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John Topping
President
Climate Institute

Dear Mr. Topping,

We welcome the interest of the Climate Institute and partners to develop in Sierra Negra Volcano, in Pico de Orizaba National Park, the National High Altitude Global Climate Observing Center, that will conduct systematic measurements at 4,500 m.a.s.l. of Essential Climate Variables to enhance the Global Atmospheric Watch of the World Meteorological Organization Network and other Global Climate Observing Systems.

The Global Climate Observatory in Sierra Negra mountain top, will follow the Large Millimeter Telescope – LMT site operational guidelines. This collaborative effort will contribute towards the integration of a world-class High Altitude Science and Technology Cluster in Mexico.

Our institute looks forward to a long and productive collaboration with the Global Climate Observation Center and its partner organizations.

Yours sincerely,

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