



# ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

*Humanity must face the challenge of ensuring that the management and protection of the environment*



*We welcome you to work for the benefit of a healthy and livable environment.*



*The University of the Caribbean bases its practice on environmental and social management that impacts all areas and components of the institution, as part of its commitment to local and global society to build safe, sustainable, and resilient environments with an empowered and preventive population.*



## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT UNIT**

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION UNICARIBE ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Environmental and disaster risk management is vitally important for identifying and preserving biodiversity, in order to facilitate the implementation of programs aimed at maintaining a better quality of life in the natural and social conditions of living beings on the planet.

Having ecological groups that incorporate environmental and disaster risk management at the level of higher education institutions means working in a sustained and permanent manner for a healthier, friendlier, and more sustainable environment.

It is a social entity aimed at raising awareness in the academic community about conservation and respect for the environment, promoting interdisciplinary and multicultural initiatives in environmental management and disaster risk management in all academic and professional fields in higher education institutions.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

Humanity must face the challenge of ensuring that environmental management and protection are harmonious and compatible with economic and social progress in all its dimensions. Similarly, the major problems that threaten the existence of humanity seriously endanger life and compromise the creation of a viable and sustainable world. The environmental situation is worsening, and disasters are destroying regions and countries around the world.

In this context, environmental and risk management education plays a fundamental role, given that throughout the educational process, educators can link and integrate topics inherent to risk and environmental management. Fortunately, current programs and curricula incorporate environmental issues as a fundamental educational focus. On the other hand, institutional management must incorporate environmental management and protection actions into its daily practices and also promote policies and processes that guarantee a healthy, sustainable, resilient environment where prevention is a way of life.

## **DESCRIPTION**

It is an ecological environmental entity that seeks, from a holistic and unified perspective, to attract the driving forces of higher education to work for the benefit of a healthy and habitable environment. In terms of conservation and rational use of space resources, it can be defined through the impact on the management and protection it provides to available resources, both terrestrial and aquatic species, where the action of conservation and preservation of resources that are to be safeguarded for sustainable use is exercised.

The essence of this entity's approach is to establish principles of green ecology that project the characteristics of a group of living beings inhabiting the same habitat, or biotope, a place for life. This should be understood as the primary support of the ecological community.

On the other hand, as established, a resilient community sets clear principles when carrying out its interventions in environmental management and disaster risk management. With a marked focus on vulnerabilities and threats, in order to operate effective responses.

The ecological community refers to an organism with a high capacity for resilience to the needs that arise in the biotic or biological community. It is a group of living beings that cohabit in the same place, with the capacity to respond. This place is called a biotope (literally, a place for life) and constitutes the space and most primary support of the ecological community.

## **OFFICIAL ADDRESS**

The UNICARIBIANA ecological community will be based at the Universidad del Caribe, located on Autopista 30 de Mayo Km. 71/2 in the National District, in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

## **MISSION**

To promote permanent and continuous environmental and disaster risk management that responds to the needs of the institution and the country through the development of plans and programs with the participation of the university community.

## **VISION**

To be the leading university ecological community in the National Higher Education System due to the effectiveness and efficiency of its pedagogical practice in environmental and disaster risk management.

## VALUES

- A. **Integrity** - *A person who is respectful of others and can be trusted.*
- B. **Responsibility** – *The human quality of committing to fulfilling obligations and actions in the right way.*
- C. **Honesty** – *Acting with values inclined toward goodness.*
- D. **Justice** – *Acting morally and giving everyone their due.*
- E. **Respect** – *Valuing and caring for others and the environment with honesty.*
- F. **Solidarity** - *Sharing, being generous with others by putting yourself in their shoes.*
- G. **Fairness** - *A quality that implies justice and equal opportunities between men and women, respecting the diversity of society and giving each person what they deserve based on their merits or circumstances.*

## OBJECTIVES

- To promote a culture of prevention and environmental sustainability and disaster risk management throughout the university community within the local, regional, and international context.
- Design and implement plans and programs for environmental sustainability and disaster risk reduction at the University of the Caribbean.
- Establish strategic alliances with national and international organizations to implement actions that have an impact on the environment and reduce disaster risks.

## ORGANIZATION

This Network will have a Board of Directors, consisting of a president and three members

- a) The Executive;
- b) Secretary; and
- c) Administration and Finance.

The UNICARIBIANA Ecological Community will establish in its Statutes the rules for election and tenure, as well as the powers of each member of the Board of Directors and the regulations governing activities and meetings.

In order to publicize its activities and internal work, this Network will have its own website. It will also have its own independent assets, which will be administered in accordance with the Statutes.

Contributions, subsidies, contracts, donations, assets, and any type of lawful financial resources obtained by the UNICARIBIANA Ecological Community must be authorized by the Board of Directors.

This Network will hold regular meetings, in accordance with the Statutes and as necessary.

necessary. A representative of the Board of Directors shall attend each of these meetings.

## **MEMBERS**

The UNICARIBIANA Ecological Community in the Dominican Republic will be made up of the following members: Administrative staff, teachers, education students, and those interested in working to promote a healthy and environmentally friendly environment and reduce disaster risks.

## **AREAS OF WORK**

- a) Definition of a plan for coordination with the Disaster Risk Management area for joint work.
- b) Promote and disseminate the new UNICARIBIANA Ecological Community, its members, and its purposes.
- c) Establish an action plan with activities for 2023.
- d) Coordinate strategic alliances with national and regional ecological organizations.

## **MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors shall meet every three (3) months on a regular basis and on an extraordinary basis as often as necessary.

## **FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**President:** The president chairs the Committee's meetings and has the following powers and duties:

- i) Presiding over Committee meetings;
- ii) Executing and ensuring compliance with and faithful execution of the provisions and agreements made by the Committee;
- iii) To convene regular and/or special meetings of the Committee;
- iv) Report to the Committee on the work carried out when required.

**Secretary:** The secretary of the Committee shall act as secretary of the Committee meetings, and if said official does not attend the meeting, the chair of the Committee shall designate the person who will perform said duties at that meeting. The secretary's powers and duties include the following:

- i) Drafting the minutes of the Committee's meetings and keeping them in good order and condition at the registered office or at the place determined by the competent corporate body;
- ii) Duly recording the proceedings of the Committee's meetings and the attendance list in the minutes books, as well as issuing the copies ordered by the chair of the Committee;
- iii) Ensuring the formal and material legality of the Committee's actions and guaranteeing that the Committee's procedures and rules are respected and regularly reviewed;

- iv) Verify the regulatory regularity of the Committee's actions and ensure that the Committee requires compliance with the provisions issued by regulatory bodies and the consideration, where appropriate, of their recommendations;
- v) Keep the supporting documents for the Committee's meetings in good order;

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for safeguarding and controlling the Committee's resources, as well as preparing the budget, balance sheet, and settlement of accounts, which are submitted for approval. He or she manages the accounting and keeps a cash book.

**Members:** They have a voice and a vote in the committee's resolutions, i.e., they have decision-making power in the deliberations that take place within the committee.

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

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Milagros Yost	Head of Environmental Management and Disaster Risk.	
Denisse Morales	Director of Institutional Quality Assurance.	
Ariadna Martín	Director of Stewardship Department.	
Eduardo Schaper	Security Manager.	
Roxanna Severino	UNIEMPLEO Coordinator.	
Lourdes Contreras	Human Resources Director.	
Carmen Julia Molina	Teacher.	
Aquilino Feliz Santana	Teacher.	
Damián Peralta	Teacher.	
Juan Apostol Santana	Teacher.	
Rocío Ariza	Quality/Environmental Management and Disaster Risk Assistant.	
Nidia Martínez	Executive Assistant/Rector's Office	
Dilia R. Batista	Recruitment and Training Human Resources Department.	
Mirna Soriano	Biology Teacher.	
Rosa Fernández	Student.	
Jazmín Frías	Student.	
Yina Matos	Student.	
Moisés González Guzmán	Student.	

**SWEARING IN OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNICARIBE ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY**



