

Environmental changes in biodiversity hotspot ecosystems of South Ecuador & Thirty Years of Research Across Andean Gradients: Biodiversity, Ecosystem Functioning, and Climate Change in Southern Ecuador

German–Ecuadorian Research Symposium | RESPECT Programme
11–12 March 2026 • Loja, Ecuador

11.03.2026, Talks in English

Wednesday	Institution	Topic	Name
11/3/26	08:00-09:00	ALL	Arrival of Attendees
			Welcome
	9:00-9:05	UPTL	Welcome words
	9:05-9:10	NCI	Welcome words
	9:10-9:15	DFG	Welcome words
	9:15-9:20	German Embassy	Welcome words
	9:20-9:25	RESPECT	Welcome words
			RU RESPECT
	9:25-9:45	DFG-funded reserach	History of German-Ecuadorian collaborative research
	9:45-10:05	RESPECT	Introduction to RESPECT: Environmental changes in biodiversity hotspot ecosystems of South Ecuador: RESPonse and feedback effECTs
	10:05-10:20	RESPECT	Syn-A1 – Observations, Remote Sensing, plot based modelling
	10:20-10:35	RESPECT	Syn-A1 – Land-change modelling to provide socio-economic land-use scenarios
	10:35-10:50	RESPECT	Syn-A2 – Biodiversity impacts on ecosystem functioning under climate change - lessons from a biodiversified land surface model
	10:50-11:05	RESPECT	Syn-B1 – Current and future drivers of tree growth and forest dynamics: environment vs. tree functional strategies in tropical Andean forests
	11:05-11:20	RESPECT	Syn-B2 – Community-level trait variation of plants and animals across environmental gradients
	11:20-11:40		Coffee Break
			Joint research provides tailwind for further development of biodiversity research in southern Ecuador
	11:40-12:00	Ucuenca	Perspective of UC
	12:00-12:20	UTPL	Perspective of UTPL
	12:20-12:40	UDA	Perspective of UDA
	12:40-13:00	UNL	Perspective of UNL
	13:00-13:20	INABIO	Impact of research in Ecuador
	13:20-13:40	NCI	Transfer of Findings
	13:40-14:40		Lunch Break
			Ongoing collaborative research
	14:40-15:00	Marburg University	DARWIN Dyamics of precipitation in transition: The water source for the Galapagos Archipelago under climate change
	15:00-15:20	Darmstadt University	Reassembly of species interaction networks: Resistance, resilience and functional recovery of a rainforest ecosystem
	15:20-15:40	EPN	Linking functional ecology to montane forest restoration
	15:40-15:50	RESPECT	Launching of the new Dry Forest Book
	15:50-16:00	RESPECT	Launching of the Seed guide
	16:00-16:20		Coffee Break
	16:20-18:00		Posters
	18:00-19:00	NCI	Annual Report & Cocktail de cierre
	20:00-22:00	all	Joint Dinner, TBA

12.03.2026, Talks in Spanish

Thursday	Institution	Topic	Name
12/3/26			Aspectos destacados de la investigación y del trabajo de implementación en curso
	8:00-8:20	RESPECT	Aspectos destacados del trabajo de síntesis en curso
	8:20-8:40	RESPECT	Aspectos destacados del trabajo de síntesis en curso
	8:40-9:00	UTPL	Aspectos destacados de la investigación en curso
	9:00-9:20	UNL	Aspectos destacados de la investigación en curso
	09:20-9:40	UDA	Aspectos destacados de la investigación en curso
	9:40-10:00	UC	Aspectos destacados de la investigación en curso
	10:00-10:20	INABIO	Aspectos destacados del trabajo de implementación en curso
	10:20-10:40	NCI	Aspectos destacados del trabajo de implementación en curso
	10:40-11:00		Coffee Break
	11:00-12:30		Posters
	12:30		Closing words