

RESULTS OF THE 11th INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON BIODIGESTERS ORGANIZED BY THE RedBioLAC NETWORK IN CUBA

From 14th to 18st October 2019 the [11th RedBioLAC International Meeting Biodigesters: an agroecological option in rural contexts](#) was carried out with great success in Cuba.

The Meeting was organized by the [RedBioLAC Biodigesters Network for Latin America and the Caribbean](#) in collaboration with the *Estación Experimental de Pastos y Forrajes Indio Hatuey*, an institution for science, technology and innovation of the Ministry of Higher Education of the Cuban Government.

120 technicians and experts from 18 countries attended the meeting, representing all sectors involved in the development of biogas: academy, research centers, public and private projects, supplier companies, public administrations and international cooperation agencies.

The contribution of the *Experimental Station Indio Hatuey*, the great participation of the Cuban Movement of Biogas Users (MUB) and other local actors allowed a wide information exchange between the Cuban and other international actors on the development and promotion of the use of biodigesters.

The two-day course on small-scale biodigesters held at the facilities of the *Experimental Station* in the city of Matanzas counted on the contributions of builders and users of biodigesters in Cuba. The technical field visits in the rural area of Matanzas have allowed the participants to know 4 different models of digesters and schemes of energy use of various scales: the covered lagoon digester for the treatment of pig manure, taking advantage of biogas production to generate electricity; the small-scale tubular digester made with funds from the GEF Program; the biodigester of fixed dome built in masonry in a private farm and the floating dome digester built in the agroecological farm of the *Experimental Station*.

The International Congress of RedBioLAC, held in the city of Varadero, was the occasion to open new collaborations to achieve the objectives of the Network in exchanging knowledge about anaerobic digestion and the use of its by-products for the territories. There have been 37 conferences, organized in 7 thematic blocks and a space for exchanges in working groups. In the common spaces 10 scientific posters were exhibited.

During the Congress, issues and plans to be developed for the



future have been identified. RedBioLAC committed itself to publish on the website more information about the topics discussed in the working groups and conclusions of the Congress, in order to achieve the widest participation in the activities of the Network.

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