10th February 2015, Alajuela, Costa Rica: Following the success of recent training programs at Harvard and Oxford, top Latin American business school INCAE is the latest elite institution to host the World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders (YGL). Ahead of the World Economic Forum on Latin America to be held in Mexico in May, these global game-changers meet for an exclusive three-day training program on INCAE's campus in Costa Rica.

Welcoming the Young Global Leaders, INCAE Rector, Arturo Condo, himself a YGL nominated in 2008, highlighted INCAE's key role in social and economic change in Central America and encouraged his peers to continue leading similar changes. The participants, from 15 different countries across the globe are seasoned entrepreneurs, philanthropists and opinion leaders. Their impressive profiles make it clear why the WEF has selected them as the leaders of the future.

This diverse group learned from Mr. Luis Guillermo Solís, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, important lessons and challenges of leading a democracy in Latin America.

"Leadership must respect the diversity of a region. (...) The population diversity and changes in the region make leadership challenging. It is not possible to define it equally everywhere”, said Solís.

In the afternoon session, participants considered social value in economic development, challenges and opportunities in Latin American development and assessed the Social Progress Index of the region. Over the next days, they will look at Costa Rica’s successful model of sustainable development and meet top organizations advancing sustainable business.
Leading INCAE faculty such as Alberto Trejos, Former Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica, and Harry Strachan, Managing Partner of Mesoamerica Investments, will spark debates on the Latin American Integration process and Social Investment and Philanthropy.

Participants will also focus on leadership itself, from starting the days with a personal mindfulness and leadership session, to dealing with authentic leadership through lessons from neuroscience, and a panel discussion on Women's Leadership in Latin America.

A sustainable business program in Costa Rica would not be complete without a field visit to one of the many successful ecotourism initiatives, where the Young Global Leaders can experience best practices of creating sustainable value through tourism and maximizing development of the destination.

Rector Arturo Condo said, "It is truly an honor to be hosting the Young Global Leaders at INCAE. The two institutions share the ideals of collaboration, learning and action. We aim to build a diverse community of forward-looking leaders, help them expand their understanding and influence to have a positive impact on global challenges."

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