

II Travelling School of the Doctoral Studies Support Programme (DSSP)

**Changing territories: Sharing ecological, socioeconomic and cultural SSN perspectives/
Territorios cambiantes: Compartiendo perspectivas ecológicas, socioeconómicas y culturales
SSN**

National University of Colombia, Campus La Paz

17 to 28 June 2024

Background and objectives

The II Travelling School (TS) for master's students from the different campuses of the National University arises within the framework of the Doctoral Studies Support Programme (DSSP), a specific cooperation agreement between the Center for Development Research (ZEF) and the Institute for Environmental Studies (IDEA). In 2021, DSSP began a second phase in which it was proposed, among other objectives, to develop an itinerant training programme for UNAL master's students.

The first version of the so-called TS took place from 21 to 30 September 2022 at the Amazon UNAL Campus with the participation of the DSSP scholarship holders of the master's level together with more than ten participants from postgraduate and undergraduate programmes at the Amazon Campus. The main objective of the TS is to generate an intercultural space for exchange between students, teachers and communities through an interdisciplinary work experience on topics related to the joint research agenda of the DSSP and focused on a specific territorial reality in Colombia.

For 2024, it was agreed that the second version of the activity would be carried out on the La Paz Campus, in collaboration with the West African Center for Sustainable Rural Transformation (WAC-SRT), a cooperation programme between ZEF and the University of Development Studies (UDS) in Ghana. This TS is within the framework of the cooperation agreement recently signed between UNAL and UDS.

On this occasion, the TS seeks a deep immersion in the continental Caribbean region, intending to explore its spatial, social and environmental characteristics and problems, providing elements to understand its contemporary reality in the light of global dynamics that affect the forms of its territorial configuration. The aim is to explore strategic themes that allow for comparative perspectives between the current experiences and problems in the Colombian continental Caribbean region and other regions in different parts of the world with similar characteristics, giving priority to south-south reflection and analysis.

Methodology and logistics

The academic activities are scheduled for two weeks between the 17 and 28 June, and will include the participation of ten (10) master's students from different UNAL campuses who are DSSP scholarship holders, 5 graduate students from the UDS and 10 students from the La Paz Campus.

The modules will be taught by lecturers from the three participating institutions, who will develop the specific content in their charge, provide the students with bibliographic reference material and coordinate the complementary activities in the field. Likewise, the participating students will play

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an active role in the sessions, for which they will prepare, before their trip, a presentation on a topic of the academic programme.

Finally, as a transversal activity and to encourage intercultural and interdisciplinary work, mixed groups of students will be formed to develop a reflective-creative proposal related to the topic of each module with a comparative perspective between Ghana and Colombia. The final preparation and results presentation will be shared with the whole group in the last session.

Academic programme

Date	Activity-Module	Responsible	Place
Sunday 16.06.2024	Arrival in Valledupar, installation in the hotel.		Valledupar, hotel Sicarare
Monday 17.06.2024	Module I: Introduction General overview of the region 9:00 Tour of La Paz Campus 10:00 Presentation of the participants, introduction to the School. 11:00 Contextualisation generalities of the Cesar region 12:00 Contextualisation of Ghana generalities 13:00 Lunch 14:00 Cultural diversity of the region, conflict and peacebuilding 15:00 Environmental thinking	Coordination IDEA, PAFD, WAC-SRT / La Paz branch management and teachers Wolfram Laube/ Michael Ayamga Lucia Eufemia Meneses Tomás León	La Paz Campus
Tuesday 18.06.2024	Module II: Distribution, Land Use and Urban-Regional Planning 9:00 Distribution and use of land in Cesar 10:30 Land tenure and land rights, legal pluralism in Ghana 12:00 Lunch 14:00 Regional urban dynamics of Valledupar 15:30 Tour of Valledupar and discussion on urban-regional planning and environmental determinants	Daniel Roberto Vega Students UDS Ghana Luis Carlos Jiménez Susana Barrera/ Jorge Aponte	La Paz Campus Valledupar
Wednesday 19.06.2024	Module III: Agricultural production models and climate change: contextualisation 7:00 Activity digester bales 8:30 Agriculture in Ghana ➤ Introduction to agricultural models in Ghana ➤ Commercialisation of agriculture ➤ Cocoa in Ghana 13:00 Lunch 14:00 Agriculture in Colombia ➤ Introduction to models of agriculture in Colombia	Jorge Aponte Wolfram Laube/ Michael Ayamga/ students UDS Tomás Enrique León/ Sara Eloísa del Castillo	La Paz Campus

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Food security and sovereignty ➤ Soil erosion, compaction, silvopastoral systems <p>17:00 Resilience and vulnerability of agroecosystems (theoretical introduction)</p>	José Javier Toro	
Thursday 20.06.2024	<p>Module III: Agricultural production models and climate change</p> <p>8:00 Field trip: Swaka Project</p> <p>12:30 Lunch in Pueblo Bello</p> <p>14:00 Visit to cocoa organisations Pueblo Bello</p>	<p>Accompanying teachers</p> <p>Daniel Roberto Vega</p>	Swaka Project (Pueblo Bello, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta)
Friday 21.06.2024	<p>Module III: Agricultural production patterns and climate change: adaptation and alternatives</p> <p>8:00 Aquaponics with the Kogui community (prototype visit)</p> <p>9:30 Data analysis and calculation of the Climate Change Resilience Index</p> <p>11:00 Environmental Management System - La Paz campus - Sustainable Campus Project</p> <p>12:00 Insects and Climate Change: The Insects for Peace Project</p> <p>13:00 Lunch</p> <p>14:00 Challenges of agricultural production and climate change adaptation in Ghana</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p> <p>José Javier Toro</p> <p>SIGA Campus La Paz</p> <p>To be confirmed</p> <p>Isaac Ansah/ UDS students Ghana</p>	La Paz Campus
Saturday 22.06.2024	<p>Module IV: Environmental conflicts and extractivism</p> <p>7:30 Results of the UNAL-CNR extension project (Introduction to the field trip)</p> <p>Field trip to the El Paso community.</p> <p>12:30 Lunch</p>	José Francisco Ruiz and project team.	El Paso Community Cesar Mining Corridor
Sunday 23.06.2024	Day off		
Monday 24.06.2024	<p>Module IV: Environmental conflicts and extractivism</p> <p>8:00 Introduction to environmental conflicts and extractivism in Colombia</p> <p>9:30 Mine closure in Colombia and its relation to environmental liabilities: challenges of the New Mining Law</p> <p>11:00 Ecological restoration in mining-affected areas</p> <p>12:30 Lunch</p> <p>14:00 <i>International experiences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mining in the inland of Minas Gerais 	<p>Rosario Rojas</p> <p>Carmenza Castiblanco</p> <p>To be confirmed</p> <p>Aline Pereira</p>	La Paz Campus

Date	Activity-Module	Responsible	Place
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Environmental conflicts and extractivism in Ghana ➤ Land grabbing in Ghana 	Wolfram Laube Rabani Adamou Michael Ayamga	
Tuesday 25.06.2024	Module V: Energy transition 8:00 Energy transition from decentralised local provision. Green hydrogen in Ghana 12:30 Lunch 14:00 Introduction to the energy transition in Colombia 15:30 Recycling of mining waste. new sources 17:00 Agro-photovoltaic energy project	Rabani Adamou/students UDS Ghana Carolina Tobón To be confirmed	La Paz Campus
Wednesday 26.06.2024	Module VI: Tourism 8:00 - 17:00 Field trip: visit to Tierra Grata and Yukpa people	Accompanying teachers	Tierra Grata
Thursday 27.06.2024	Module VI: Tourism 8:00 Discussions on tourism in the Cesar region 9:30 Presentations of particular experiences in tourism 11:00 Cultural diversity and its relation to tourism in Ghana 13:00 Lunch Module VII: Cultural Diversity and Peace 14:00 Cultural strengthening project for indigenous students 15:30 Yukpas Project 17:00 Peace and Indigenous communities	Sairi Piñeros DSSP Students Wolfram Laube/Michael Ayamga/ Students Ghana Camilo Vargas Marcela Chaves	La Paz Campus
Friday 28.06.2024	Closing ceremony 8:00 Final preparation and presentations interdisciplinary groups 12:30 Lunch 14:00 Closing/Conclusions - Presentation of certificates - Evaluation	All participants	La Paz Campus

Final considerations

The academic programme outlined in this document is subject to change in response to the current critical situation at the National University regarding the designation and possession of the Rector, particularly the decisions of the La Paz campus amid the current situation. All participants will be informed in advance of any significant changes.

Through the email address dssp_ideabog@unal.edu.co, we will be attending to any additional concerns and will provide relevant information on time.