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Project title: Vulnerability Assessments for Climate Change Adaptation of Socioecological Systems in the Andes	
Coordinator Helsingin Yliopisto Dipjoy Chakma, dipjoy.chakma@helsinki.fi	The "Vulnerability Assessments for Climate Change Adaptation of Socio-ecological Systems in the Andes (VACCASSA)" project is a strategic collaboration between the University of Helsinki (UH) and the Central University of Ecuador (UCE). Responding to urgent educational needs in Ecuador, the project aims to strengthen climate change education by developing a high-quality, open-access virtual course on vulnerability assessment methods, integrating real-world case studies from Andean socio-ecological systems. The project combines innovative digital education, reciprocal staff and student mobility, and joint research activities to build long-term institutional capacity. It will enhance academic cooperation, foster global competencies, and contribute to climate resilience efforts aligned with Sustainable Development Goals. The project ensures sustainability by embedding outcomes into university curricula, expanding international networks, and maintaining open knowledge platforms beyond the project's life cycle. With a carefully balanced plan, strong risk management strategies, and a commitment to social inclusion and academic freedom, VACCASSA is poised to create lasting educational, scientific, and societal impact both in Finland and Ecuador.
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