

Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean

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Objective

Agrifood systems in Latin America and the Caribbean face significant challenges in achieving their fundamental purpose of providing easily accessible, quality, sufficient, and healthy food for the entire population that is respectful of our planet. Currently, these systems are at particular risk from the effects of climate change, shocks that disrupt food chains, high production costs—compounded by severe restrictions on raw materials—and widespread unhealthy food practices, especially in poorer (and urban) populations.

This thematic issue of the journal *Naturaleza y Sociedad. Desafíos Medioambientales* aims to propose how to overcome the challenges faced by agrifood systems in achieving their fundamental purpose and, in addition, contribute to development goals. It seeks to bring together a set of texts written by academics from various disciplines that present analyses, case studies, or experiences that allow a critical study of the functioning of agrifood systems with an emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean. In this way, this issue seeks to contribute to current debates on agrifood systems with reflections, balances, analysis, and presentation of cases that make possible a better understanding of the problems, solutions, and contributions made from diverse sectors.

Themes

- Cases or models of sustainable agrifood systems that allow increasing productivity through the adoption or appropriation of new technologies, especially those aimed at greater sustainability.
- Ecosystems and their interactions with agrifood systems.
- The city region and its interactions with agrifood system.
- The conditions of communities and their territories as determining factors in the implementation and management of agrifood systems.
- Training and education aimed at the actors involved to learn about and implement an agrifood system that is efficient and respectful with the environment.
- Public policies and instruments for managing agrifood systems.
- The Milan Pact and its contribution to the development of healthier and more sustainable cities.

Types of content

The types of content received for this dossier include:

- Research article. Original articles that present research advances or results. They can propose replicable models; develop theoretical, experimental, historical, empirical-quantitative analyses, etc.; or present qualitative case studies.
- Balance. Articles that develop up-to-date thematic reviews or reflections in a specific field of research.
- Document, debate. Analytical writings that promote academic discussions from different perspectives. They can offer interpretations or analysis of articles published by this journal or other journals on related topics.
- Dialogues. Academic dissemination articles that contribute to contemporary discussions on nature, the environment, and society. They are aimed at diverse audiences since they seek to encourage dialogue on topics of broad interest to academics and other audiences. Types: Interview, presentation, short reflection article, working document, partial research results, photo essay, commented exhibitions, and others. Formats: Textual or multimedia.

Submission

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