

# Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development

## Initial proposal for discussion

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# A regional agenda for inclusive social development for Latin America and the Caribbean

Resolution 2(II) that was approved by the Ministers and High Authorities of social development during the Second Session of the Regional Conference on Social Development stated agreement for “**the definition of a regional agenda for inclusive social development based on public policies that act on the region’s structural inequalities**”

- Instrument that addresses **structural inequalities** and the **new challenges** that the region faces, **with rights-based, gender equality and life cycle perspectives and with an approach of universalism that is sensitive to differences, within the framework of the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda** (Resolution 2(II) from de RCSD 2017)

# Why a Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development (RAISD)?

- **Shared challenge of implementing the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda** requires cooperation and multilateralism; RAISD as a platform
- **In a less favorable economic context**, with greater fiscal restrictions, it is urgent to **protect progress, avoid setbacks and strengthen the social agenda in the region**
- **Social and labour inclusion and reducing inequalities** are central to achieve the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda: identifying policies and strengthening state capacities is key
- The **critical obstacles for achieving inclusive social development** must be identified and addressed by the Social Development Ministries and equivalent entities, with agreement on **shared priorities among the countries**
- Respond to **regional specificities** in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda – eg. ***the ethnic-racial dimension***

# Bases to identify the areas of RAISD

- The **2030 Agenda**, its social dimension and its call to eradicate poverty, leaving no one behind
- The notion of inclusive social development, its emphasis on **inequalities and gaps in access to well-being** and the approach of a **universalism that is sensitive to differences**
- The **critical obstacles** (structural and emerging) to inclusive social development in the region
- **Agreements on social development** reached at several intergovernmental forums
- **Missions of the Social Development Ministries** and equivalent entities and their areas of competence



## The implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its social dimension as a starting point: a challenge that demands regional integration and cooperation

Goal 1. No poverty	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.a	1.b												
Goal 2. Zero hunger	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.a	2.b	2.c											
Goal 3. Good health and well-being	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.a	3.b	3.c	3.d						
Goal 4. Quality education	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.a	4.b	4.c									
Goal 5. Gender equality	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.a	5.b	5.c										
Goal 6. Clean water and sanitation	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.a	6.b											
Goal 7. Affordable and clean energy	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.a	7.b														
Goal 8. Decent work and economic growth	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.10	8.a	8.b							
Goal 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.a	9.b	9.c											
Goal 10. Reduced inequalities	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.a	10.b	10.c									
Goal 11. Sustainable cities and communities	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.a	11.b	11.c									
Goal 12. Responsible consumption and production	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.a	12.b	12.c								
Goal 13. Climate action	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.a	13.b														
Goal 14. Life below water	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.a	14.b	14.c									
Goal 15. Life on land	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.8	15.9	15.a	15.b	15.c							
Goal 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	16.10	16.a	16.b							
Goal 17. Partnerships for the goals	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.10	17.11	17.12	17.13	17.14	17.15	17.16	17.17	17.18	17.19

Social pillar  Targets with explicit social objectives

Extended  Economic/environmental/institutional targets with a direct impact on social development, or where social development affects the achievement of economic or environmental development

- Means of implementation

**Source:** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), *Linkages between the social and production spheres: Gaps, pillars and challenges* (LC/CDS.2/3), Santiago, 2017. Updated version.

# Critical obstacles for inclusive social development in the region: barriers for sustainable development

1. **Poverty** and vulnerability to poverty
2. **Inequalities** and the culture of privilege
3. Gaps in the development of **human capacities** and access to **basic services**
4. **Decent work** deficits and changes in the world of work
5. An unequal and partial access to **social protection**
6. A **social institution framework** that is still under construction
7. **Insufficient funding** of social investment
8. **Emerging obstacles:**
  - diverse forms of violence
  - disasters
  - demographic, epidemiological and nutritional transitions
  - migrations
  - technological changes

# Missions of the main public entities dedicated to social development

- Poverty and social development
- Social protection
- Well-being of different groups (those in poverty, women, children, adolescents, young people, older persons, indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, persons with disabilities, migrants, rural population, urban population and displaced persons, LGBTI+ population)

Institutional Framework Database for Social Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean

(<https://dds.cepal.org/bdips/en>)

# A range of social development commitments adopted in regional and sub-regional forums



**Current analysis  
includes forums with  
SDM presence**

1,179 commitments

65 documents

16 meetings

12 organisms

**Source:** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), *Towards a regional agenda for inclusive social development: Bases and initial proposal* (LC/MDS.2/2), Santiago, 2018.



# THE REGIONAL AGENDA FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**Initial proposal**

# Objectives of the regional agenda for inclusive social development

**Support the implementation of the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, particularly in those areas related to the mandates of the Social Development Ministries and equivalent entities, taking into account the achievements, opportunities and critical obstacles to inclusive social development in the region.

## Specific objectives

1. Identify a **set of axes and lines of action** in order to deepen the progress made in social development, eradicate poverty and achieve increasing levels of social inclusion and equality
2. Promote **high-quality social development public policies**
3. Address the **critical obstacles** that hinder inclusive social development
4. Strengthen the **positioning of the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda and the role of the SDM**, fortifying the **intersectoral coordination**
5. Support **regional and sub-regional cooperation** spaces

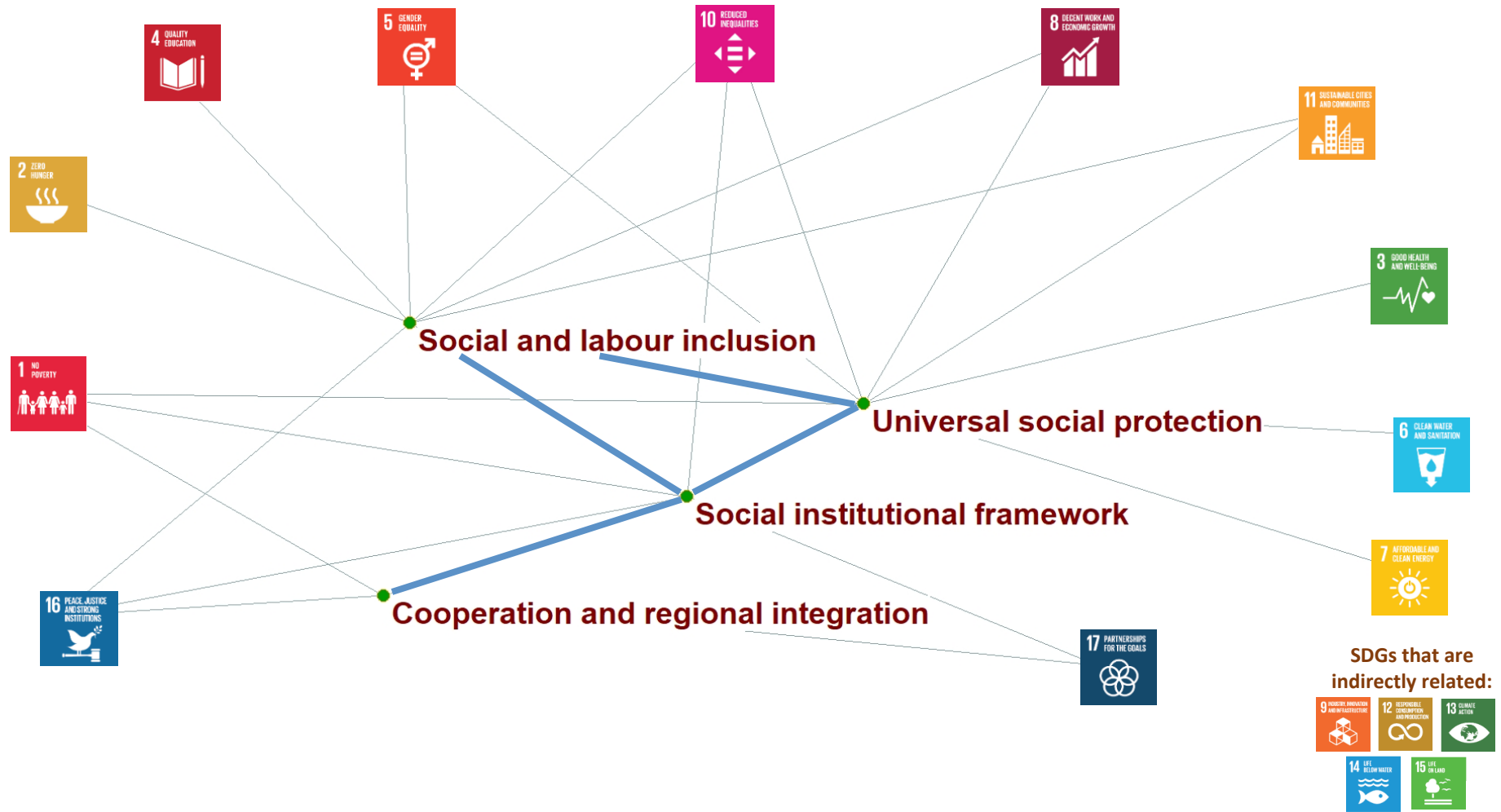
# Principles of the regional agenda for inclusive social development

1. The **rights-based approach** as a normative horizon
2. **The empowerment and autonomy of people**
3. **Dignified life and progressive well-being**
4. **An approach of universalism that is sensitive to differences**
5. **A redistributive approach with solidarity and financial sustainability**
6. A **systemic perspective** of sustainable development
7. **High-quality public policies**
8. **Alliances and social pacts** to consolidate State policies

# Axes of the RAISD: a proposal

- Universal and comprehensive **social protection systems**
  - **Social and labour inclusion** policies
  - A strengthened **social institutional framework**
  - **Cooperation** and regional **integration**
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- Each axis includes specific **lines of action**
  - **Each country decides** the level of depth, specific relevance and ways of implementing

# Links between RAISD axes and Sustainable Development Goals



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.



# Axis 1: Universal and comprehensive social protection systems

- 1.1 Strengthen **comprehensive and universal** social protection systems, mainstreaming gender, ethnic and racial, life cycle, territorial and disability **perspectives**
- 1.2 Establish mechanisms for **inter-institutional work**
- 1.3 Advance in guaranteeing a **basic level of income** for all people: coverage and amounts, evaluating a universal transfer for children and a universal basic income
- 1.4 Integrated **social information** systems
- 1.5 **Articulation** between components of social protection systems
- 1.6 Address **emerging risks**
- 1.7 Response capacity and the resilience of populations affected by humanitarian **crises and disasters**
- 1.8 **Integrated early childhood development** systems
- 1.9 Include **care** in social protection systems

## Axis 2: Social and labour inclusion policies

- 2.1 Information about the **inequalities and inclusion gaps among different populations**
- 2.2 Policies and programs that allow **young people to build paths of inclusion**
- 2.3 Autonomy, dignity and integral respect of the **rights of older persons**
- 2.4 Incorporation of a **gender and an ethnic-racial perspective**
- 2.5 Policies and programs for **labour and productive** inclusion for women
- 2.6 Progress in the fight against **racism**
- 2.7 Policies to promote racial equality and guarantee the **rights of Afro-descendants**
- 2.8 Collective rights of **indigenous peoples**, promote equality and the improvement of their living conditions
- 2.9 Combat **homophobia and transphobia** - access to education and decent work without discrimination, participation and eradicate violence experienced by LGBTBI+ persons

## Axis 2: Social and labour inclusion policies

2.10 Accessibility and opportunities for **persons with disabilities**

2.11 Protect the rights of **migrants** and promote their inclusion in education, health, social protection and decent work

2.12 Reduce **territorial inclusion gaps**: basic services and infrastructure and access to productive employment and decent work

2.13 Promote access to **housing** policies and programs

2.14 Reduce the **digital gap** (access, knowledge and skills)

2.15 Digital government that includes the cultural, educational and capacity **specificities**

2.16 Social and labour inclusion initiatives in **ministries** in charge of productive policies and technological development

2.17 **Mainstream the social inclusion approach** in decision-making processes in all public policies

# Axis 3: A strengthened social institutional framework

## I. Establish, formalize and strengthen social institutions

- 3.1.1 **National legal frameworks** adapted to international legal instruments
- 3.1.2 **Strengthen legal framework of entities** in charge of social policies
- 3.1.3 Regulatory and policy design frameworks that guarantee the **recognition, well-being and rights of different population groups**
- 3.1.4 Strengthen **participation** of recipients and civil society organizations
- 3.1.5 **Dissemination, transparency and accountability** mechanisms for existing benefits
- 3.1.6 **Horizontal coordination** mechanisms for the management of intersectoral policies
- 3.1.7 Mechanisms of **vertical coordination** between the different levels of government
- 3.1.8 **Information, monitoring and evaluation** systems for social entitlements
- 3.1.9 Identification and **statistical visibility** of different groups

# Axis 3: A strengthened social institutional framework

## II. Safeguard and consolidate the financing of social policy

3.2.1 Prioritize, consolidate and safeguard the **financing of social policy**

3.2.2 **Sustainability of social protection entitlements**, safeguarding the levels of investment reached, at least at their real value and avoiding abrupt cuts

3.2.3 Advocate for the development of fiscal rules that **ensure the necessary resources** to give sustainability to the policies

3.2.4 **Social policy financing as an investment**



## Axis 4: Cooperation and regional integration

- 4.1 **Link the commitments and exchanges** of regional forums on social development to support the regional implementation of the social dimension of the 2030 Agenda
- 4.2 Strengthen the spaces and capacities of **South-South cooperation** channels in matters of development and social protection
- 4.3 **Joint working groups** on specific issues and policy areas identified by governments
- 4.4 **Exchange of experiences** in terms of the institutional framework and management of social development policies and programs
- 4.5 **Comparative research** and regional exchange around social protection systems
- 4.6 **Exchange and disseminate information and statistical data** through observatories and forums related to social development

# **THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THE REGIONAL AGENDA FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

# Workplan 2019

## May - June

**Reception of comments** on the draft of the RAISD (May 15)

**Systematization** of comments

**Consultations** with civil society

## June – July

**Consultation and discussion** of the document

**Final draft** RAISD

**Preparation of document** for III Meeting RCSD according to current structure

## Fourth trimester

**Third session of the Regional Conference on Social Development**

# WORKPLAN FOR DIALOGUE WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

# Participation of Civil Society in the agreements of the RCSD

Resolution 2(II) of the second session of the RCSD states:

“13. Urges States, **in the preparation and discussion of that agenda, to actively engage civil society, academia and the private sector**, in line with the multi-stakeholder approach enshrined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with their normative and institutional frameworks”

The second session of the Presiding Officers of the RCSD established “that the regional agenda for inclusive social development should be prepared with the active participation of the members of the RCSD in Latin America and the Caribbean, under the leadership of the Presiding Officers, **and should include means for consultation with civil society**”





# Workplan for dialogue with civil society

## Towards the RAISD

**April 2019**

**Santiago de Chile**

**III Session  
Presiding  
Officers RCSD**

defines the  
workplan for  
dialogue with civil  
society

**Santiago de Chile  
III Forum LAC on  
Sustainable  
Development**

Civil society will be  
informed about the  
RAISD process

**May / June  
2019**

**Virtual  
presentations for  
CS:** explain the  
process towards  
RAISD and receive  
comments on axes

In Spanish  
In English

Reception of  
comments until  
three weeks after  
presentations

**June – September  
2019**

Received  
comments will be  
synthesized to be  
presented as a  
document at the III  
Session RCSD

**October  
2019**

**Mexico**

III Session RCSD

Civil society day

Reading in plenary  
of the civil society  
declaration

Thank you



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