The Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development 2022



The Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development was created in May 2016 as a regional mechanism for the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals, their targets, their means of implementation and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development.

The Forum was established under the commitment to work relentlessly towards the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, and the recognition that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest challenge facing the world and is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, and its commitment to achieve sustainable economic, social and environmental development.

The ACS Secretary General, Rodolfo Sabonge will participate in panel 3 of the 5th convocation of this forum to address the topic: "Natural disasters and the asymmetry of climate change in the Caribbean". The forum will take place in San José, Costa Rica, from 7 to 9 March 2022.

This panel will be moderated by Diane Quarless, Chief of the ECLAC sub-regional headquarters for the Caribbean and will include the participation of E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration of Antigua and Barbuda; Keisal Peters, Minister of State with responsibility for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Carla Barnett, Secretary General of CARICOM; Wayne Henry, Chairman and Director General of the Planning Institute of Jamaica; Lindorna Lambert, Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management of Montserrat; Gia Gaspard, President of the Network of Rural Women Producers of Trinidad and Tobago; Raúl Salazar, Chief of the Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Preliminary Programme:

Monday, 7 March

8 – 8.45 a.m. | Opening ceremony

Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

• Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

• Carlos Alvarado, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

8.45 – 8.50 a.m. | Adoption of the agenda

8.50 – 9.10 a.m | Presentation of the document A decade of action for a change of era, fifth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

9.10 – 9.45 a.m. | Comments

Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

• Carlos Alvarado, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

• Mariana Mazzucato, Economist and Professor of the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP) of University College London (UCL) (virtual)

• Enrique Iglesias, former Executive Secretary of ECLAC (virtual)

9.45 – 10 a.m. | Coffee break

10 a.m. – noon | Statements by ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: María del Pilar Garrido, Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy of Costa Rica

Noon – 12.20 p.m. | Closing remarks: conclusions

• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

12.20 – 2.30 p.m. | Break (welcome lunch for ministers)

2.30 – 2.45 p.m. | High-level dialogue on an innovative financing agenda for recovery

• Presentation by Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

2.45 – 3.45 p.m. | Contributions to the innovative financing agenda for recovery: the perspective of regional and international development banks

Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

• Fernando Quevedo, Manager of the Country Department for Central America, Mexico, Panama, the Dominican Republic and Haiti of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

• Adriana Arreaza, Vice-President of Knowledge of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) (virtual)

• Julio Antonio Cárcamo, Head of Office of the Environmental and Social Sustainability Office of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)

• Hyginus Leon, President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

• Ricardo Mourinho Félix, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) (virtual)

• Antonella Cavallari, Secretary General of the Italian-Latin American International Organization (IILA)

3.45 – 5.45 p.m. | Interactive dialogue with ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean on the contributions of development banks to the innovative financing agenda for recovery and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda

Moderator: Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

5.45 – 6 p.m. | Closing remarks: conclusions

• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

Tuesday, 8 March

8 – 9 a.m. | Commemoration of International Women's Day

Moderator: María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

• Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

• Epsy Campbell, Vice-President of Costa Rica

• Erika Mouynes, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama

• Jean Gough, Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

• Carla Barnett, Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (virtual)

• Shi Alarcón, representative of Vecinas Feministas por la Justicia Sexual y Reproductiva en América Latina and member of the LGBTQI+ group of the mechanism for civil society participation in the Sustainable Development Agenda and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

• Rosa Adriana López Carrillo, representative of RedTraSex of Guatemala and focal point of the mechanism for civil society participation in the Sustainable Development Agenda and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

9 – 10 a.m. | Panel 1: From development in transition to development for action: towards renewed international development cooperation

Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

Presentation by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

Comments:

• Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships of the European Commission (virtual)

• Niels Annen, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

• Abdulnasser Al Shaali, Assistant Minister for Economic and Trade Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Economic Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates

• Ricardo González Arenas, Director-General for Political Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

• Enrique O'Farrill, Head of the Department of Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation of the Chilean Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AGCID)

• Sergio Colina Martín, Head of the Department of Cooperation with Andean and Southern Cone

Countries of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

• Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir, Director of the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

• Luis Felipe López-Calva, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

10 – 10.45 a.m. | Statements by delegations

10.45 – 11 a.m. | Coffee break

11 – 11.40 a.m. | Panel 2: Statistical, quantitative and territorial monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator: Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC

Presentation of CEPALSTAT and the Regional Knowledge Platform on the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (SDG Gateway), by Rolando Ocampo, Chief of the Statistics Division of ECLAC

• Marco Lavagna, Director of the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina, in his capacity as Chair of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

• Carol Coy, Director General of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN)

• Juan Daniel Oviedo, Director General of the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia

• Graciela Márquez Colín, President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico

• Javier Bronfman, Regional Advisor on SDG Integration of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

11.40 a.m. – noon | Statements by delegations

Noon – 1 p.m. | Panel 3: Natural disasters and the asymmetry of climate change in the Caribbean

Moderator: Diane Quarless, Chief of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean

• E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration of Antigua and Barbuda

• Keisal Peters, Minister of State with responsibility for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

• Carla Barnett, Secretary General of CARICOM (virtual)

• Rodolfo Sabonge, Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

• Wayne Henry, Chairman and Director General of the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)

• Lindorna Lambert, Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management of Montserrat

• Gia Gaspard, President of the Network of Rural Women Producers of Trinidad and Tobago

• Raúl Salazar, Chief of the Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

1 – 2 p.m. | Statements by delegations

2 – 2.30 p.m. | Break

2.30 – 3.30 p.m. | Panel 4: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for sustainable recovery: challenges and opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean

Moderator: Jeannette Sánchez, Chief of the Natural Resources Division of ECLAC

• Andrea Meza Murillo, Minister of the Environment and Energy of Costa Rica

• Brigitte Baptiste, Chancellor of Universidad Ean in Colombia

• Ana María Hernández Salgar, Chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

• Eva Zabey, Executive Director of Business for Nature (virtual)

• Amelia Arreguín, Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) and representative of Women4Biodiversity (virtual)

• Jacqueline Álvarez, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (virtual)

• Luis Miguel Aparicio, Head of Sustainable Landscapes for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

• Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

• Esther Camac Ramírez, leader of the Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA) in

Costa Rica

Closing remarks: Joseluis Samaniego, Chief of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC

3.30 – 4.30 p.m. | Statements by delegations

4.30 – 5.30 p.m. | Meeting of associate members of ECLAC on the challenges faced in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Andrew Fahie, Premier and Minister of Finance of the British Virgin Islands (virtual)

Introductory remarks: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

4.30 – 6 p.m. | Side event: Socio-environmental policy frameworks for a safe investment environment: the opportunities offered by the Escazú Agreement (hybrid)

2.30 – 5 p.m. | Side event: SDG Business Forum in Latin America and the Caribbean 2022 (virtual)

Room 2

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. | Meeting of Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, with resident coordinators of the United Nations system in Latin America and the Caribbean (closed)

5 – 7 p.m. | Meeting of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America andthe Caribbean, chaired by Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (closed)

Wednesday, 9 March

8.30 – 10 a.m. | Panel 5: Education and gender equality: human rights central to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Alberto Arenas de Mesa, Chief of the Social Development Division of ECLAC

• Claudia Uribe, Director of the Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALAC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

• María Carmelina Londoño, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia

• Marcela Guerrero, Minister for the Status of Women and Executive President of the National Women's Institute (INAMU) of Costa Rica

• Nadine Gasman, President of the National Institute of Women (INMUJERES) of Mexico (virtual)

• María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women

• Lucy Garrido of Articulación Feminista Marcosur

• Nora González Chacón, focal point of the education, science and technology group of the mechanism for civil society participation in the Sustainable Development Agenda and in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

Closing remarks: Ana Güezmes, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

10 – 10.45 a.m. | Statements by delegations

10.45 – 11.45 a.m. | Peer-learning session: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Cielo Morales, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)

• Marisol Merquel, President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina (virtual)

• Vince Henderson, Minister for Planning, Economic Development, Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy of Dominica (virtual)

• Sharon Saunders, Ambassador of Jamaica to Costa Rica

• Félix Ulloa, Vice-President of El Salvador

• Oliver Joseph, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business and CARICOM Affairs of Grenada (virtual)

• Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname (virtual)

• Isaac Alfie, Director of the Office of Planning and the Budget of Uruguay

Comments: Ángela María Penagos, Director of the Agrifood Initiative of Universidad de los Andes in Colombia

11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. | Contribution of the United Nations sustainable development system in Latin America and the Caribbean

Moderator: Roberto Valent, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Development Coordination Office (DCO) of the United Nations

Presentation of the 2021 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean

12.45 – 1.15 p.m. | Statements by delegations

Civil society declaration

1.15 – 1.35 p.m. | Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the fifth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

Presented by Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

1.35 – 2.05 p.m. Closing session

• Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC