



7th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 OWSD

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3-7 November 2025 — Bogotá, Colombia



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THIRD INTERREGIONAL
DIALOGUE

on Education and Development between Africa,
Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

OWSD NETWORKING AND EVENTS IN VIEW OF 7TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9:00-9:30	WELCOMING OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD	
9:30-12:30	OWSD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS (EB members only) and Advisory meetings 📍 (Magistral Fundadores room)	NETWORKING FAIR AND POSTER DISPLAY Regional meetings for OWSD members and participants 📍 (University hall, Puente..tbd)
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-14:30	WORDS OF WELCOME • OWSD Executive Board and Secretariat • Marcelo Knobel, TWAS/OWSD • Karin Metell Cueva, SIDA • Matilda Dipieri, IDRC • Domiziana Francescon, Elsevier Foundation 📍 (Auditorium Fundadores) STREAMED SESSION	
14:30-16:00	TRAINING AND COMMUNITY WEAVING Mapping our journey: What has sustained us? 📍 (Auditorium Fundadores, Nativos and Emprendedores)	
16:00-16:30	BREAK	
16:30-18:00	TRAINING AND COMMUNITY WEAVING Mapping our journey: What has sustained us? 📍 (Auditorium Fundadores, Nativos and Emprendedores)	
18:30-20:30	WELCOME COCKTAIL Voices of displaced women in science and entrepreneurship: OWSD Wisdom Programme and Migraflif 📍 (Plazoleta) Dress code: smart casual	

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

THIRD INTERREGIONAL DIALOGUE ON EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Building shared priorities between Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe

07:15	REGISTRATION & NETWORKING COFFEE
08:00	PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF THE THIRD INTERREGIONAL DIALOGUE ▪ Apyio Okiwiri, Obreal, Kenya (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
08:10	COLOMBIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM
08:15-08:45	PLENARY - KEYNOTE Inaugural Address ▪ H.E Francia Marquez, Vice-president of Colombia Introduced by Nicolas Patrici, Obreal (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
08:45-09:30	8:45 – 9:00 WORDS OF WELCOME ▪ Oscar Dominguez, ASCUN, Colombia and Vice-president of Obreal ▪ Brigitte Baptiste, Rector EAN ▪ Olubukola Babalola, Vice President for Africa, OWSD/UNESCO, and short video greetings from Marcelo Knobel, TWAS/OWSD Executive Director ▪ Olusola Oyewole, AAU, Ghana Introduced by Juan Guillermo Hoyos, Obreal, Colombia 9:00 – 9:30 WELCOME REMARKS ▪ H.E Gaspard Banyankimbona, Commissioner Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union ▪ H.E Yesenia Olaya, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Colombia Introduced by Juan Guillermo Hoyos, Obreal Colombia (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
10:00-10:20	COURTESY BREAK

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10:25-11:30	SESSION 1 Part 1 INTERREGIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ROUNDTABLE Introduced and moderated by Marina Larrea, Obreal 10:15 – 11:30 Part 1: Roundtable CELAC/ African Union Shaping Shared Priorities in Education and Development Opening of the round table: ▪ H.E Yesenia Olaya, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Colombia ▪ H.E. Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Commissioner ESTI, African Union Participants in the discussion: ▪ H.E. Prof. Mohamed Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt, (Video Participation) ▪ H.E Ms. María Inés Ruz Zañartu, Chilean Ambassador to Colombia ▪ H.E Mr. François Roudié, EU Ambassador to Colombia ▪ H.E. Elizabeth Williams, Canadian Ambassador to Colombia ▪ H.E Mr Zhang Liping, Embassy of China to Colombia ▪ Government of the Generalitat de Catalunya TBC ▪ Representative of the Ministry of Higher Education / CELAC TBC 📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)	10:30-11:30 OWSD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME ▪ OWSD Executive Board Regional Reports 📍 (Auditorium Fundadores) STREAMED SESSION
11:30-11:50	COFFEE BREAK	

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:50-13:30	SESSION 1 Part 2	11:50-13:30
	12:00 – 13:15 Part 2: Roundtable Universities as Engines of Interregional Cooperation Introduced and moderated by Oscar Dominguez, Executive director Asociación Colombiana de Universidades (ASCUN). Vice-president of Obreal. Participants in the discussion: ▪ Olusola Oyewole, Association of African Universities (AAU) ▪ Prof. Alexis Ndabarushimana, Interuniversity Council of Easter Africa (IUCEA) ▪ Stephen Simukanga, Southern Africa Regional Universities Association (SARUA) ▪ Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Association of Arab Universities, (AARU) (Video Presentation) ▪ Dalmo Mandelli, FAUBAI (Brazil) ▪ Luis Armando González Palencia, Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior de México (ANUIES) ▪ Jaime Perczyk, Consejo Interuniversitario Nacional (Argentina) ▪ Jorge Calzoni, Unión de Universidades de América Latina y el Caribe. (UDUALC) 13:15 – 13:30 Concluding Reflections: Building an Inclusive Future Together ▪ Ricardo Moreno Patiño, Vice Minister, Higher Education, Colombia ▪ Saidou Madougou, Director Education Science Technology and Innovation, African Union  (Auditorium Orígenes)	OWSD GENERAL ASSEMBLY ▪ OWSD Secretariat report ▪ Announcement of incoming projects and new initiatives  (Auditorium Fundadores) STREAMED SESSION
13:40-14:45	Networking lunch at EAN	

12:00 – 13:15 | Part 2: Roundtable

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14:45-15:00	From Policy Dialogue to Transformative Action: Perspectives across the different Souths and Norths. ▪ Apyo Okiwiri, Obreal, Kenya (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
15:00-16:00	SESSION 2 PLENARY A conversation on women, science and development: Colombia, Latin America and Africa in perspective Introduced by Apiyo Okwiri, Obreal Kenya office Keynote speaker: ▪ H.E Yesenia Olaya, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Colombia Colombia (30min) In conversation with: ▪ Brigitte Baptiste, EAN and Carolina Santacruz, ISC-Colombia (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
16:05-16:10	SESSION 3 PLENARY Perspectives from other regions: the British and IDRC approaches. ▪ Florencia Bergez, Obreal, Argentina (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
16:10-16:45	SESSION 3.1 PLENARY The British Council approach to Women and Science and its impact in Brazil ▪ Laura Barragan, British Council. Colombia ▪ Carla Appolinario de Castro, Federal Fluminense University, Brazil ▪ Moderator: Florencia Bergez, Obreal, Argentina (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
16:50-18:00	SESSION 3.2 PLENARY Dismantling Gender Barriers in STEM: Perspectives from the different South(s) Introduced and moderated by Matilda Dipieri, International Development Research Centre, Canda ▪ C. David Navarrete Gómez, CIESAS, Mexico ▪ Paola Vásquez-Chaux, Universidad Autónoma de Occidente, Colombia ▪ Sunungurai Dominica Chingarande, Women's University in Africa, Zimbabwe ▪ Lora Gailly, UNESCO (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

COCKTAIL OFFERED BY IDRC

Tastes of the Colombian Pacific, Echoes of Africa by Chef Rey Guerrero

Introduced by Apiyo Okwiri, Obreal Kenya office

Keynote speaker:

- IDRC
- Embassy of Canada

In conversation with:

Brief explanation of the Echoes of Africa in Colombia through food and traditions.

- Rey Guerrero (Chef)

* Dress code: Smart Casual

18:30-21:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

THIRD INTERREGIONAL DIALOGUE ON EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Knowledge as a Bridge Between Regions

08:10

REGISTRATION

09:10-09:25

SESSION 5

Linking Day One to Day Two

- Marina Larrea, Obreal

📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)

09:30-11:00

SESSION 6

PLENARY

Setting the Tone: Inclusive Education
and Science for Development
Introduced and moderated by Eliza-
beth Colucci, Obreal and Ian Thomsen,
International Development Research
Centre, Canada

- Saidou Madougou, African Union, Ethiopia
- Carlos Alvarado, Central American University Council (CSUCA), Guatemala

📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)

09:00-11:00

TRAINING AND COMMUNITY WEAVING

Governance & Rhythm: How Do We Work Together?

📍 (Auditorium Fundadores Nativos and Emprendedores)

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11:00-12:00

COFFEE BREAK

P.S 1: Energy, Climate and Food Security: Interregional Challenges

- Short Presentation 1: Ababacar Lo, Ministry of Education, Senegal
- Short Presentation 2: Alejandra Zinni, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Argentina
- Moderator: Brigitte Baptiste, EAN.

📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)

P.S 2: Africa–LAC Cooperation in Teaching and Research

- Short Presentation 1: Jean Koulidiati, Pan African University, Cameroon
- Short Presentation 2: Guillermo Tamarit, UNNOBA/CIN, Argentina
- Moderator: Florencia Bergez, Obreal, Argentina

📍 (Auditorium Fundadores)

P.S 3: A new tool for measuring participation of Women in Science in Bolivia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe

- Short Presentation LAC: Natalia Montellano Duran, Universidad Católica Boliviana San Pablo, Bolivia.
- Short Presentation Africa: Marie Sagesse Uwurukundo, Klepper College, Rwanda and Blessing Magonziwa, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
- Moderator: Alessandro Bello, UNESCO/OWSD, Italy

📍 (Auditorium Nativos)

Session offered by  OWSD 

STREAMED SESSION

P.S 4: Equal Access to University: Voices from Student Associations

- Short Presentation 1: Peter Kodjie, ASU, Ghana
- Short Presentation 2: Julieth Rincon, FENARES and Maria José Castañeda, ACREES.
- Moderator: Elizabeth Bernal, ASCUN

📍 (Laboratorio de emprendimientos)

13:00-14:15

NETWORKING LUNCH AT EAN

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PARALLEL SESSIONS 14:30-16:00

P. S 5: Launching the UNESCO Moderator on Afro-Hispanic American Education and Culture (AAUCA)

- Presented by Paulo Speller, UCAA, Equatorial Guinea

📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)

P.S 6: Building on Indigenous Knowledge

- Short Presentation 1: Catherine Matara, Ministry of Higher Education Kenya
- Short Presentation 2: David Navarrete, CIESAS, Mexico
- Moderator: Bernardo Pinilla, IAC, Colombia

📍 (Laboratorio de emprendimientos)

P.S 7: Peacebuilding and Resilience: The Role of Universities and Communities

- Short Presentation 1: Phyu Phyu Thin Zaw, Spring University Myanmar Myanmar
- Short Presentation 2: Héctor Godoy, Universidad Ibagué, Colombia
- Moderator: Reinhard Babel, Director, DAAD Office Bogotá

📍 (Auditorium Fundadores)

P.S. 8: Confronting Gender Inequities and Sexual Harassment in Science (OWSD with IAP and ISC)

- Short presentation 2: Liliana Lopez Forerro, U. Simón Bolívar, Colombia
 - Short presentation 3: Evelyn Iyose Umemezia, University of Benin, Nigeria
- Moderator: Kleinsy Bonilla, Vice President, OWSD/UNESCO Latin America and the Caribbean, Guatemala

📍 (Auditorium Nativos)

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16:00-16:30

COFFEE BREAK

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16:30-17:30	SESSION 7	PLENARY Data for policy: perspectives to Women, Inclusion, Science, and interregional dialogue. Introduced by Elizabeth Colucci, Obreal Case presentation - Borhene Chakroun, UNESCO, Paris (video presentation) - Tonya Blowers, OWSD/UNESCO Reactions from - Raja Sannasse, Southern African Development Community - Norman Takaidza, Government of Zimbabwe - Catherine Matara, Government of Kenya (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION
17:30-17:45	SESSION 8	PLENARY Collective reflection guided by - Elizabeth Bernal ASCUN, Colombia - Kleinsy Bonilla, Vice President, OWSD/UNESCO Latin American and the Caribbean, Guatemala - Elizabeth Colucci, Obreal, Spain (Auditorium Orígenes) STREAMED SESSION LIGHT DINNER / COCKTAIL Offered by Obreal (Location TBC) Dress code: Smart Casual Cultural Activity offered by Invest in Bogotá.
19:00		

THIRD INTERREGIONAL DIALOGUE ON EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

07:45	REGISTRATION	
08:45	Welcome and Presentation of the Day’s Agenda by Marina Larrea, Obreal, Spain (Auditorium Orígenes)	
09:00-09:50	SESSION 9 PLENARY Expanding the Interregional Horizon: Africa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East Introduced and moderated by Mohammed Belhocine, Obreal, Spain ▪ Abdallah Loucif, Government of Algeria ▪ H.E. Prof. Mohamed Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt, TBC) ▪ Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Association of Arab Universities, Egypt (Auditorium Orígenes)	09:00-11:00 TRAINING AND COMMUNITY WEAVING The Spiral Forward: Where Are We Going?
10:00-11:00	SESSION 10 PLENARY Education, Research and Development: An Interregional Vision Introduced and moderated by Chigozie Okonkwo, African Union Commission, Ethiopia. ▪ Prof. Zuoyu Zhou, UNESCO-INRULED, China ▪ Viktoria Bodnarova, Euraaxess, European Commission. ▪ Antoni Vincens, Delegate of the Government of Catalonia to the Andean countries TBC (Auditorium Orígenes)	(Auditorium Fundadores)

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11:00-11:30

COURTESY BREAK

PARALLEL
SESSIONS
11:30-12:45

P.S 9: AI for Local Development: Political, Ethical and Institutional Approaches

- Short Presentation 1: Ruixi Liu, UNESCO-INRULED, China.
- Short Presentation 2: Myriam Astrid Angarita Gómez, Universidad Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería “Julio Garavito”, Colombia (TBC)
- Moderator: Apyio Okiwiri, Obreal, Kenya.

📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)

P.S 10: TVET and the Future of Work

- Short Presentation 1: Adriana Farias, South American Federation of Unions of University Professors (FESIDUAS), Argentina.
- Short Presentation 2: Chigozie Okonkwo, African Union
- Moderator: Marina Larrea, Obreal, Spain

📍 (Auditorium Fundadores)

P.S 11: Confronting gender inequalities in science

- Short Presentation 1: Jackie Kado, NASAC, Kenya
- Short Presentation 2: Dominica Chingarande, Women's University in Africa, Zimbabwe
- Moderator: Luisa Echeverria, King, U. Simon Bolivar. Colombia

📍 (Auditorium Nativos)

STREAMED SESSION

13:00-14:25

NETWORKING LUNCH

14:30-15:00

SESSION 11

PLENARY

From Dialogue to Strategy: Key Outcomes from the Sessions

- Elizabeth Bernal ASCUN, Colombia
- Eugenie Kayitesi, University of Pretoria, Rwanda
- Elizabeth Colucci, Obreal, Spain

📍 (Auditorium Orígenes)

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15:10-16:30

SESSION 12

CLOSING SESSION

Reimagining Cooperation: Building a Polycentric Future for Education and Development

Introduced and moderated by Mohamed Belhocine, Senior Advisor, Obreal, Spain.
Former AUC ESTI commissioner

- H.E. Yesenia Olaya, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Colombia
- H.E. Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Commissioner ESTI, African Union
- H.E. Prof. Mohamed Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt
- Oscar Dominguez, Executive director ASCUN, Colombia and Vice-president of Obreal

CONCLUSIONS

Short conclusions from OWDS perspective by Tonya Blowers, OWSD, Italy

Conclusions of the dialogue and Roadmap for the Future of the Interregional Dialogue process.

- Nicolas Patrici, Obreal, Spain

 (Auditorium Origenes)

STREAMED SESSION

19:00

COCKTAIL

Offered by Elsevier Foundation at EAN
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Prizing Ceremony: 2025 OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards Ceremony

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

THIRD INTERREGIONAL DIALOGUE ON EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

09:00	REGISTRATION	
10:00-13:00	SESSION 13 Meeting of the ENLACES academic board at EAN Closed Activity only for ENLACES members by Invitation of ASCUN (EAN University)	08:30-09:00 REGISTRATION 09:00-11:00 Closing ceremony and new institutional framework Presentation/manifesto –consensus (Auditorium Fundadores) STREAMED SESSION
11:00-13:00	Speed Dating with Universities from Bogota -Open Activity jointly organized by ASCUN and EAN (Auditorium Nativos)	
13:00	END OF THE AGENDA	13:00-14:30 BRUNCH 14:30 NETWORKING AND REGIONAL MEETINGS