

In contrast, the diversity in scope of some of the SDGs has put the integrity of the 2030 agenda at risk. Thus, while some goals have been reached at the regional level, others would only be attainable with high levels of growth or strong distributive changes, and others appear unattainable under any circumstances.

Among noteworthy advances achieved in the region, we can highlight the reduction in the mortality rate for children under 5 to less than 25 per 1,000 live births; and there is a positive trend in the percentage of internet users.

However, it seems very difficult for the region to grant universal and equitable access to potable water at an affordable price for all. Meanwhile, the trend in access to secondary education is inadequate for all boys and girls to complete that level on time by 2030. Moreover, the positive trend shown in the region with regard to the prevalence of malnutrition has stalled.

Recent economic and distributive performance, meanwhile, is insufficient to eliminate extreme poverty: in the past 10 years, GDP in Latin America has grown by less than two percent annually (1.7 percent). And the Gini index – which measures income distribution – fell by 0.9 percent annually over a period of ten years, although in the past three years, the rate of reduction was just 0.6 percent annually.

For all these reasons and given that the trends of many indicators show that the goals of various SDGs will not be reached, the policies for implementing the 2030 agenda are more necessary today than ever. Likewise, assessing the impacts of these policies is crucial when it comes to determining whether they are reverting negative trends and reinforcing positive ones.

The 2030 agenda requires a new multilateralism that will strengthen confidence in international cooperation and collective action for the provision of global and regional public goods; increase resilience in the face of financial, trade and technological shocks; universalize welfare states and protect the rights of minorities; bolster the diverse interests of the majority over those of organized groups or where capital and technology are concentrated; and shore up the capacities for deliberation, transparency and informed debate of all citizens.

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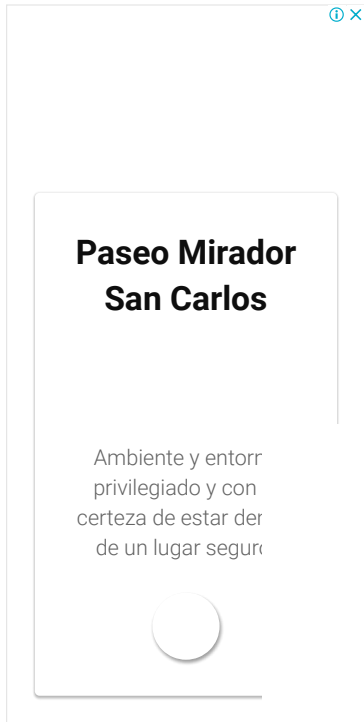
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