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GOVERNANCE – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank the Board for the confidence it has shown me and I assure you that I will continue the work done by my predecessors. As President of the **Inter-American University Organization (IOHE)**, I fully adhere to the founding principles of the Organization and I maintain a strong commitment to promote a common space of collaboration that promotes dialogue, reflection and actions among Higher Education institutions (HEIs) of the Americas.

As current societies become more complex, HEIs have become aware of the need to transcend territorial borders, generate **strategic alliances** and share successful experiences to promote the **advancement of knowledge**.

In this perspective, internationalization processes have become particularly relevant to generate opportunities that allow institutions to co-construct the future world vision under the principles of **participation** and **solidarity**.

The IOHE has aspired to become *an Inter-American leader and a strategic ally of HEIs to consolidate its role to drive social change in the fight against social inequalities and to promote the knowledge society and learning*.

To achieve this goal, the IOHE 2017-2022 Strategic Plan commits the actions of the Organization into five key areas related to **social engagement, innovation, internationalization, sustainable development, and organizational management and leadership**. These axes are sustained and mainstreamed in emblematic programs and allow institutions to connect, learn from each other and strengthen their competencies.

One of the most important impetuses in the coming years will be to grow this common space with the purpose of consolidating the legacy the IOHE has built in the Americas. We need to advance even more in the consolidation of synergies between the institutions that make up the Organization to build a space "without borders across the Americas."

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