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1. PLACE AND DATES:

- Quito, Ecuador, February 7-14, 1987

2. SPONSORS:

- National Council of Development (CONADE)
- Ministry of Energy and Mines
- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestocks (MAG)
- Ministry of Education and Culture
- National Institute of Urban Sanitation (IEOS)
- National Institute of Hydraulic Resources (INERHI)
- National Institute of Energy (INE)
- National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)
- Ecuadorian House of Culture (CCE)
- Chamber of Agriculture of Quito
- Chamber of Industries of Pichincha
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- The National Council of Development -CONADE- (Public Sector)
- Mr. Galo Plaza Lasso (Community)
- Minister of Energy and Mines (Public Sector)
- President of the Chamber of Industries of Pichincha (Private Sector)
- President of the Ecuadorian House of Culture (Public and Community Sector)
- President of the Frente Unitario de Trabajadores (Labor Sector)
- President of the Fundacion Espejo (Community, Science and Technology Sector)
- President of Fundacion Natura

3. PARTICIPANTS

- a) Lecturers

Ecuadorian and foreign specialists with high qualification, who have prepared papers and proposals in advance to the Congress. There will be one spokesman for each of the four groups related to the themes of the Congress.

4. OBJECTIVES

- To discuss a general proposal to define a national policy and strategy for environmental preservation and protection, to be applied by the public, private and community sectors of Ecuador.
- To contribute to the immediate use of human, technical, organizational and legal resources to stimulate the rational use of natural resources bearing on mind the aspects of conservation and the needs of interinstitutional coordination.
- To propose the coordinated application of existing national laws concerning the environment and the natural resources, and to suggest new ways to approach a national body of solid laws according to the said national environmental policy and strategy.
- To analyze and propose a specific strategy and working programmes to preserve watersheds, mangrove forests, coastal resources and fossil fuel resources.
- To contribute to environmental education efforts aimed at different levels of decision makers and executive responsible for the use of natural resources.
- To contribute to the efforts for interorganizational coordination at the national level towards the defense of the Nature.

5. THEMES OF THE CONGRESS

- 1) The watersheds of Ecuador and the environmental impacts of their management:
- 2) The mangroves and the coastal resources of Ecuador.
- 3) The environmental impact of activities concerned with fossil fuel resources.
- 4) The Ecuadorian environmental legislation and the institutionaliza-

tion of conservation activities.

a) Diagnostics

- Theme No. 1 will be supported by a general diagnosis of the state of the Ecuadorian environment and its relationships with the worldwide and continental environment. Then, a concrete proposal for a national conservation policy and strategy will be discussed.

Themes No. 2 and 3 will be supported by an analysis of the relationships of ecological, social and economic variables of development and every one of these theme, resources, the cause-effect relationships of their environmental impacts and a prognosis of the environmental situations.

Theme No. 4 will be approached by an analysis of the actual legal coverage of laws concerning the environment and natural resources in Ecuador, the state of application of environmental laws in the country, and the coordination capabilities of national institutions on legal aspects of environment,

- b) Evaluation of the main negative environmental impacts in relation to each one of the tejjic elements.
- c) Potencialities and constraints to attain an adequate management of the country's natural resources, without having previously major changes in terms of human, technical, bureaveratic and financial resources. There will be an emphasis on legislation, coordination, education, technology, specific policies and planning and institutional capabilities to conduct and execute environmental policies and activities towards the conservation of the environment,
- d) Formulation of alternatives to ger in practice an efficient environment taking into account the prevailing said resources, without waiting for special programmes or new resource allocations,

- e) Selection of the best alternatives and formulation fo concrete recommendations on policies, strategies, programmes and projects, which would comprise both a national long range working plan of action and short range coordination plans for particular and specific aspects to be undertakes by two or more institutions.

6. BEFORE THE CONGRESS

a) Seminars

Fours small workshops or seminars will be organized two or three months before the week of the Congress. These will be devoted to discuss the first draft of the diagnostic on every one of the main topics of the conference.

People belonging to the public, private and community sectors will be invited to attend these seminars and to contrast the information comailed by every studied paper with that of their own, and to agree or disagree around the analysis approach of the overall situation of the environmentalñ affaires of Ecuador.

Opinions spelled-out be the semminars should be taken into account to define the final documents to be presented to the Congress.

If a strong disagreement among the participant to any of the seminars does not permit a consensus around a particular issue, a new seminar will be convoked to clean up conflicting points so as the Congress could discuss profoundly those issues oriented toward the attaing of its goals and objectives.

b)- Exhibition and environmental education contests

A week earlier to the Congress there will be an intensive program of exhibitions and environmental education contests:

- A contests of folk environmental music for national singers.
- A contest of environmental radio programs.

- A exhibition of any kind of printings material on environmental issues coming from all over the Latin American countries,
- An exhibition of the State-made infrastructure projects related to natural resources,
- An exhibition of national and international audiovisual materials concerning environmental education.

7. THE PROGRAMME

- Saturday, February 7: - Formal opening of the Congress with the participation of the main national authorities
- Exhibition and contests
- Sunday, February 8: - Continue exhibitions and contests
- Monday, February 9: - First Plenary session: Formulation of a national policy and strategy of environment preservation
- Conclusions and recommendations about the topic
 - Working groups
- Tuesday, February 10: - Second plenary session: The watersheds in Ecuador
- Conclusions and recommendations about the topic
 - Working groups
 - Exhibition of audiovisuals on the topics of the Congress.
- Wednesday, February 11: - Third plenary session: The mangroves and the coastal resources in Ecuador.
- Conclusions and recommendations about the topic
 - Working groups

- Thursday, February 12: - Fourth plenary session: The petroleum activities and its impact of the environment in Ecuador
- Conclusions and recommendations about the topic
 - Working groups
 - Exhibitions of appropriate technologies of native communities of Ecuador for development.
- Friday, February 13: - Fifth plenary session: The Environmental Legislation in Ecuador and the institutionalization of conservation activities.
- Conclusions and recommendation about the topic
 - Working groups
- Saturday, February 14: - Sixth plenary session: Congress Resolutions
- Closing session.

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B U D G E T (Suces)

	<u>EDUNAT II</u>	<u>LOCAL INSTITUT.</u>	<u>OTHER INSTITUT.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1. Personnel</u>				
a) Permanent personnel	2.000.000	-----	-----	2.000.000
b) Occasional person.	800.000	-----	-----	800.000
c) Specialists		-----	2.000.000	2.000.000
	<u>2.800.000</u>		<u>2.000.000</u>	<u>4.800.000</u>
<u>2. Printing of materials</u>	-----	-----	4.750.000	4.750.000
<u>3. Other materials and services</u>	400.000	300.000	1.400.000	2.100.000
<u>4. Congress expenses</u>	200.000	450.000	850.000	1.500.000
<u>5. Paralell activities</u>	450.000	50.000	-----	500.000
<u>TOTAL</u>	3.850.000	800.000	9.000.000	13.650.000
<u>US DOLLARS</u>	22.640	52.940	4.700	80.290

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