

International Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities (ICSRC)

A UNESCO EuroMAB Initiative

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Vision



Our vision is a world in which thriving, inclusive, and healthy rural communities are recognized as integral to a sustainable future for all.





Mission



We will inspire creative, innovative, and effective ways for people and nature to thrive together in rural communities.

By linking Indigenous and traditional knowledge from rural communities with modern science, facilitating networking among EuroMAB partners, promoting innovation and leveraging funds and resources, we will generate solutions to pressing local, regional, national and global challenges.

Centre Outcomes



- A collective Centre for the support of sustainable development practices amongst the various players of the 36 member states of the UNESCO EuroMAB network.
- Recognition, recording, sharing, and application of Indigenous, traditional and scientific knowledge to produce innovative solutions for the challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change and sustainable development.
- Dialogue, research and education to inspire and inform community leaders and the general public about pathways to achieving thriving rural communities.
- An inclusive governance system recognizing the diverse sources of knowledge and ways of knowing.
- A physical and virtual hub for achieving the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere program Lima 2016 strategic objectives, focusing on rural communities.

Research
Educate
Inspire
Innovate

Sustainable development
Biodiversity
Climate Change
Freshwater issues

Children Adults Seniors
Students Indigenous
Community leaders Policy makers

Local

Regional

National

Global



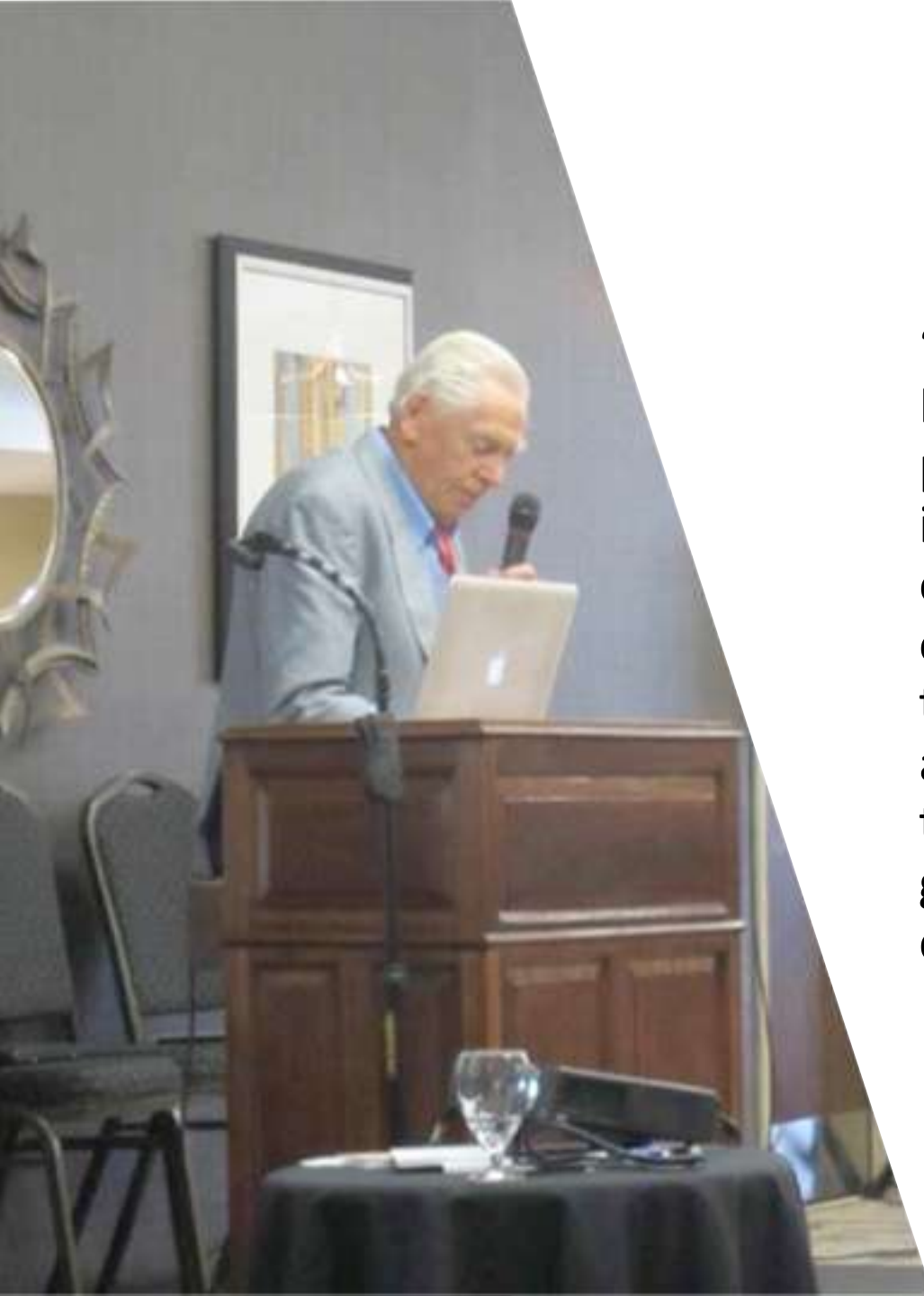


Partnerships

- Universities
- Colleges
- Research Institutes
- Biosphere Reserves
- + many more ...

Dr. Fred Roots

“One shortcoming of most BRs in EuroMAB is the distressing paucity of technical or scholarly information or references emanating from BRs individually or from MAB itself, concerning the researches and monitoring and application of knowledge that is one of the major expected goals or benefits from the whole concept.”





A New Roadmap for the
Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme
and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves

MAB Strategy (2015-2025)
Lima Action Plan (2016-2025)
Lima Declaration



Lima Action Plan Relevance?

- **1.5 Research and dissemination**
- **3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5 Facilitate science and education for SD.**
- **4.3 Promotion of BRs as sites for demonstrating adaptation and mitigation**

Research Partnerships

- Collaboration on research programmes
- Publishing as a group

Knowledge Base

- Online
- Wiki community

Develop the Centre

- Permanent staff
- Display functions

Developing the Functions and then the place



VIRTUAL PLATFORM

A wiki-type resource:

- Host databases
- Encourage the democratization of data
- Repository for case studies on best practices in sustainable development
- Database of education tools and resources
- Platform for sharing best practices, training opportunities, research projects, funding opportunities ...



The Knowledge Base Platform

Need a reference group for

- **Design**
- **Functionality**
- **Governance**
- **Integration with other providers?**



Science Network/research partnerships

- **Start working collaboratively**
- **Develop a virtual research team?**
- **What themes?**
- **What Programmes?**



Thank you for listening

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