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## **The Center for Hemispherical Cooperation at the University of Puerto Rico...Strategies for Partnering in Latin America and the Caribbean**

This paper presents the Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science (CoHemis) and the development of strategies for partnering in the hemisphere. The CoHemis Center's mission is to promote, facilitate, and coordinate collaborative applied research, technology assessment, and human resources development and exchange programs to serve the needs of the Americas with the participation of engineers and scientists from the different countries of the hemisphere. The center has established the CoHemis Consortium, a network of universities and research centers in the Americas which share CoHemis objectives. The consortium promotes strategic alliances to develop collaborative activities of mutual benefit, such as joint research exchanges of faculty and students, short courses, and sharing research facilities.