



## The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the new global and regional context: scenarios and projections in the current crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean

*Virtual side event in the margins of the 2020 High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development*

*Friday 10 July 2020, 8:00-9:00 am (NY time)*

<https://live.cepal.org/hlpf>

### Background

The COVID-19 pandemic will result in Latin America and the Caribbean's worst economic and social crisis in decades, with damaging effects on growth, poverty, employment and the reduction of inequality. In the medium-term, this crisis will also provoke structural changes in the organization of production, in the labor market, and in the financial and international trade systems. In this context, policies to keep the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on track are more essential than ever, especially to build back more resilient and inclusive societies in the post-pandemic phase.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations are pleased to invite government representatives and other actors who participate in the virtual proceedings of the 2020 High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development to engage in an interactive dialogue to take stock of the socioeconomic impact of the pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean and discuss the policy responses to accelerate the region's efforts to build back better while making progress towards the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as we enter the [Decade of Action](#). Additionally, some time will be devoted to examining the role of ECLAC in support of the UN Comprehensive Response to COVID-19.

### Objective

The objectives of this virtual side event are:

1. **To present** scenarios towards SDG achievement in Latin America and the Caribbean in the current context,
2. **To discuss** concrete steps and policy responses that countries in the region have taken towards accelerating SDG implementation while addressing the impact of the pandemic,
3. **To analyze** the role played by ECLAC in support of the UN Comprehensive Response to COVID-19, and
4. **To foster** policy dialogue towards "building back better" with sustainability and equality in the region in the medium and long term



## Proposed Agenda

- 8:00** Mr. Luis Yáñez, Officer in Charge, Secretary of the Commission of ECLAC opens the virtual session and explains modalities of interaction during the event
- 8:02** Welcome remarks by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC
- 8:05** Remarks by H. E. Mr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
- 8:10** Presentation “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the new global and regional context: Scenarios and projections in the current crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean” by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- 8:17** Exchange with participants
- H.E. Ms. Pilar Garrido, Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy of Costa Rica
  - H.E. Ms. Markova Concepción Jaramillo, Presidential Commissioner for the Voluntary National Review, and designated Permanent Representative of Panamá to the United Nations
  - Representative from Guatemala
  - Mr. Juan Daniel Oviedo, Director, National Statistical Administrative Department (DANE), Colombia
  - Ms. Rochelle Whyte, Senior Technical Advisor to the Director General, The Planning Institute of Jamaica
  - Ms. Laura Gianecchini, Institutional Development coordinator, The Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE), on behalf of the Civil Society Participation Mechanism in the Sustainable Development Agenda and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development
  - Open discussion with participants connected to the virtual event
- 8:57** Closing remarks by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- 9:00** End of the event

## Outcome of the meeting

The meeting will result in a brief report highlighting key messages from the discussions for open distribution. Key messages of the event will also be highlighted through ECLAC’s social media.



## Documentation

For this event, participants are invited to review the following publications by ECLAC:

- [The social challenge in times of COVID-19](#) (May 2020)
- [The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the new global and regional context: Scenarios and projections in the current crisis](#) (April 2020)
- [Measuring the impact of COVID-19 with a view to reactivation](#) (April 2020)
- [Latin America and the Caribbean and the COVID-19 pandemic: Economic and social effects](#) (April 2020)