

# Futuros Urbanos Network

## Call for Applications

### Summary

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy invites individual applications to join Futuros Urbanos, a collaborative network of practitioners and researchers from across Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). This network is dedicated to exploring emerging trends, anticipating disruptions, and cocreating stories and insights that can inform more adaptive planning and policy for the region's future. Over the course of a year, selected members will engage in a collaborative process that combines futures thinking, storytelling, and regional exchange to identify signals of change and imagine multiple plausible futures for Latin America and the Caribbean.

### Background

The Consortium for Scenario Planning at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy advances the use of scenario planning, a key method within the broader field of futures studies, to help communities of all sizes prepare for uncertainty and make more informed decisions. Through research, peer learning, training, and technical assistance, the consortium works to strengthen the practice of future-oriented planning and policy worldwide.

As part of this mission, the consortium is launching Futuros Urbanos, an initiative designed to expand futures thinking across Latin America and the Caribbean and to foster regional collaboration, amplify local perspectives, and highlight emerging trends that may shape the region's futures. The initiative supports collaborative foresight among diverse practitioners, identification of cross-cutting regional trends, and the creation of accessible stories that help planners and policymakers anticipate and navigate future challenges.

### Network Structure

The Futuros Urbanos network will run from April 2026 to April 2027 and will include:

### **Formation and Kickoff**

December 2025 to February 2026: Selection process of 8–12 members from different LAC countries and sectors (urban planning, environment, housing, public health, mobility, etc.).

April 2026: Virtual kickoff meeting with selected members to define shared goals, priority themes, and working principles.

### **Futures Sessions & Stories**

April 2026 to April 2027: Three virtual “Futures Sessions,” in which members identify local signals of change, discuss implications, and map potential regional trends.

Between sessions and with the help of the network, the Lincoln team will synthesize insights and coordinate production of “Futures Stories” (short videos, podcasts, illustrated articles, or photo essays).

### **Expected Outcomes**

By April 2027, the members will collectively have:

- A functioning cross-regional foresight network
- A list of trends influencing the region’s futures
- Three published Futures Stories accessible to the public
- Practical insights to support planners and policymakers
- Greater visibility for the Lincoln Institute as a thought leader in forward-looking policy across LAC

### **Eligibility**

This call is open to individuals from Latin America and the Caribbean who currently live in the region and work in fields related to cities, land, and the environment. Eligible applicants include:

- Urban planners and designers
- Public officials and policy professionals

- Academics and researchers
- Civil society and community leaders

Applicants must demonstrate experience or interest in urban futures, foresight, planning, or social innovation.

## Selection Criteria

Applicants will be selected based on:

1. **Relevance and Motivation**—demonstrated interest in exploring futures in LAC
2. **Regional and Sectoral Diversity**—representation from different countries, disciplines, and professional backgrounds
3. **Potential Contribution**—ability to bring unique perspectives, local insights, or innovative approaches
4. **Commitment**—availability to actively participate in all network activities from April 2026 to April 2027, including a kickoff meeting and three one-hour Futures Sessions.
5. **Communication**—capacity to collaborate in Spanish, Portuguese, or English

## Timeline

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Launch Webinar	December 4, 2025
Application deadline	February 15, 2026
Selected members notified	March 2026
Kickoff Meeting	April 2026
Futures Session 1	August 2026
Futures Session 2	December 2026
Futures Session 3	April 2027

## How to Apply

Applications are submitted through the online Formstack form.

## Selection and Participation

Selected members will:

- Participate in three facilitated Futures Session and one kickoff workshop (all virtual).
- Collaborate in producing Futures Stories.
- Join a growing network of foresight practitioners across LAC.

## Questions

For questions about this call, please contact

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