



“Beyond July: an integrated support to member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”

Side event during the High-Level Political Forum

July 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Conference Room F

Background

The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) takes place annually in July and is the most visible event on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is also the space in which Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) are presented, marking an important milestone for member States in their reporting of progress towards the achievement of the agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

However, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda happens beyond July. Countries integrate the SDGs in their planning instruments and budgets, national statistical offices monitor progress and collect relevant data and line ministries implement initiatives to advance in the path towards sustainable development. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the United Nations Development System (UNDS) accompanies member States at the national and regional levels, by producing methodologies and data, convening them to discuss best practices and providing advisory services and capacity building opportunities to strengthen their ability to implement the transformative actions and policies required to achieve the SDGs.

In this context, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), is partnering with the countries presenting their VNRs from the region in 2019- Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, St. Lucia- and the UN Resident Coordinator in said countries to share experiences of collaboration, with special emphasis on those that reflect action on the SDGs in review this year (SDG 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17).

Objective

In this side event, country representatives and UN staff at regional and national levels will identify successful collaborations and lessons learned on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including preparation and follow-up on VNRs, and reflect on how best the UN system can support member States in Latin America in the Caribbean on their path to sustainable development for all.

Language of meeting

This meeting will be held in English

Proposed Programme

- 6:30-6:35** **Introductory remarks by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC**
- 6:35-6:40** **Remarks by Mr. Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP**
- 6:40-7:05** **Interventions from country representatives**
Moderator: Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- H.E. Gale Rigobert, Minister for Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development of St. Lucia
 - H.E. Miguel Angel Moir, Secretary for Planning and Programming of the Office of the President of Guatemala
 - Ambassador Troy Torrington, Director, Multilateral and Global Affairs, Department at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana
 - Ambassador Milenko E. Skoknic Tapia, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, Ambassador Chile
- 7:05-7:25** **Interventions from Resident Coordinators**
Moderator: Mr. Christian Salazar, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Development Coordination Office (DCO)
- Ms. Silvia Rucks, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Chile
 - Ms. Rebeca Arias, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guatemala
 - Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guyana
- 7:30-7:55** **Moderated interaction with the audience**
- 7:55-8:00** **Closing remarks**
Mr. Christian Salazar, Regional Director, Regional Desk for Latin America and the Caribbean, Development Coordination Office (DCO)