



Acronym: CATHALAC

Full Name: Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and The Caribbean / Centro del Agua del Trópico Húmedo para América Latina y El Caribe

Website: <http://www.cathalac.org>

Established: 1992

Location: Clayton, Panama

Areas of expertise: Framework of science, technology, and education including the following subject areas:

- Water cycle;
- Governance of water bodies and watersheds;
- Integrated water resource management;

Main Partners and Collaborations: Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), Inter-American Development Bank , Organization of American States (OAS)

Short Description: CATHALAC is an international organization established in 1992 at the service of the humid tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean. Its objective is to promote sustainable development through applied research and development, education and technology transfer on water resources and the environment. In order to facilitate the means to improve the quality of life in countries of the humid tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean, CATHALAC promotes sustainable development, through applied research and development, education and technology transfer on water resources and the environment. The former becomes evident in that its organizational agenda comprises four thematic areas: A. Integrated Watershed Management. B. Climate Change. C. Environmental Modeling and Analysis. D. Risk Management

Main activities: CATHALAC, applies principles of scientific excellence, international collaboration and open exchange of knowledge and information in areas related to water resources and the natural environment.

CATHALAC operates in the following ways:

- Promote, organize and lead programs and activities of applied research;
- Strengthen and / or create collaborative networks and knowledge exchange, information and technology institutions in the humid tropics and other regions;
- Mobilize, manage, and administer donations, trusts, grants, procurement, contracting, and loans through multilateral cooperation, bilateral and private philanthropy, to implement programs and projects; and
- Perform any other activity that is appropriate and related to its goals.

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