

# Peruvian firms inked Cancun Declaration at COP13



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**13:33. Lima, Dec. 7.** Four Peruvian enterprises signed the Cancun Declaration within the framework of the thirteenth Conference of the Parties (COP 13) taking place in Cancun, Mexico, on December 4-17.

Peruvian signatories were: Central Hidroelectrica El Platanal-Celepsa, TASA, Inkaterra and Candela Peru.

In the document, the world's leading companies conveyed their commitment in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

Led by Environment Minister Elsa Galarza, the Peruvian delegation participated in diverse meetings held as part of the event.

"This commitment involving Peruvian enterprises is a landmark, as it reflects the companies' interest in becoming part of the global movement seeking to shift businesses' practices towards sustainability," she stated.

The Cancun Declaration was inked as part of the 2016 CBD Business and Biodiversity Forum held on December 2-3, also in Cancun.

On that occasion, Minister Galarza was the keynote speaker at the panel discussion on Climate, Biodiversity and Business, which explored the links between climate change and biodiversity loss.

The high-ranking official deemed COP13 as relevant, since it adopted measures to stop biological diversity loss, so that ecosystems can continue to provide critical services for humankind through 2020.

Likewise, the Ministerial High-Level Segment —held from December 2-3— gathered ministers from around the world, both environmental and from other sectors to examine successful case histories of integration of biodiversity into plans, programs, and policies.

Galarza also attended the Forestry session, where she issued statements on Peru's commitments.

In addition, she participated in the IV BioTrade Congress — organized by the United Nations Conference Trade and Development (UNCTAD)— on December 3.

In said meeting, Peru disclosed the progress made in terms of biotrade institutionalism and specific projects that can serve as models to other countries.

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