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**Towards an agenda for the Good  
Living of the Andean and Amazonian  
macro region of Peru**



## Presentation

The richness and potential of CBC is based on the social, historical, cultural, economic, and environmental complexity of the Peruvian Southern Andean and Amazon, and on the great challenge that it represents. Its starting point is the articulation with the entire Peruvian South, the Andean region, and Latin America in a globalized world.

However, the acknowledgement of this globalizing reality, immersed in a severe planetary health crisis during the last two years, is not enough to understand and address the complex context of the Southern Andean Amazon. It is also necessary to keep in mind the specificity of our territories and the roles that, as CBC, from a strategy of inter-institutional alliances, we can contribute to responding to the problem by participating in the construction and implementation of a macro-regional development agenda, as a challenge and with a political, social, and environmental perspective. Hence the importance of a local/global approach that faces the challenges of the planetary mega crisis with the challenges of local communities.

The manifestations of inequality and inequity in social, economic, cultural and environmental relations and between men and women; the degradation of the productive capacities of goods and services of our natural and cultural heritage; the attacks to the most elementary rights of Andean and Amazonian cultures and their ancestral systems of organization of life and production;

the accelerated loss of biodiversity, contained in the Andean-Amazonian ecosystems; the growing effects of climate change; the extraction and overexploitation of nature gifts. All this adds up, complements, and interacts as causes and consequences of a reality that is a manifestation of the colonialist and extractive model, which also, determines much of our behavior as individuals and as a society.

The work of the CBC prioritize the deep knowledge of this complex reality; the learning of local knowledge and experiences, as well as their systematization and spreading; the inter and multicultural dialogue, and the commitment with the rural and indigenous populations in the defense of their rights: support to their organizational strengthening and proactive role in territorial decision-making; the strengthening of institutional alliances to contribute to territorial governance, from a decentralist agenda and perspective; impact on public policies with cultural significance; boost and commitment to the construction of a participatory democracy based on local governance; among others, can be considered as central aspects of institutional actions in the Peruvian Southern Andean and Amazon, already committed for more than four decades.



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## Brief history

The **Centro Bartolomé de Las Casas** was founded on May 25th, 1974, at the initiative of four French religious of the Dominican Order: **Guido Delran Cousi** (1937-2000), **Juan Bautista Lasségue-Molères** (1926-2003), **Juan Max Hugues** (1942-2008) and **Bernardo Fulcrand Terrisse** (1942-2010). Since then and until now, the CBC has an important institutional history of intercultural, ecumenical, and social dialogue, with the common purpose of **promoting and fostering the study and understanding of the Andean-Amazonian rural world, in all its dimensions**, conceived as a complex and challenging reality that had to be assumed both in its past and present and in its possibilities for the future, with a deep human commitment.



## Vision

The CBC, located in the Southern Andean region, is a connection between cultures, disciplines, and worlds, committed to marginalized peoples. CBC promotes through research, the support of sociocultural local processes, education and transmission of knowledge, the development of social actors with autonomy, and the construction of alliances, towards a democratic, intercultural, inclusive, and fair society.



## Mission

Consolidation of CBC as a leader and reference in action-research, discussion, tolerance, intercultural dialogue, alliance building and management of multicultural knowledge and transcultural scientific knowledge, in a context of organized action in the context of climate change, at the service of policies to promote the construction of governance based on Good Living in the Southern Andean and Amazon.

## Approaches and principles

- Promotion of territorial development based on Good Living.
- Strengthening of citizenship and democratic practices, participation, and governance in the territories.
- Defense of human, social, economic, environmental, and political rights.
- Fight against corruption, and promotion of transparency, probity, and ethics.
- Promotion of equity, gender, and intercultural approaches.
- Articulation and alignment with the national policies of the Peruvian National Agreement and the general guidelines of the Bicentennial Plan.
- Fulfillment of the Agenda 2030 of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- National political and economic decentralization.



## Good Living agenda priorities for the Southern Andean and Amazon

- Revitalization of family agriculture and farming with an agroecological and territorial approach for food sovereignty (recovery of the productive capacity of soils, social water management, rehabilitation and restoration of terraces and reforestation).
- Promotion of sustainable tourism, prioritizing community and rural tourism as an alternative opposed to the tourism extractivism model.
- Promotion of the transition to an energy matrix based on renewable resources and within the framework of strategies to minimize the effects of climate change.
- Development of conditions to achieve territorial governance in a context of extractivism, with a decentralized approach.



## Strategic objectives

### *Objective 1:*

**Agreed proposals for democratic, participatory and sustainable management of territorial development.**

The territory is understood as a complex historical, economic, geographic, cultural, environmental, political, institutional, and social construction, from a systemic perspective and subject to active processes of change, conflicts, and forms of cooperation, in which both local actors and outsiders have different degrees of influence and power on society. We need to take into account important aspects such as the diversity of opportunities offered by each territory to build policy instruments and coordinated planning at the service of local communities; decentralist and democratic management of the territory, aligned with national and regional development processes within the framework of the National Agreement, the updated Bicentennial Plan, and the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals; and the concordance with the new development and sustainability criteria that are being built due to the post-pandemic situation, and invites to rethink the paradigms of the current global model, which limitations were evidenced during the health crisis.

### *Objective 2:*

**Building governance of nature gifts based on inclusion, sustainability, social justice, intercultural dialogue, and gender equity.**

Governance is understood as the search for new development proposals through a collaborative relationship between the State and society, forming the foundations for the construction of citizenship based on the articulation of synergies; in this case, from a scenario of diversity of socio-cultural agendas that characterizes the Sothern Andean an Amazon.

The governance of natural gifts involves new paradigms about the relationship between people and the environment, in the processes of production, exchange, consumption, and in supportive and efficient associativity, within a framework of intercultural dialogue, gender equity and respect for human rights (socio-ecological systems). The health emergency that has been affecting the world, especially Peru, leads us to rethink the relationship between social and institutional actors to build and strengthen a governance considering innovations and the adoption of appropriate technologies, information, and communication technologies, always in the search of equality, inclusion, social justice, and the sustainability of our ecosystems.



## Strategic pillars

### **Water and land management; biodiversity and climate change**

Water as a gift of nature is a fundamental constituent for life, especially in Peru where equitable access and use of this resource requires comprehensive strategies that articulate the management of water, soil, and biodiversity, including ancestral knowledge about adaptation and ecosystem transformation. In addition, promotion, and implementation of measures to prevent extensive and homogenizing agriculture, environmental and soil deterioration, loss of biodiversity and the effects of climate change must be added as part of a territorial development agenda.

### **Intercultural governance and public policies**

The pluricultural characteristics of the country, and specially of the Southern macro-region, represent a valuable opportunity for the construction of a development proposal based on Good Living. This implies the search for new relationships and a more equitable and inclusive dialogue between the diverse cultural manifestations of the communities, guaranteeing their rights.

The persistence of socio-economic and political privileges is not coherent with the rights demanded by the social and cultural diversity of the national population and calls for changes in public policies at all levels to incorporate an intercultural and human rights approach in territorial development management instruments.





## **Solidarity – based economy for sustainable local development**

Solidarity economy is a response to the form of accumulation and management of the economy based on rent seeking, consumerism, expense, and unlimited competition. It focuses on production and market activities on the search for the common good, equality, reciprocity, solidarity, socially responsible production, fair trade, ethical consumption, and balance with the environment and the sustainability of natural gifts. It is a proposal that prioritizes the value of human beings and involves the development of a different way of life and of relations between people, and new demands of sustainable consumption.

## **Extractivism, levy and local development**

The extractive activities of non-renewable natural resources -mining or hydrocarbon extraction- deserve particular attention in the Southern macro-region due to their implications for territorial development as a factor of opportunities -or risks and threats- depending on the political, social, and economic conditions that may arise. One aspect of this problem is the generation of canon and royalties, whose transparent, efficient, inclusive, and fair management remains as a major challenge for territorial development.





## **Agro-ecology, food sovereignty and family - based agricultural**

The articulation of agroecology, food sovereignty and family-based farming is a substantial alternative to create conditions for sustainable production, processing, and consumption of food, in a context of sustainable management of natural gifts and appreciation of local knowledge. Likewise, to promote an alternative way of living in a global scenario dominated by large corporations that promote the use of supplies based on fossil energy and inefficient, wasteful, polluting, and unhealthy consumerism that affect agrobiodiversity.

## **Gender equity and territorial development**

A major institutional challenge is the generation of conditions for empowering women and to overcome gender inequity relations that persist and are reproduced in social, economic, environmental, labor, domestic and political activities. These changes are key and necessary in the search for sustainable territorial development, as well as for influencing public policies to promote equity and inclusion in a social scenario with strong patriarchal characteristics.



## Action fields

- Capacity building
- Research
- Communication
- Generation of financial resources
- Networking
- Impact on public policies.

## Teams

- Administrative area
- Planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Professional support team
- Advisory team
- Colegio Andino (Andean College)
- Casa Campesina (Peasant House)
- Communication
- Territorial teams (Cusco, Apurimac, Amazonian region of Southern Peru, Puno).





## Team objectives (2021-2022)

### Apurímac

To promote an agreed agenda for the regional agrarian development of Apurímac, based on institutional territorial interventions in Cotabambas, Antabamba and Abancay, and Chincheros, in order to strengthen the capacities of their peasant organizations, as well as the leadership of men and women, generating proposals for territorial governance and Good Living in a complex context of large extractive investments, resulting in commitments and the implementation of agreed development plans as effective management instruments.

### Cusco

To promote the articulated and participatory management of the communities around the Hatunmayu basin, for the best use of the human and natural resources, facing the risks of current socio-cultural, environmental and economic transformations, generated by new investment projects, particularly in relation to access, availability, distribution and equitable use of water and soil by local actors, the effects of climate change and the impact on biodiversity; as well as promoting actions to defend the rights of peasant and native communities, and to improve the quality of family life, in order to strengthen territorial governance.





## ● Peruvian Southern Amazon

To generate an approach to the communities and local collectives of territories of La Convención (Cusco) and buffer zones of natural protected areas in Madre de Dios, to contribute to the strengthening and leadership of their organizations, as well as to formulate alternative participatory proposals for landscape transformation due to the impact of extractive activities and different illicit practices.



## ● Professional support

To provide technical assistance, and specialized support to territorial teams to contribute to the fulfillment of operational plans and the systematization of consolidated initiatives in subjects such as gender, social water management, agroecology, healthy eating, organizational strengthening, intercultural education, community-based tourism, extractivism, social watch, networking, and other subjects that may arise.





## ● Casa Campesina

To be a multicultural space of animation, assistance, technical support, services, and institutional support to rural communities, from an approach of dialogue and intercultural encounter, generating an open and harmonious exchange of knowledge, contributing to a stronger role and leadership of women and men of the Southern Andean and Amazonian organizations, as well as to strengthening their autonomy and their negotiation and proposal capacities.

## Communication

To promote communication processes to position the institutional profile (vision, mission, objectives, and strategic pillars) within the framework of a macro-regional development agenda for Southern Peru (networks and platforms), as well as to contribute to the strengthening of internal and external capacities and to provide technical support of institutional territorial activities, through the design and application of appropriate methodologies, technologies, and tools.



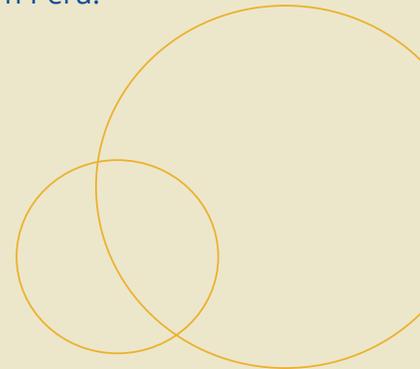
## Administration

To prepare, analyze and record the institution's financial and budget information and to ensure compliance with institutional financial and administrative policies, standards, and procedures. Internalize the organizational culture to the staff, based on commitment, innovation, transparency, creativity, motivation, integration, and efficiency of human resources.



## Planning, monitoring and evaluation

To generate mechanisms and spaces that allow, in an expeditious manner, the collection of information, analysis and evaluation to improve the impact, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, equity and incidence of institutional participation in the different territories. In addition, to contribute to the permanent learning process of the organization in places where it has been supporting processes of change under an articulated development agenda in Southern Peru.



## Colegio Andino

To promote training initiatives, action-participatory research, analysis, debate, exchange and confluence of knowledge, as well as systematization and dissemination of results, conceived as contributions to knowledge management from a decolonial and Good Living approach, articulating the local Andean and Amazonian dynamics in which CBC is involved, with global epistemological processes, as part of an intercultural dialogue and response to the challenges of climate crisis and counter-hegemonic actions; providing evidence to promote transformative processes within the framework of a development agenda for the Southern macro-region..

### - SEMINARS

To generate spaces for deliberation, critical analysis, debate and exchange of knowledge, concepts, approaches, and experiences, for the systematization of good practices and lessons learned, and the formulation of advocacy agendas that contribute to the construction of public policies and to the governance and territorial development of the Southern Andean-Amazon macro region, from a perspective of new paradigms of co-participatory management and promotion of Good Living.

### - PUBLISHING AREA

The production and distribution of publications of the publishing area responds to the principles that guide the institutional work. Its objective is to communicate all aspects of the Andean and Amazonian reality, the scientific and social practices that are appropriate to the human development, to act in the development of the Andean and Amazonian societies so they can fully exercise their rights and ensure the civic responsibility of each of their citizens.



### - REVISTA ANDINA MAGAZINE

Revista Andina is an academic publication about social sciences that seeks to communicate original articles about Andean and Amazonian topics, especially on Anthropology, History, Archaeology, Linguistics, Ethnohistory and Literature. It is a space with a multidisciplinary and critical standing point that brings together different disciplines, research schools and contemporary thinking that share the common denominator of interest in humankind, society, and the Andean and Amazonian world in general.

### - "GUIDO DELRÁN COUSY" LIBRARY

Since 1974, the Guido Delrán Cousy Library has provided support to generations of researchers in the study and analysis of communities from the Andean and Amazonian territories of Southern Peru. The CBC library has valuable collections and unique editions that help to understand the social and cultural history of Cusco, as well as projecting the future of the entire region.

### - FOTOTECA ANDINA

The Andean Photo Library is dedicated to the safeguarding of more than thirty thousand black and white images, whose authors are important photographers of the so-called "Cusco School of Photography" from the first half of the 20th century, offering an authentic visual testimony of the history, culture, and daily life of the society of Southern Andean Peru. Since 2017, it has a large permanent exhibition room named after the outstanding photographer César Meza in recognition of the donation of his vast work to CBC.

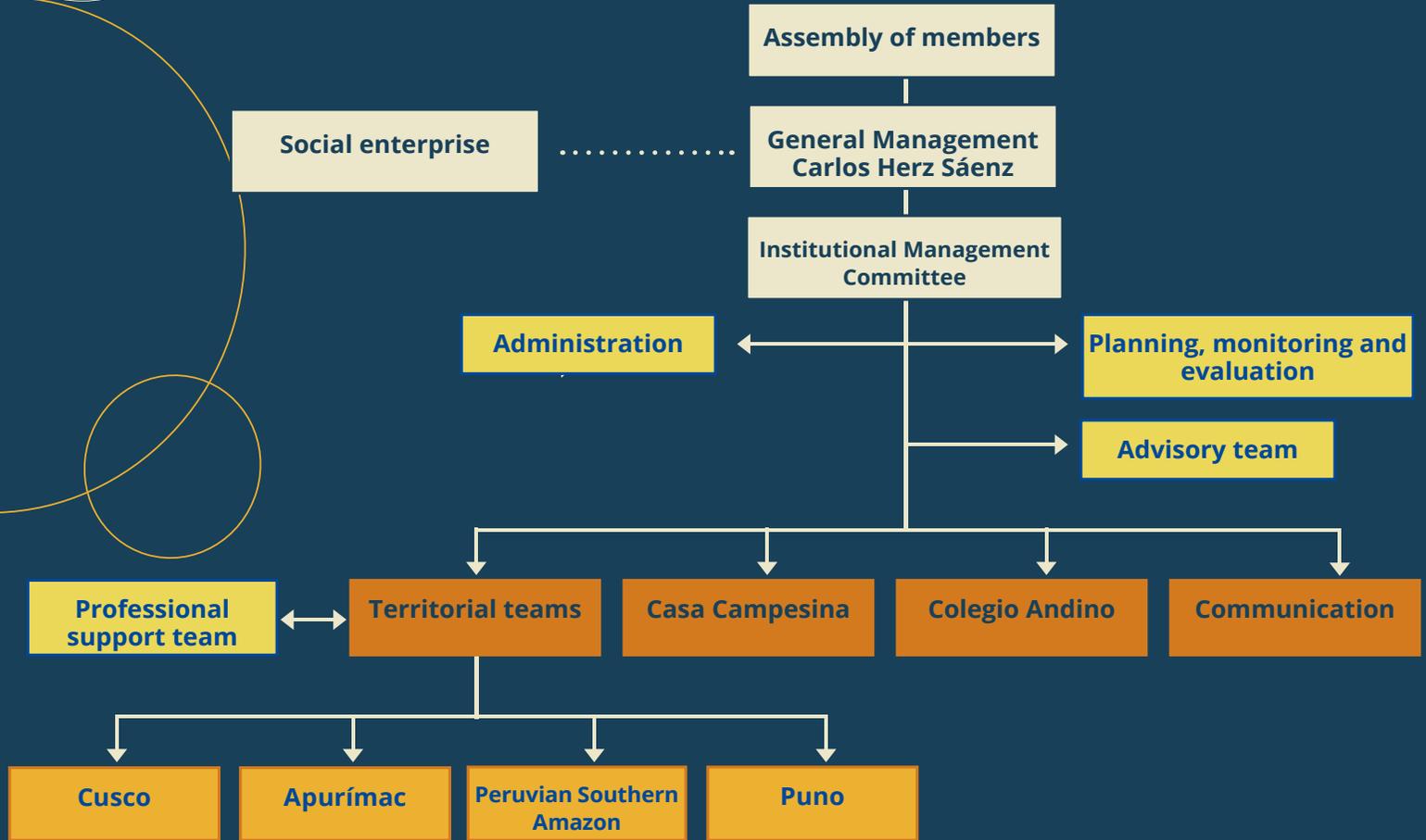
### - OBSERVATORY OF WATER, AGROECOLOGY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

It is an innovative and important instrument to generate communication and exchange channels of experiences and best practices, critical studies, theoretical and methodological debates, analysis and applied research, shared learning of local knowledge, and monitoring of processes and appropriate innovations in the field of agroecology articulated with food sovereignty and social and community water management. To promote and consolidate alternatives to contribute to the sustainability of territorial development in the Southern macro-region, from an approach of self-determination, social inclusion, intercultural dialogue, equity and ecosystem management based on Good Living.





# Organizational chart



## List of projects 2021 - 2024



N°	Name of projects	Cooperation Agency	Period	Location
1	Small campesino populations adapt resource conservation and agriculture to climate change (continued).	Pan Para el Mundo	June 2019 - July 2022	Apurímac: Antabamba (Oropesa), Cotabambas (Coyllurqui, Tambobamba, Mara) Cusco: (Calca, Anta, Urubamba, Canchis)
2	Rights, capacities, and agreements for a sustainable territorial development in Apurimac.	MISEREOR	September 2020 - August 2023	Apurímac (Cotabambas province)
3	Transition Program towards a Campesino Agroecology at the service of Food Sovereignty - Andean Region.	CCFD – Terre Solidaire -SIDI	2018 – 2022	Colombia, Ecuador, Perú
4	Rural communities in the highland provinces of Cusco and Apurimac control, manage, and protect their territories and implement alternatives for Good Living.	Broederlijk Delen (BD)	January 2017 - December 2021	Apurímac (Cotabambas province)
5	Transition towards a Campesino Agroecology at the service of Food Sovereignty.	CCFD – Terre Solidaire	April 2018 - March 2022	Apurímac (Cotabambas province)
6	“Pachamamanchista Chaninninpi Uywanapaq” Defense of rights and territories of indigenous communities.	CCFD – Terre Solidaire	April 2019 - March 2022	Cusco and Apurímac
7	Towards the development of governance for sustainable management of territorial development in southern Peru in a context of extractivism.	FORD	June 2021 - July 2022	Macro región Sur (selva de Cusco), Apurímac, Puno, Madre de Dios
8	Empowerment of certified communities and promotion of the Andean network for marketing and policy dialogue.	TURICOM	August 2020 - July 2022	Cusco
9	Golden Alliance: Andean experience in the defense of human rights against mining activities.	European Union	February 2021- January 2024	Cotabambas: Challhuahuacho, Tambobamba, Mara, Haquira. Chumbivilcas: Ccapacmarca, Colquemarca, Chamaca, Velille
10	Environmental human rights now!	European Union	February 2021- July 2023	Apurímac (Cotabambas, Grau) and Cusco (Espinar, Chumbivilcas).
11	Food system innovation with scaling in Cusco: a joint learning approach.	McKnight	February 2021- July 2023	Cusco
12	Water, Biodiversity and Climate Change Observatory.	COMUNDO	January 2021 – December 2021	Cusco
13	Promoting and strengthening indigenous women’s advocacy capacities in relation to the environment, through the participatory and inclusive construction of a bi-national Environmental Agenda for Lake Titicaca.	Canada Fund Local Initiatives (CFLI)	June 2021- April 2022	Puno
14	Social management of water in Cusco region - Piuray.	TNC- Hilton	February 2021 - January 2022	Piuray – Ccorimarca basin
15	Strengthening transparency and best practices in the extractive sector.	USAID	October 2021-September 2022	Apurímac
16	Support to civil society participation for the generation of proposals and territory development strategies in Southern Andean region of Peru.	FORD	October 2021- February 2024	Apurímac and Cusco

## Networks and Platforms

Red Muqui

Área de Conservación de Choquequirao

Área de Conservación de Ausangate

CIES

Grupo Apurímac

RENADES

Red de Organizaciones de Desarrollo del Sur Andino- RODESA

Consejo Regional de Cambio Climático DE Cusco- CORECC

Grupo de Trabajo Regional de Educación Ambiental

Red de Justicia Hídrica

Pulso Regional

Red de Salud e Interculturalidad

Mesa Regional de Justicia

Mesa Consultiva de lectura del Cusco

Pulso Regional

CARA -Apurímac

Mesa de lucha contra la Anemia

Consejo de Desarrollo de la Provincia de Cotabambas

Grupo impulsor de Economía Solidaria Cusco - GIES

Patronato Cusco



## CBC Hotels

The CBC has raised the challenge of working its own financial sustainability, by creating a social enterprise, with CBC Hotels "The House of Fray Bartolomé", the Tourist Hostel "Casa Campesina" and the "Casa Limacpampa". They provide the following services:

- Accommodation for national and international tourists.
- Rent of auditorium and classrooms for meetings and academic events.
- Accommodation and reception of small-scale farmers of the Southern Andes of Peru.

<https://www.hotelescbc.com/>

## Travel agency CBC Tupay

This Travel Agency, in solidarity with the communities and dedicated to the Rural Community Tourism, works under the approach of Responsible Tourism and provides the following services:

- Cultural trips to small-scale farmer communities.
- Travelling with cultural exchange.
- Experience sharing tours.
- Adventure tours.
- Cultural exchange courses for universities.

<https://cbctupay.com/>





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