

State seeks greater participation in rural development.

The seminar, Rural Territorial Dynamics, generated analysis and discussion of the conditions contributing towards an improvement in the living standard of certain territories.

Ramon Espinel, Minister of Agriculture (MAGAP), maintains that the State should accept the responsibility of creating value in the food and agriculture chains.

In the meeting which took place at the Simon Bolivar Andean University, the social conditions contributing towards an improvement in the living standard of certain territories, were discussed, with the organisation of RIMISP, the Latin American Centre of Rural Development, the IPPG Programme and UASB.

Ramon Espinel, Minister of MAGAP, emphasised the initiative of encouraging these discussions in the academic, social and political environment. "These studies enable more complete policies to be designed, which comprise the territorial vision, its productive and social dynamism," declared the Minister.

Mariano Curicama, Prefect of Chimborazo, affirmed that 'the good life' can be achieved using the approach of territorial development. "Living well is a necessity in every country," he stated.

During the conference, the researcher Pablo Ospina presented the results of the study on the successful economic dynamics in Tungurahua province. The success of the development model in that area dates back to the height of the market system and the commercial system in place from the end of the 19th century until the 1980s.