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Subject: Invitation - Workshop Geosciences, Geotechnology and Geoservices from a joint Colombian-German perspective

Dear Sir or Madam,

In a country with a complex geology and an untold mineral wealth as Colombia, geosciences play a strategic role in shaping a sustainable development, which is why it is crucial to foster scientific cooperation in this field of knowledge. Therefore, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Workshop: **Geosciences, Geotechnology and Geoservices from a joint Colombian-German perspective** organized by the Embassy of Colombia in Berlin in cooperation with the University of Potsdam.

The main objective of this workshop is to identify ongoing and future joint projects that universities, research institutes and German companies are conducting or would like to conduct in Colombia on topics related to Earth sciences, with the aim of fostering the exchange, networking and cooperation among German and Colombian scientists, industry and other institutions working in this field.

To achieve this purpose, we have organized a program that includes a short presentation of the institutions and their projects, a roundtable discussion on the state of the art of geosciences in Colombia and an analysis of joint projects and possible future cooperation. Please find attached a preliminary program of this workshop.

The workshop will take place the 20th of January 2015 from 14:00 to 19:00 at the Colombian Embassy in Berlin, Taubenstraße 23, and will be held in English. If your institution has or plans to have some research projects with Colombia and you are interested in participating in this workshop, we will be very grateful to receive your confirmation before the 12th of January 2015. We kindly ask you to confirm as soon as possible due to the limited places available. For this purpose and in case you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sandra Córdoba: s.cordoba@embajada-colombia.de or Ms. Verónica Torres at colombia@geo.uni-potsdam.de.

With my best regards,

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