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FIU Students at an Organic Farm in Costa Rica

# Costa Rica: Conservation Challenges and Sustainable Development

## Department of Earth and Environment

Costa Rica is one of the most reputed, environmentally friendly countries in Latin America. For decades, CR has implemented public policies that have stimulated sustainable practices in agriculture, tourism, architecture, fisheries among other sectors. Costa Rica has protected around 23% of its land mass to some kind of protected status, and is one of the few countries that has been able to revert deforestation. Moreover, the right to enjoy a “clean, safe environment” was included as article 50 in the Country’s Constitution, a historical landmark in the World. In this talk, President Solis will address key policy questions: Can this seemingly “flawless model” be improved? Why and how? Is sustainability sustainable in the post-pandemic age?

President Solis received his M.A. in Latin American Studies at Tulane University. He has been a Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Costa Rica since 1981. In May 2014 Luis G. Solis became the 47th President of the Republic of Costa Rica for four years after receiving the highest vote ever by a presidential candidate in Costa Rican history. President Solis is currently Interim Director and Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center at FIU.



**Featuring**  
**President Luis G. Solis**  
Former President of Costa Rica

Interim Director &  
Distinguished Visiting  
Professor at LACC  
Florida International University

**Friday, January 29, 2021, 3:00 PM**

Venue: Virtual via Zoom. Please use the link below:

<https://fiu.zoom.us/j/95532630681?pwd=b3F2TWxsaG5GMXFVtXAzakFndkl6UT09>

Meeting ID: 955 3263 0681

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**Special Note:** You may attend this seminar in person in **Parking Garage 6, Room 116**

This event is free and open to the public.

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