Peru & RedCLARA - Strengthening Cooperation in Telecommunications and Technology

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1. Context

In early 2025, RedCLARA - the Latin American advanced academic network - and Peruvian stakeholders intensified their collaboration to boost national connectivity, research networking and digital-transformation initiatives.

2. Agreement on Telecommunications & Technology (Ref. news 8664)

During a working visit in February 2025, RedCLARA's Executive Director **Luis Eliecer Cadenas** met with Peru's Vice-Minister of Communications **Carla Sosa** to explore joint actions on:

- Expanding high-capacity fibre links for Peruvian universities and research centres.
- Integrating Peru more deeply into the **BELLA II** backbone and the **LACNet** trusted-data platform.
- Capacity-building on cybersecurity and network management.

3. Strategic Meetings in Peru (Ref. news 8633)

A mission in April 2025 brought together RedCLARA, the **National Academic Network of Peru (RAAP)**, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the **Ministry of Transport & Communications** to:

- Review progress on the deployment of Peru's National Research & Education Network (NREN).
- Align national efforts with the EU-LAC Digital Alliance and the Global Gateway connectivity agenda.
- Identify flagship research-collaboration projects in health, climate and astronomy.

4. Key Outcomes

- Peru confirmed its financial commitment to BELLA II and the future Pacific submarine-cable extension.
- Roadmap drafted to connect 12 additional universities to RAAP by Q4 2025.
- Agreement to host a **RedCLARA Engineering Workshop** in Lima (Sept 2025).

5. Next Steps

- Technical teams to finalise network-upgrade specifications (May 2025).
- Joint proposal to be submitted to the IDB for connectivity co-financing (June 2025).
- Preparation of a multi-stakeholder forum on digital research infrastructure (August 2025).

6. Sources & Further Reading

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