

LICOP Cocoa Learning Journey

November 5th-6th, 2024 – Neiva, Colombia

Registration form: <https://foodlab.wufoo.com/forms/licop-cocoa-learning-journey/>



Overview	<p>Learning journeys are an opportunity to see and connect with what's happening "first hand" and to speak directly to producers and their communities. This learning journey will have approximately 15-20 attendees, representing diverse supply chain stakeholders, including chocolate companies, buyers, and implementing organizations. LICOP is partnering with the USDA program Colombian Cacao and Complementary Crops for Development (C4D) for this trip. We will also be visiting farms that are part of the Rabobank ACORN platform and have implemented agroforestry systems and climate smart practices.</p>
Goal	<p>Open, honest dialog to better understand challenges and opportunities for living income initiatives for cocoa farmers in Colombia and Latin America more broadly.</p>
Key themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living income initiatives during a time of high prices• Linking livelihoods programs with biodiversity and carbon initiatives• Coop professionalization and crop diversification
Cost	<p>\$400 per attendee for all on-ground expenses (transportation, food, hotel, translation, etc.). This does not including the flights between Bogota and Neiva (~\$140). This trip costs already includes a partial trip subsidy from LICOP.</p>
High-level itinerary	<p>Tuesday, November 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flight from Bogotá to Neiva, AVIANCA leaving Bogotá at 6:18am (AV4817)• Visiting cocoa producers and producer organizations in Iquira and Gigante• Stay in Hotel Casa Bohemia in Campoalegre <p>Wednesday, November 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit cocoa producers and producer organizations in Rivera• Flight from Neiva to Bogota, AVIANCA leaving Neiva at 5:10pm (VE 9047)