The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

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The Forum: an example of multilateralism and regional collaboration to follow-up, review and implement the 2030 Agenda

- It meets annually under the auspices of ECLAC
- It provides a bridge between national, subregional, regional and global levels
- It convenes governments, civil society, youth network, private sector, academia, UN and regional system entities
- It considers the specific needs and challenges of the Caribbean
- It sustains the VNR process, feeds into the HLPF and ECLAC subsidiary bodies
REGIONAL AND GLOBAL DIMENSIONS OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY / ECOSOC

High-level Committee (HLC) on South-South Cooperation

Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Statistical Conference of the Americas

Conference on Science, Innovation and ICTs

Committee of High-level Government Exports (CEGAN)

Ministerial Forum for Development in LAC

United Nations Commission on Population and Development

Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Commission for Social Development

Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Paris Agreement

FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)

Regional Conference on Social Development in LAC

Central American Economic Cooperation Committee

Forum of Ministers of the Environment of LAC

Subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Intergovernmental regional mechanism which is invited to provide input and contributions to the Forum.

“We find ourselves at a critical point; it is important to send a very clear message about what is truly needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region,”

ECLAC Executive Secretary, Alicia Bárcena
The Regional forums on Sustainable Development

**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

- The Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
  1-4 March 2021

- Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development
  15-18 March 2021

- Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region
  17-18 March 2021

- Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
  23-26 March 2021

- The Arab Regional Forum for Sustainable Development
  29-31 March 2021
The Caribbean in the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Member States, associate members, civil society, private sector, academia

Development banks and Financial institutions

Regional and Subregional integration blocks, including CARICOM, OECS, ACS,

Subsidiary bodies and intergovernmental meetings, including CDCC

United Nations Resident Coordinators and UN development system

United Nations Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC)
The Caribbean participation in the Regional Forum
2030 Agenda and its follow-up and review reporting processes: National Voluntary Reviews (VNRs) in the Caribbean

- Development of national mechanisms for the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda
- Integration of SDGs into national development plans
- Improving capacities of national statistics systems for SDG measurement
- Considering the recovery process from COVID-19 pandemic
Fourth Meeting of the Regional Forum

“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”

➢ From 15 to 18 March 2021 (Virtual meeting), under the Presidency of Costa Rica
➢ Invitations sent to all member countries, associate members and other stakeholders of Latin America and the Caribbean
➢ Technical Meeting of the Community of Practice on 15 March
➢ Presentation of the document “Building forward better: action to strengthen the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, fourth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC
➢ Specific panel on Building Forward Better in the Caribbean post-COVID-19: critical issues to keep the 2030 Agenda in sight
➢ Presentation of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean
➢ 10th Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC
➢ Different side-events and activities
# Fourth Meeting of the Regional Forum

**Preparatory activities of the fourth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and side events**

**Monday, 15 March**

- **8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** (Costa Rica time, GMT-6)
  - High-level meeting on the challenges faced by associate members of ECLAC in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with the participation of Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC (9 a.m. – noon)
  - Meeting of the ECLAC community of practice on voluntary national reviews (technical meeting)
  - Latin America and the Caribbean civil society meeting prior to the fourth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (all day)
  - 1–2 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

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**Official activities of the fourth meeting of the Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development – Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development**
We look forward to your active participation in the Fourth Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development!

THANK YOU!
GRACIAS!
OBRIGADA!
MERCI!