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Boston Non-Profit and Peruvian Consultancy Team Up for Higher Ed Climate Leadership

BOSTON- (March 31, 2016) The Boston-based nonprofit, Second Nature, has teamed up with Lima-based consultancy, Green Energy, to support higher education climate leadership in Peru. Through this collaboration Second Nature is transferring experience and knowledge to Green Energy from their successful Climate Leadership Commitments program in the US, which this year is having it's 10th anniversary.

The groups kicked off their collaboration this past March with a week of workshops facilitated by Second Nature, and culminating in a summit that brought together various governmental agencies, Green Energy, Second Nature, and 14 university chancellors and their representatives from across Peru. Known as the Peruvian Universities' Climate Commitment (or CCUP for it's name in Spanish: Compromiso Climático de las Universidades Peruanas), the project is being funded through the Peruvian development bank Corporación Financiera de Desarrollo (COFIDE) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and counts with support from the Ministries of the Environment, of Energy and Mines, and of Housing and Construction.

The Climate Leadership Commitments, launched in 2006 and formerly known as the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, are a signature program of Second Nature. They include a Carbon Commitment (focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions), a Resilience Commitment (focused on climate adaptation and community engagement), and a Climate Commitment that integrates both. The Climate Leadership Network comprises more than 650 colleges and universities in every state and the District of Columbia that have signed one of these three agreements, thus committing to take action on climate and prepare students through research and education to solve the challenges of the 21st century. Green Energy seeks to replicate and adjust this model for Peruvian institutions of higher education.

16 universities have signed the CCUP to date, and they now constitute the founding signatories of the program, and it's newly formed Steering Committee:

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- Universidad Nacional Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo (Huaraz)
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- Universidad Privada de Tacna (Tacna)
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- Universidad Nacional de San Agustín (Arequipa)
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About Second Nature:

Second Nature works to proactively build a sustainable and positive global future through initiating bold commitments, scaling successful actions, and accelerating innovative solutions among leadership networks in higher education. The Climate Leadership Commitments are a signature program of Second Nature and include a Carbon Commitment (focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions), a Resilience Commitment (focused on climate adaptation and community engagement), and a Climate Commitment that integrates both. The Climate Leadership Network comprises more than 650 colleges and universities in every state and the District of Columbia who have committed to take action on climate and prepare students through research and education to solve the challenges of the 21st century. Learn more at: secondnature.org.

About Green Energy:

GREEN ENERGY is a dynamic, customer oriented Peruvian company, with a highly qualified professional team. Our goals are to provide our clients, nationally and internationally, with advice and quality services in energy efficiency, renewable energy, environmental issues, climate change and sustainable business. The commitment of GREEN ENERGY is to contribute to the fight against the threats of climate change, while contributing to market development of energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy in the country, as well as the promotion and strengthening of sustainable businesses, according to the highest environmental standards.

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