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EMS PROJECTS

Call for Proposals to access funds for research projects on urban environmental management at the level of municipal governments in Latin America and the Caribbean - 1999

Public-Private partnerships in the management of urban environments: towards new financial mechanisms and new institutional models.

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, through its EMS and SMMEIT programmes, together with the United Nations through their UNDP/PPPUE programme and the Urban-Habitat Management Programme (PGU-ALC), invite municipal governments and research centres to participate in this regional programme. Applications will be received until October 31st., 1999, inclusive.

Information on the theoretical framework and bases for this call are available in the following websites:

Spanish:

<http://www.ems-sema/castellano/proyectos/solidaria>

English:

<http://www.ems-sema/english/proyectos/solidaria>

NEWS

1) EMS has two new system information services available, related to knowledge on capacity building at municipal level on urban environmental management:

City-press: Publish your news on urban and municipal environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean in the INFO-EMS Bulletin

http://ems-sema.org/english/noticias/city_press.htm

Cities Forum: Consult on urban and municipal environmental management in Latin American and the Caribbean through the INFO-EMS Bulletin

<http://ems-sema.org/english/noticias/forum.htm>

2) FLACSO-Ecuador, with the support of IDRC, is calling for research proposals on social impact of information technology in Latin America and the Caribbean. One of the priority application areas is the environmental issue. [Http://www.flacso.org.ec/TIC](http://www.flacso.org.ec/TIC)

3) "Urban 21" - In July 2000 Germany will be hosting URBAN 21 in Berlin. This conference is aimed at all experts who are involved in the development of towns and cities and who support the improvement of living and environmental conditions in urban areas, and is one of the key elements of the Global Initiative on Sustainable Development. [Http://www.urban21.de/](http://www.urban21.de/)

4) The University of British Columbia is offering a graduate level course on Integrated Watershed Management. (September to December, 1999). [Http://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/dipcert/watersh1.htm](http://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/dipcert/watersh1.htm)

5) The University of Concepción, Chile, is announcing the beginning of a new Master Degree on Economy of Natural Resources and Environment. Contact: mernyma@udec.cl

6) Legal Framework of the Third Sector. The Brazilian Government has approved Law Nr. 4690, which coordinates the terms of institutional association of the civil organizations that give services of public interest. Contact: hmafra@gn.apc.org

RECOMMENDED

1) IDRC (Cities Feeding People Program) has developed a guideline to add the gender dimension in the research on urban agriculture.

[Http://www.idrc.ca/cfp/gender.html](http://www.idrc.ca/cfp/gender.html)

2) PAHO/OPS Colombia has published the Latin American Guide on Water and Sewage Management Alternative Technologies.

[Http://www.disaster.info.desastres.net/col-ops/saludambiente/guia-home.htm](http://www.disaster.info.desastres.net/col-ops/saludambiente/guia-home.htm)

3) The National Association of Municipalities and Environment, Brazil, has published a book called

"Municipios e Meio Ambiente - Perspectivas para a Municipalização da Gestão Ambiental no Brasil" (Municipalities and Environment - Prospects for municipalization of the environmental management in Brazil). Information: anamma@cybernetpro.com.br

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<http://www.idrc.ca/lacro/>

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