

# Education Organisations in Peru Increase Collaboration with New Website



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Ten education organisations in the Peruvian Andes and Amazon regions re-launched a collaboration website, supported by IICD. The website will make internal collaboration easier and will provide more information to an external audience.

The website allows the organisations to position themselves better by making it easier to upload educational stories, photos and videos.

The organisations were already united in the education initiative Ruta del Sol, supported by IICD's Connect4Change consortium partner Edukans. Members of the initiative expressed the need for a more collaborative website that would allow Ruta del Sol to share education information in a more user friendly way. Ruta del Sol organises exchange experiences in schools and rural communities to strengthen educational expertise, support regional actors to articulate the real needs of these schools and communities, and to propose relevant relevant policies changes.

With the help of IICD, a new website was developed based on the free and open source Content Management system Drupal. Together the Ruta del Sol members can now work as a team to edit the content of the webpage. Ruta del Sol members collaborate better on the website administration and they participate more actively in various educational discussions generated through the website. One of the Ruta del Sol members who participated in the training on the website shares: “Now we use these different Web 2.0 tools to upload information such as videos and news items, we produce from our practical experience. This enables us to show the work of Ruta del Sol and the exchange between the different members of this Network.”

From all ten member organisations, people were trained in the use of the website. Given that the training on the new website was done with IICD’s train the trainer principle, the members of the ten organisations that were trained will in turn train other people in their organisations in the use of the website .

Five of the Ruta del Sol organisations are also individually supported by IICD and Edukans through the Connect4Change consortium. Primary schools and some secondary schools in the Peruvian Andes and Amazon regions are going to use computers and multimedia to boost intercultural bilingual education.