

# Past and upcoming regional and global milestones of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

*Meeting of the Community of Practice for Latin American and Caribbean countries that present their Voluntary National Reviews*



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## Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean

Trends and challenges of investing for a sustainable  
and inclusive recovery



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## 23 August 2022: Launch of ECLAC's annual flagship report - Economic Survey of LAC 2022: trends and challenges of investing for a sustainable and inclusive recovery

- Strong global macroeconomic challenges and regional structural issues contribute to ECLAC's projection of 2.7% average economic growth in LAC for 2022.
- The conflict in Ukraine is contributing to the rise in commodity prices; global and regional inflation rates are elevated leading central banks to employ contractionary monetary policy; and the deceleration in economic activity is constraining the labor market recovery, especially for women.
- However, beyond the dynamics of the economic cycle, three decades of low investment growth has structurally constrained development. Compared to other regions, investment is at the lowest levels in LAC.
- In this context, ECLAC made an urgent call to increase regional investment, through greater policy coordination, domestic resource mobilization, and international cooperation.

## 24-25 August 2022: 21st meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas

- Representatives of the National Statistics Offices (NSOs) of 28 ECLAC member States and 4 associate members met to review progress of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
- The final resolution approved by all countries called for continuing to implement the 2020 round of population and housing censuses, considering the lessons learned from recent experiences as well as relevant international recommendations and standards to support the production of indicators and statistics for decision-making.
- Participants also urged the identification of complementary indicators to GDP for measuring development on issues such as inequality and the environment.





## 1-2 September 2022: Roundtable on Climate Finance and the Energy Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Leading into COP27, the five Regional Commissions are collaborating with the incoming Egyptian Presidency of COP27 and the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions for COP26 and COP27 to organize a series of five regional forums on initiatives to finance climate action.
- ECLAC convened a Roundtable on Climate Finance – The Energy Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean, which brought together stakeholders from public and private sectors to catalyze additional and innovative investment in climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Panels were organized around five themes: (1) energy transition in LAC; (2) electromobility value chains; (3) climate financing project pipelines in development banks; (4) strategic mineral supply chains for the climate transition; and (5) climate financing for resilience in Caribbean SIDS and other vulnerable states.
- Among the recurrent messages was a call to bridge the disconnect between countries with climate projects and significant financing needs and the investment/development finance community.



# 8 September 2022: Launch of the Regional Monitoring Report SDG4-Education 2030

- On **International Literacy Day**, ECLAC together with **UNESCO** and **UNICEF** launched a joint **Regional Monitoring Report SDG4-Education 2030: Education in Latin America and the Caribbean at a crossroads**.
- The report notes that pandemic-induced difficulties have contributed to a **slowing of progress towards SGD 4** on quality education. It warns that at the current rate, the region will not achieve the education goals set in the 2030 Agenda.
- **LAC's education evolution in the 2015 – 2021 cycle** is characterized by **five major trends**: (1) continued growth in general education and literacy levels; (2) improvement in certain education indicators and reduced inequalities; (3) slowdown in trajectory of other education indicators, such as completion rates; (4) stagnation in indicators of education quality and access to primary and secondary education; and (5) widening of gaps at the tertiary level between urban vs. rural, middle and upper income vs. lower income, and women vs. men – with enrolment rates rising faster for the former.
- The event featured an intervention by **Leonardo Garnier, the Secretary General's Special Adviser for the 2022 Transforming Education Summit** to take place during UNGA in September.

**LAUNCH**

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2022, 11 H (-4GMT)

## EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AT A CROSSROADS

REGIONAL MONITORING REPORT  
SDG4-EDUCATION2030







# Outlook UNGA 2022

- The [77th session of the UN General Assembly](#) is taking place from **13-27 of September 2022** under the **new President of the General Assembly Csaba Kőrösi of Hungary**. The **High-Level Debate week** will take place from **20-27 of September**.
- The '[Transforming Education Summit](#)' will take place on **16, 17 & 19 September**. It aims to mobilize political ambition, action, solidarity, and solutions with a view to transforming education between now and 2030. **Mobilization Day** will be youth-led and involve the full participation of a wide range of stakeholders. **Solutions Day** will provide a platform for partners to mobilize support to launch or scale up initiatives to transform education. **Leaders Day** will be dedicated to the presentation of National Statements of Commitment by Heads of State and Government in the form of Leaders Roundtables.
- The General Debate will overlap with [Global Goals Week](#), a nine-day programme of virtual and in-person events taking place between **16 and 25 September**, involving more than **170 partners** across civil society, business, academia, and the UN system, to accelerate action on the SDGs.





## Programme Outline

### SDG MOMENT, 19 September 2022

**8.30 – 8.55** Opening session (General Assembly Hall) - Projection introduction and Address by the UN Secretary-General and special guests

SDG Stocktaking

SDG To-Do List for the world - Address by SDG Advocate Co-Chair

**9.00 – 9.45** SDG Dialogues on SDG 10 and SDG 13

**9.45 – 10.00** Call to Action - Film and performance - Address by SDG Advocate Co-Chair United in hope and transformation - Transition to Transforming Education Summit

**10-11.30** Opening of the Transforming Education Summit General Assembly Hall



# Outlook HLPF 2023

- The 2023 Forum will hold in-depth reviews of **SDG 6** (clean water and sanitation), **SDG 7** (affordable and clean energy), **SDG 9** (industry, innovation, and infrastructure), **SDG 11** (sustainable cities and communities), and **SDG 17** (partnerships for the Goals).
- The 2023 HLPF will focus on the theme **‘Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.’**
- Following the HLPF 2023, UNGA will hold a **summit-level HLPF in September 2023**, known as the **SDG Summit**. The SDG Summit is a **quadrennial gathering for Heads of State and Government** to consider **four years of progress** towards the 2030 Agenda. The **HLPF 2023** does not conclude with the adoption of a ministerial declaration, but a **political declaration will be adopted** at the Summit. Preparations for the SDG Summit were launched at the 2022 HLPF.
- To date, **52 countries** have expressed their interest to present their VNRs at the 2023 HLPF, with nine countries from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, namely **Barbados, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Venezuela**.
- The maximum number of countries presenting during the 2023 HLPF cannot exceed **42**. **Priority will be given to countries presenting their first VNR**, as well as to **those who have not yet presented a VNR in the ongoing four-year cycle of the HLPF (2020-2023)**. Expressions of interest should be received **by 15 September 2022**.

# Upcoming global and regional 2030 Agenda milestones

## Global level

- **UCLG 7th World Congress and Summit of Local and Regional Leaders** (10-14 October 2022, Republic of Korea)
- **UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (UNFCCC COP 27)** (6-18 November 2022, Egypt)
- **UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15)** (7 - 19 December 2022, Canada)
- **UN Partnership Forum** (31 January 2023, NY)
- **UN Coordination Segment** (1-2 February 2023, NY)
- **Development Cooperation Forum** (14-15 March 2023, NY)
- **UN ECOSOC Youth Forum** (18-20 April 2023, NY)
- **Multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the SDGs** (3-4 May 2023, NY)
- **Operational activities for development segment** (23-25 May 2023, NY)
- **The UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023** (10-20 July 2023, NY)

## Regional level

- **Fifth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development** (29 -30 September 2022, Ecuador)
- **Seventh meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable** (12 October 2022)
- **Demographic change and its implications for public health in the framework of the SDGs** (13 October 2022)
- **Twenty-ninth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee** (14 October 2022)
- **39th session of ECLAC** (24-26 October 2022)
- **XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean** (7-11 November, Argentina)
- **Eighth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean** (16-18 November 2022)
- **Forum of Ministers and Highest Authorities of Housing and Urbanism of Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI)** (28-30 December 2022)
- **Sixth Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development 2023** (dates TBC)



# Thank you



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