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## **Jose Sarukhan is recognized for his work in environmental matters**

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**The former rector of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, José Sarukhán, will be recognized with the Tyler Award for Environmental Achievement 2017 for his scientific contributions to the field of biological diversity and institution building.**

MEXICO CITY, Feb 21 (EL UNIVERSAL) .- The former president of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), José Sarukhán, will be recognized with the Tyler Award for Environmental Achievement 2017 for his scientific contributions to the field of biological diversity And the construction of institutions.

The executive committee of the Tyler Prize recalled that at a time when the fate of the Mexican jungles was in critical danger due to environmental deterioration, former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari asked Sarukhán to advise the Mexican government to show him The global community that the country valued its natural resources.

"In response, Sarukhan devised one of the first governmental institutions in the world focused entirely on biodiversity:

In its 25th anniversary, Conabio manages the world's most important and accessible national biodiversity database, which has more than 11.2 million specimens, "he says.

The Tyler award emphasizes that Conabio is an intersecretarial commission that requires the participation of 10 federal secretariats to generate knowledge and design policies that allow the conservation and sustainable use of Mexico's natural resources. "This comprehensive perspective has been so successful that The advisory council of former US President Barack Obama recommended that the Conabio model be used as an example for the United States. "

President Enrique Peña Nieto congratulated the founder and current National Coordinator of Conabio when he received the Tyler Award for Environmental Achievement 2017.

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