

Regional Seminar

"The Contribution of International Migration to Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean".

ECLAC, Santiago, Chile, June 14 and 15, 2023, Celso Furtado Room.

I. Concept note

Human mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean has reached a great and complex dynamism in the last decade. In just a few years, several countries have gone from being population expellers to net receivers, with unprecedented proportions of migrant populations. The majority of immigrants come from other Latin American and Caribbean countries, which gives current migration an increasingly intraregional character. Migratory flows, whether to the United States of America or to the countries of the region, did not stop with the Covid-19 pandemic, as many migrants continued to go to their destinations, despite the restrictions.

In this context, the United Nations Development Account (12th tranche) project "Harnessing the contribution of international migration to sustainable development in Latin American and Caribbean countries", coordinated by CELADE - Population Division of ECLAC, was implemented between January 2020 and June 2023 with the objective of strengthening national capacities so that countries can take full advantage of the socioeconomic benefits of intraregional migration and its contributions to sustainable development.

Within the framework of this project, studies were carried out on the cases of Costa Rica, Chile, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru (<https://www.cepal.org/es/publicaciones/47801-contribuciones-la-migracion-al-desarrollo-sostenible-estudios-paises>), the results of which were shared and discussed in national workshops, providing updated evidence on the contributions of migrants. The studies combine quantitative and qualitative approaches and analyses to identify and measure the contributions that migrants make to the countries of origin and destination, in three dimensions of great interest: economic, including contributions to the labor market; demographic, with their contribution to population growth as population groups mainly of reproductive age; and finally, the cultural dimension, with their socio-cultural transformations and enrichments in the host communities.

At the end of the project, it is fitting, necessary, and pertinent to share its results and reflect on the dimensions of analysis of the studies, as well as on their public policy implications. This will involve representatives of the public sector - both at the national and local levels - the United Nations System, the private sector, academia and civil society.

Thus, the objectives of the seminar are to:

- To share the results of the United Nations Development Account project on the contributions of migration to sustainable development.
- To facilitate the exchange of experiences and lessons learned among the various actors and key stakeholders in the countries of the region.
- To reflect on the contributions of migration to development in order to illuminate decision making in both the public and private sectors.
- To provide arguments and content to support an affirmative narrative of migration processes and the protection of the rights of all migrants.

II. Program
Celso Furtado Room
Day 1: June 14

9:00 to 9:30	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Moderator: Pamela Villalobos, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simone Cecchini, Director, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC - María José Torres Macho, Resident Coordinator, United Nations, Chile - Marcelo Pisani, IOM Regional Director for South America - Francesco Carella, Regional specialist in labor migration and mobility, ILO Regional Office, Peru
9:30 to 10:30	<p>Panel N°1</p> <p>Migrants' contributions to sustainable development</p> <p>Moderator: Pamela Villalobos, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zulma Sosa, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC, Video presentation on the summary and results of the "Leveraging Contributions to Sustainable Development" Project. - Jorge Martinez, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC, Conceptual framework on the contributions of migration and its link to sustainable development - Verónica Cano, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC, Comparative evidence on the contributions of migration to sustainable development <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>
10:30 to 11:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00 to 12:30	<p>Panel N°2:</p> <p>Good practices, challenges, and proposals for the full contribution of migrants in destination countries</p> <p>Moderator: Jorge Dehays Rocha, Consultant CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ezequiel Texidó, IOM Regional Office for South America, Argentina - Patricia Vargas, University of Guadalajara, México - Waleska Ureta, Jesuit Migrant Service, Chile - Abelardo Morales, Nacional University of Costa Rica - Marcela Cerrutti, Researcher, Center for Population Studies (CENEP), Argentina <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>

<p>12:30 to 13:30</p>	<p>Panel N°3</p> <p>Public policies to harness the economic, demographic and cultural contributions of migrants</p> <p>Moderator: Richard Velázquez, Head of Mission IOM, Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marlen Luna Alfaro, Vice Minister of the Interior, Ministry of Interior and Police of Costa Rica - Juan Andrés Cáceres Arzamendia, Vice-Minister of Administration and Technical Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay. - Armando García, National Superintendent of Migration, Peru. - Crio Mayor (R) Eduardo Mata Castro, Director General, National Directorate of Migration, Uruguay <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>
<p>13:30 to 15:00</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME</p>
<p>15:00 to 16:00</p>	<p>Panel N°4</p> <p>Migration in the Caribbean: contributions, good practices and challenges</p> <p>Moderator: Pamela Villalobos, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Francis Jones, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, Context of International Migration in the Caribbean - Jeremy Harris, Migration Unit, IDB - Jenese Edmondson, Demographer, Population and Health Unit, Planning Institute of Jamaica, Jamaica - Merone Schwarz Coulange, Specialist in Migration Issues, El Colegio de México <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>
<p>16:00 to 16:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>

<p>16:30 to 18:00</p>	<p>Panel N°5</p> <p>Progress and challenges in the availability of data sources for analyzing the contribution of migration: censuses, surveys, administrative records and new sources</p> <p>Moderator: Zulma Sosa, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Felipe Muñoz, Head of Migration Unit, IDB - Adriana Oropeza, Director of Technical Coordination, INEGI, Mexico - Peter Abad, Deputy Head of Statistics, INEI, Peru - Miguel Ojeda, Head of Demography Sub-Department, INE, Chile - Sebastián Ruiz, Director of Census and Demography, DANE, Colombia <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>
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Day 2: June 15

<p>9:30 to 10:30</p>	<p>Panel N°6</p> <p>Instruments and initiatives for the social and labor inclusion of migrants</p> <p>Moderator: Francesco Carella, Regional specialist in labor migration and mobility, ILO Regional Office, Peru.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patricia Roa, Programming Officer, ILO Chile - Wilfredo Lozano, Executive Director, National Institute of Migration, Dominican Republic - Marcela Torres, National President AFUNPRO, Judicial Assistance Corporation, Ministry of Justice, Chile - Fausto Iñiguez, Undersecretary of Migration, Ecuador <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>
<p>10:30 to 11:30</p>	<p>Panel N°7</p> <p>Private sector and migrant workers: multiple contributions, mutual benefits</p> <p>Moderator: José Estay, IOM Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catalina Martínez, Director of the ANDI Foundation, Colombia - Mario Velásquez, Labor Market and Migration Specialist, Chile - Luis Oviedo, Researcher, University of Costa Rica - Tania Vásquez, Senior Researcher, Institute of Peruvian Studies, Lima, Peru <p><i>Question and answer session</i></p>
<p>11:30 to 12:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>

12:00 to 13:30	<p>Panel N°8</p> <p>The contributions of migrants in local contexts: good practices, challenges and recommendations.</p> <p>Moderator: Juan Pablo Ramaciotti, Director of the Center for Migration Policy, Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ana María de la Parra, Consultant SIA development, Peru - Jeanette Alonzo Contreras, Metropolitan Councilwoman, Metropolitan Municipality of Lima, Peru - Oscar Peñuela, Head of the Inclusion and Productive Development Office, Barranquilla Opportunities Center, Colombia - Juan Pablo Gutiérrez, Director of Territory and Inclusion, National Migration Service, Chile <p><i>Question and answer sesión</i></p>
13:30 to 15:00	LUNCH TIME
15:00 to 16:30	<p>Panel N°9</p> <p>Narratives on international migration that promote a rights and development perspective: experiences, challenges and recommendations.</p> <p>Moderator: María Verónica Cano, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebeca Cenalmor-Rejas, UNHCR Chile Representative - Carolina Stefoni, Researcher, University of Tarapacá - Mariana Otero, Winner of the South American Award for Journalism on Migration IOM, Argentina - Laura Perozo, Civil Society Representative, Mechanism to the Regional Migration Network - Marta Luzes, Migration Unit, IDB <p><i>Question and answer sesión</i></p>
16:30 to 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 to 17:30	<p>Final thoughts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simone Cecchini, Director, CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC