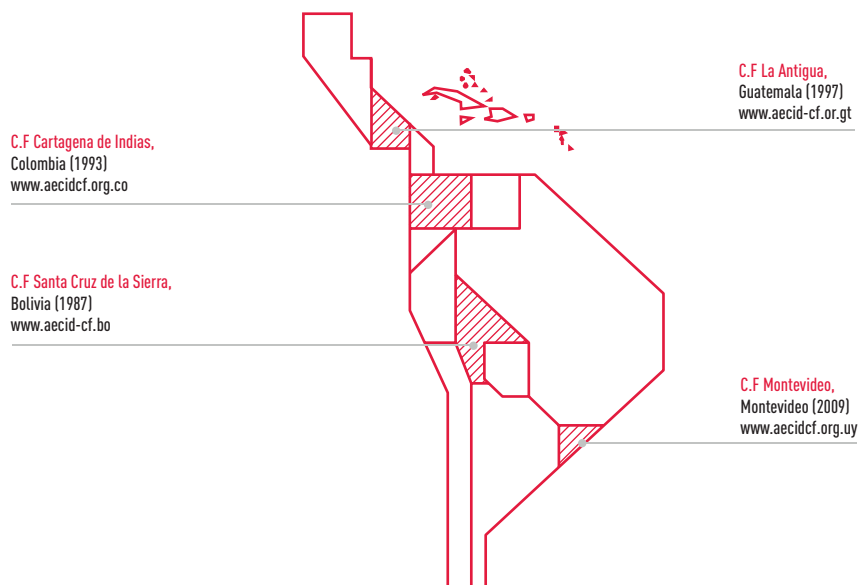


Our training centres develop activities at international, regional, national and local level. These activities may take a range of formats, depending on the objectives they pursue, and contribute to the vitalisation and strengthening of South-South and Triangular cooperation. The most frequent activities include:

- Meetings of experts and professionals from different countries to share experiences and best practices.
- Specialised international gatherings of public policy heads.
- Seminars, courses and workshops to share technical and practical knowledge on a range of subjects with the aim of replicating them in the participants' organisations.

As a result of these activities, networks of experts have been set up, constituting a key tool for development.

The training centres also host cultural activities, including debates, workshops, exhibitions, book launches, plays, concerts and film seasons, promoting and fostering proximity between local corporations and civil society.





Santa Cruz de la Sierra Training Centre, Bolivia.

The first centre, set up in 1987 and inaugurated by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofía of Spain and occupying 3,300 square metres in a modern, functional, four-storey building in the city centre. Formerly the Casa de España Cultural Centre, it was built in the 1970s and later refurbished to accommodate the activities of AECID. It has four rooms for different activities, a meeting room, a computer room, a café-restaurant and an auditorium with seating for 240. There is also an archive dedicated to developmental and cultural aspects.

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Cartagena de Indias Training Centre, Colombia.

Inaugurated in 1993. The original headquarters were situated in a colonial house in the city centre, being transferred to the refurbished Convent of Santo Domingo in 1999.

The Spanish Cooperation Workshop School, headquartered in the city, participated directly in the refurbishment works.

The premises, covering 7000 square metres, is a series of rooms capable of hosting many training activities simultaneously. There is also a library and archive hosting an extensive collection of books and documents, and the centre is equipped with modern computer and audio-visual systems.

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Antigua Training Centre, Guatemala.

Inaugurated in 1997 by Queen Sofia of Spain, this centre is housed in the former College of San Lucas, founded by the Jesuits in the 12th century and restored by Spanish Cooperation under the AECID Cultural Heritage Conservation Programme. It covers 10,226 square metres and has several rooms used for educational activities and offices, as well as cloisters and corridors which are used for exhibitions, concerts and other public activities. There is also a library and archive, open to the public and home to more than 17,000 volumes on the subject of social research.

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Montevideo Training Centre, Uruguay.

This centre commenced activities in 2009 in a refurbished late 19th-century mansion in the Old Town. Its 1,200 square metres are home to three classrooms, a covered atrium, a meeting room, offices and shared spaces and it is equipped with modern technical systems.

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STRATEGIC GOALS

- TO FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN BY TRAINING HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE REGION.
- TO PROMOTE THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES BETWEEN SPAIN AND PARTNER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.
- TO ADVANCE THE CREATION OF STABLE NETWORKS BETWEEN SPANISH AND IBERO-AMERICAN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.
- TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.
- TO PROMOTE LOCAL INITIATIVES FAVOURING CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.



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