Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting
Preparatory to the United Nations Conference
on Sustainable Development

Meeting of the member countries of the
Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road
to Johannesburg 2002: Latin America and the
Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012

Santiago, 7-9 September 2011

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 7 September

8-9 a.m. Meeting of heads of delegation of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002\(^1\) (Celso Furtado meeting hall)

- Election of officers
- Preliminary adoption of the agenda
- Organization of a drafting committee\(^2\) consisting of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

9-11 a.m. Opening ceremony (Raúl Prebisch meeting hall)

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Alfredo Moreno, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile
- José Graziano da Silva, Director-General elect and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat

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\(^1\) The membership of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002 includes only the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

\(^2\) As the meeting secretariat, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will provide all the necessary support for the work of the drafting committee, which may function in parallel with or subsequent to the meeting of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002: Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012.
• John Ashe, member, Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
• Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Chief, Department of the Environment and Social Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
• Representative of the major groups

11-11.15 a.m. Coffee break
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m. General statements
1 p.m. Closure of the plenary session

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Adoption of the agenda

2.45 – 4.30 p.m. Progress made to date and remaining gaps in the implementation of Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Presentation on the inter-agency document:
• Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
• Representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Statements:
• Debora Giorgi, Minister of Industry of Argentina
• Roger Haroldo Rodas Melgar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala
• Dennis S. Lowe, Minister of the Environment and Drainage of Barbados
• Marcela Aguiñaga, Minister of the Environment of Ecuador

Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

4.30 – 4.45 p.m. Coffee break


Presentation by the delegation of Colombia of a proposal entitled “Rio+20: Sustainable development objectives”

Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

Thursday, 8 September

9-10.30 a.m. A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

Presentation
- José Antonio Ocampo, Director of Economic and Political Development Concentration at the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University (by videoconference)

Statements:
- Jorge Giordani, Minister for Planning and Finance of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
- Ernesto Cordero, Minister of Finance of Mexico
- Carlos Cáceres, Minister of Finance of El Salvador
- Felipe Larraín, Minister of Finance of Chile
- Graciela Muslera, Minister of Housing, Regional Planning and Environment of Uruguay

10.30-10.45 a.m. Coffee break

10.45 a.m.-1 p.m. A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication (continued)

Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

1-2.30 p.m. Lunch

2.30-4 p.m. Global institutional framework for sustainable development

Presentation:
- Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Nikhil Seth, Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat
Statements:
- Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, Chief, Department of the Environment and Social Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
- Patti Londoño, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia
- René Castro, Minister of Environment, Energy and Telecommunications of Costa Rica
- Luis Almagro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

4-4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.15-5 p.m. Global institutional framework for sustainable development (continued)

5-8 p.m. Statements by delegations of the member countries of the Rio de Janeiro Platform for Action on the Road to Johannesburg 2002

Friday, 9 September

Noon-1 p.m. Adoption of the declaration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for Rio de Janeiro 2012

Closing ceremony