

# UPEACE WEEKLY SUMMARY



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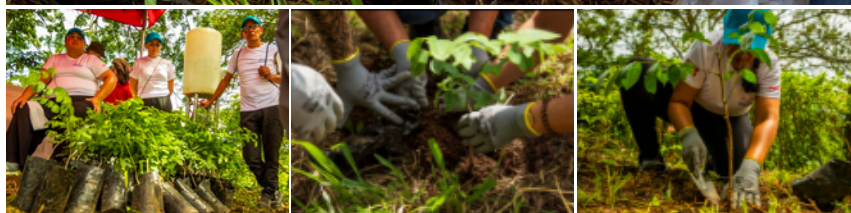
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Photos by Frank Delgado



**Pictured:** Volunteers from UPEACE, FUNDECOR, Coca Cola, and Agua Tica during the reforestation day on the main UPEACE campus.

## UPEACE Reinforces Commitment to Sustainability and Water Resource Protection in Partnership with FUNDECOR and Coca-Cola

The University for Peace (UPEACE) recently hosted another successful reforestation day on its main campus in San José, Costa Rica, in collaboration with FUNDECOR and Coca-Cola through its "Replenishing Water to Nature Through Forest Protection Activities" initiative.

This initiative, supported by Agua Tica, enhances the protection of vital water sources at UPEACE while enriching significant areas, including the bamboo grove and the forest behind the Holistic Center.

Volunteers from partner institutions joined forces to plant trees, demonstrating a tangible commitment to forest conservation and the sustainability of water resources.

At UPEACE, we believe that protecting water is synonymous with safeguarding life. Strategic alliances like this are crucial for fostering a more just and sustainable future.



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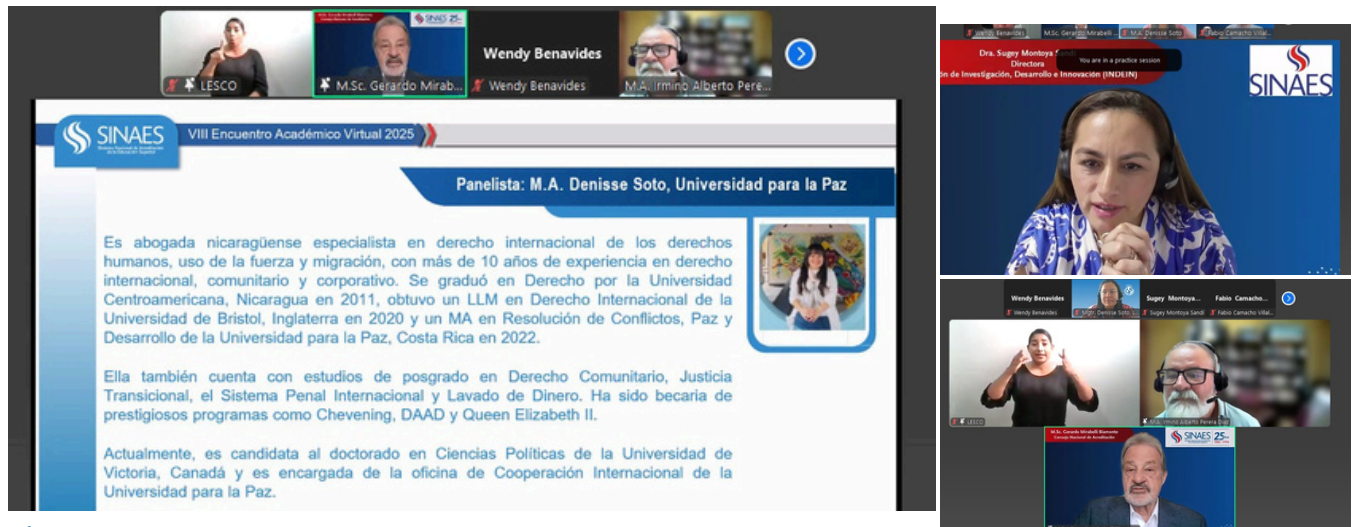


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**Pictured:** Dennise Soto, UPEACE Alumni and International Cooperation Officer, alongside panelists at the 8th SINAES Academic Meeting.

The University for Peace participated in the 8th Academic Meeting of the National Higher Education Accreditation System (SINAES), held under the auspices of the Enrique Góngora Trejos Chair: Higher Education and Society.

Dennise Soto, UPEACE Alumni Affairs and International Cooperation Officer, served as a speaker on the panel titled "The Impact of Internationalization: The Case of UPEACE, the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), and the School of Agriculture of the Humid Tropical Region (EARTH)."

During her presentation, Dennise shared UPEACE's experience in academic internationalization, emphasizing the significance of strategic alliances, student mobility, and enhanced international cooperation as essential pillars for enriching higher education and its contributions to society.

## UPEACE Enhances Collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva

Ambassador David Fernández Puyana, Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations in Geneva and Vienna, recently conducted an official visit to the headquarters of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva.

During the meeting, accompanied by other members of the IFRC, topics of great relevance were addressed, such as peacebuilding, youth engagement, principled humanitarian action, and strengthening global dialogue around humanitarian values.



**Pictured:** Ambassador David Fernández Puyana, alongside Dr. Amjad Mohamed-Saleem from the IFRC, and other participants.





## UPEACE Hosts Academic Retreat on its Main Campus to Foster Curriculum Innovation and Increased Efficiency



**Pictured:** UPEACE faculty, academic staff, and representatives from the Regional Offices during the academic retreat held on the main UPEACE campus in Costa Rica.

This week, faculty and academic support staff at the University for Peace engaged in an enriching academic retreat aimed at analyzing the evolving global landscape and designing curricular adjustments to ensure the relevance of our training programs.

Over two days of intensive collaboration, participants assessed international trends in higher education, reviewed our current academic offerings, and explored innovative ways to integrate students from diverse disciplines into core courses that foster collaboration, dialogue, and interconnection.

Colleagues from our regional offices traveled to Costa Rica to contribute to this vital academic discussion, and colleagues from UN Costa Rica provided important updates on the changes happening at the UN level. Led by UPEACE Rector Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena and Vice Rector Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, the event was marked by valuable contributions and the collective development of proposals that will advance the institution's academic growth.

## Would you like to explore the connections between the environment, development, and human rights?

This certificate course offered by the Human Rights Center of the University for Peace examines how these connections can help in protecting both the environment and human rights. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach and emphasizes the educational, legal, and social aspects of this relationship.

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