

THE INTERNATIONAL TERRACED LANDSCAPES ALLIANCE - ITLA

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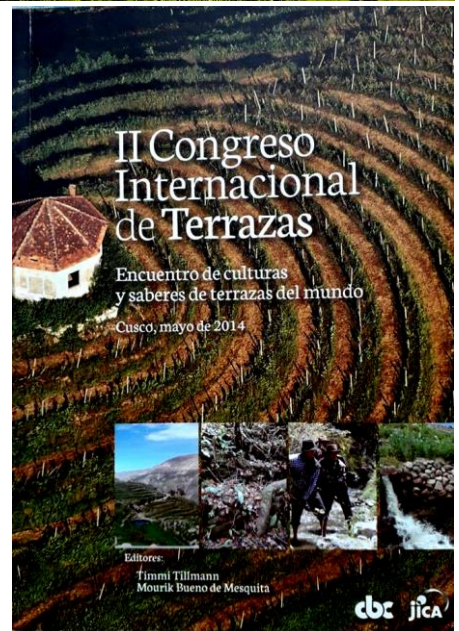
The International Terraced Landscapes Alliance is disseminating, through its Newsletter, the conclusions of the [IVth World Congress of Terraced Landscapes Re-enchanting Terraces](#) held in La Gomera, Canary Islands (Spain) from 13 to 22 March 2019. The document is available in [Spanish](#), [English](#), [Portuguese](#), [French](#) and [Italian](#).

The ITLA Newsletter also informs that approximately 30 researchers, activists and development workers joined on June 17 the first virtual meeting of ITLA Peru, convened by the [Bartolome de las Casas Center](#) based in Cusco. The objective of the virtual meeting was to join the existing efforts to support both maintenance and promotion of terraced landscapes and to prepare an action plan for the Peruvian communities living and working in terraced landscapes since ancestral times.

It was decided to found the Peruvian Terraced Landscapes Alliance (ITLA Peru) and to envision the following tasks: Glossary and Resource guide on terraces in the Andes; Typology of terraces and inventory; Identify terraced communities in the Andes for future support for the promotion of terraces and food sovereignty with agro-ecological principles and technologies; Support the planned Museum on Andean Agriculture of the Agricultural University La Molina in Lima; Create ways of communication among all members, forming thematic working groups and prepare training events about participatory methods; Influence public policies.

Participants also decided next steps to be followed, that is: Constitute ITLA Peru coordinated by the Bartolome de las Casas Center and develop a plan of action; Organize a Conference about *Rethinking the terraced landscapes in modern times*, from where proposals for the action plan will arise. Each member is invited to contribute with ideas how to manage the ITLA Peru platform and which topics are relevant for the defense and promotion of terraced landscapes and communities. ITLA Global will support ITLA Peru with communications, ideas, links and cooperation. [Juan Victor Bejar](#), professional of the Bartolome de las Casas Center, is the person to be contacted for detailed information on the meeting and to know how to register to the new Alliance in Peru.

The ITLA Newsletter also informs that 5th World Congress of Terraced Landscapes will be held in Bhutan in 2023. Due to the Corona pandemic, the visit of the ITLA Committee to Bhutan has been postponed and the joint work among the organizers is being held via video conferences. ITLA is planning to meet partners from the [College of Natural Resources of the Royal University of Bhutan](#) in Thimpu and Punakha in 2021 and to organize a first Summer Academy in 2022 as a preparatory event for the Congress. Meanwhile a dossier about the 5th Congress will be prepared in order to approach potential sponsors



and supporters.

ITLA invites all researchers, guardians, technicians, development workers, farmers and activists who are engaged in the protection and promotion of terraced landscapes and cultures, to register their interest to participate in the 5th World Conference on Terraced Landscapes in Bhutan.

The First International Conference on Terraced Landscapes was held in the People's Republic of China in November 2010 and the second was held in Cusco, in the Andes of Peru in May 2014. The third International Conference was held in Italy in 2016 and the fourth in the Canary Islands in 2019. During these Conferences the participants formed and signed the birth of an independent movement called *International Terraced Landscapes Alliance ITLA*. More than 200 professionals and activists are affiliated with ITLA from 20 countries. The [ITLA Manifesto](#) presents the main principles and strategies adopted by the participants.

The International Alliance for Terraced Landscapes, based in Gomaringen (Germany) and coordinated by Timmi Tillmann, invites all interested parties to sign up the ITLA Newsletter so as to receive information about activities of their members and about next national, regional and global meetings and conferences.

To sign up the ITLA Newsletter and the 5th World Conference on Terraced Landscapes in Bhutan:



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[Registration Form](#)

