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## THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ANDEAN ROAD COUNTRIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (ARCST) TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN SPACE WORKFORCE

## Abstract

Curiosity and discovery are important to the human spirit and embracing the challenge of going deeper into space would welcome the people of today's Latin American countries and tomorrow's generations to

join the Andean Road Countries for Science and Technology (ARCST) on this exciting journey. The first step in embarking on a long and difficult path is to lay solid foundations for a productive attempt. To that end, the ARCST serves as the first Latin American organization to tackle the obstacles, opportunities and creative solutions to the growth of the current and future scientific workforce. Here we report on the results of the first workshop organized by ARCST, which brought together several students and young professionals immersed in space technology to discuss the challenges of space opportunities facing the Latin American region. Our knowledge of its current status will pave the way for future cooperation and the growth of the Latin American technological and scientific space workforce.