



February 10, 2025

Re: Letter of Support, Dr. Raúl Delgado Wise
UNESCO Chair on Migration, Development and Human Rights

To the attention of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme:

Through this letter the Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development (INURED) expresses its enthusiastic support for the renewal of Dr. Raúl Delgado Wise's appointment as the UNESCO Chair on Migration, Development and Human Rights.

INURED is a research institute founded in 2007 to contribute to the development of high-level research and scientific training in Haiti with the aim of improving the educational, socioeconomic and political conditions of its people. INURED currently runs seven thematic Research Laboratories- including the laboratory on Health, Family and Migration, each responsible for implementing research and community intervention programs focused on priority areas of economic and social development in the country. Studies and policy formulation focused on the nexus between migration and development have become central to our work as Haiti faces political, economic, social and climate-related crises that provoke rising levels of international migration, both documented and undocumented.

INURED has collaborated with Dr. Delgado Wise over the past decade through our respective partnerships with the University of Miami, specifically its Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas. We continue to build on these collaborative efforts by directly partnering with Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas through Dr. Delgado Wise on the Migration for Equality and Development (MIDEQ). In February 2024, Dr. Delgado Wise served as the keynote speaker at our regional conference on Transit Migration which included policy makers, civil society leaders, academics and researchers from across the Latin America and Caribbean region. Since that time, we have developed institutional partnerships with the program in Development Studies at the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas to establish a virtual migration museum that examines mobility as a human phenomenon that has occurred through time and in a manner that elevates the voices of local communities directly affected by this phenomenon while continuing to attend to the impacts of migration policy and governance on individuals and families.

The renewal of Dr. Delgado Wise's tenure as UNESCO Chair on Migration, Development and Human Rights will allow us to leverage the resources, both human and otherwise, that this post offers in furtherance of our work of ensuring safe migration to and integration within host countries as well as promoting equality and development abroad and in the homeland.

Sincerely,

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