

# The Forum of countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development: regional platform for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN NATIONAL  
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# The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- New development paradigm integrating the economic, social and environmental dimensions
- Country-led process taking into account their respective realities and capacities and relying on their priorities at national and subnational levels
- 17 SDGs and 169 targets to guide the development agenda until 2030 with a global framework of 231 indicators to monitor the implementation of the SDGs
- Addis Ababa Action Agenda: Means of implementation (financing, technology, trade) requiring multi-stakeholder commitment
- Other global agreements:
  - Paris, Sendai, Samoa Pathways

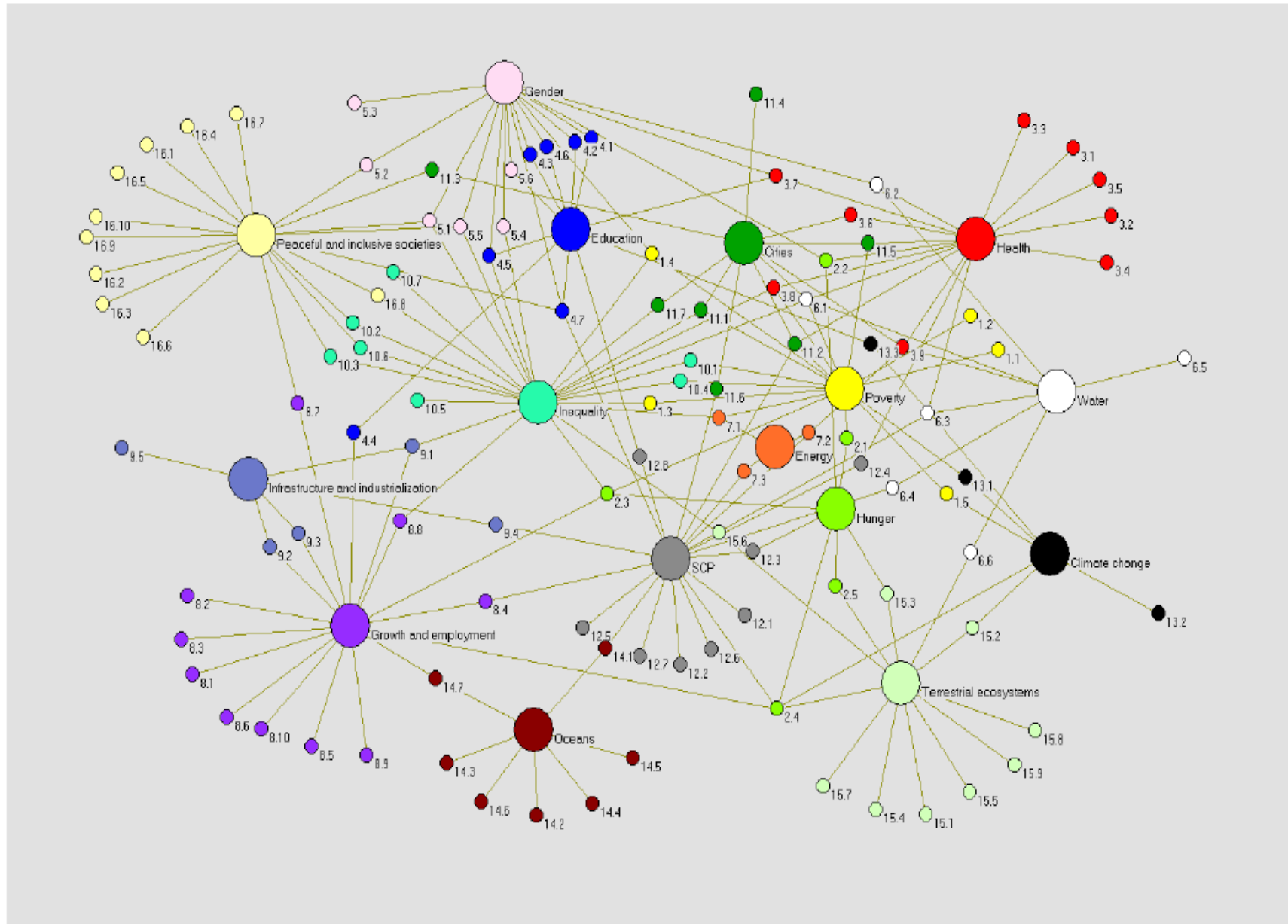


# Key challenges of implementation, follow-up and review

- Raising awareness on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
- Developing national frameworks to promote :
  - Inter-institutional coordination among government and public entities
  - Multi-sector collaboration and multi-stakeholder platforms
- Integrating the SDGs into national development plans, policy tools (such as budget, investment frameworks) and business models
- Identifying and addressing data gaps in terms of availability, resources and capacities for the measurement of the SDGs and supporting evidence-based decision-making
- Devising specific means of implementation of the agenda in a complex global and regional contexts



Figure 1  
The SDGs as a network of targets



Source: Author's elaboration.

Note: targets labels are the numerals which refer to them in the report of the Open Working Group on SDGs.



# But the context for implementation is complex

## The region is falling behind

- Relatively slower growth and trade slowdown with fiscal constraints
- Little investment in physical infrastructure, human resources and R&D
- Persistent external vulnerability

## Persistent structural imbalances and gaps

- Lack of diversification of the production structure
- Lags in productivity and innovation
- Poverty and income concentration
- Vulnerability to climate change



# **The global processes for the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda**



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# The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: global processes

## 2030 Agenda and SDGs Follow-up and Review processes

## Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) Means of implementation

High-level Political Forum on  
Sustainable Development  
(New York, July 2017):  
**43 Voluntary National  
Reviews (VNRs)** in 2017

**Data and Statistics:**  
Statistics Commission (NY,  
March 2017)

Financing For Development  
Forum (NY, May 2017)  
Science Technology and  
Innovation Forum  
(NY, June 2017)

Inter-regional and regional  
preparatory workshops with  
VNRs by Bureau of ECOSOC,  
DESA and other partners:  
South Korea and Colombia  
(March 2017)

IAEG-SDGs  
HLG  
World Data Forum (DESA)  
UN Development System  
indicator custodians

Inter-regional and regional  
preparatory workshops  
(DESA and specialized  
funds and agencies)



# HLPF on Sustainable Development

- Global mechanism for Follow-up and Review of 2030 Agenda & SDG including National Voluntary Reviews by member States
- **HLPF 2016: Leave no one behind**
  - Focus on the national capacities for integration, follow-up, challenges of measurement and data disaggregation
  - Strong emphasis on central role of planning, SDG awareness and multi-stakeholder perspective
  - VNRs by **México, Colombia y Venezuela** (and other 19 countries)
- **HLPF 2017: Poverty eradication** and promoting prosperity in a changing world
  - SDGs : 1 Poverty – 2 Hunger - 3 Health - 5 Gender - 9 Innovation and infrastructure – 14 Life below water
  - VNRs by **Argentina, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Uruguay** and other 30 countries





# LAC is making great strides in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

- Pioneering and leading effort in the **Voluntary National Reviews**: deadline for registration is **mid-October**
- Countries of Latin American and the Caribbean are already actively engaged and innovating in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda:
  - Creating interministerial entities for holistic and multisectoral dialogue related to the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda
  - Integrating SDGs into national and territorial development plans
  - Raising awareness and actively engaging multiple stakeholders
  - Fostering dialogue between LAC members of the IAEG-SDG to address challenges and strengthen capacities to measure indicators by mandate of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC



# **The regional dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ECLAC priorities**



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# The regional and sub-regional dimensions: bridges between national and global levels

## Analytical framework and regional space for policy dialogue

- Integrated vision without fragmenting the SDGs
- **Comparable data, statistics** and methodologies
- Identification of **critical linkages** and inter-relations among SDGs
- **Mainstreaming of specific issues:** gender, population and demographics, equality
- Exchange of experience and peer reviewing

## Means of implementation

- Fiscal policies, investment, financing, planning and social protection
- Environmental Big Push: strategic sectors, debt alleviation strategies for highly indebted countries of the Caribbean, infrastructure, energy transition, agriculture, new urban agenda, climate change mitigation
- Science, technology and innovation, digital revolution, productive and export diversification, productive integration and value chains



# ECLAC and the 2030 Agenda

## Global Mandates

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs
- Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA)
- Paris Agreement

## Support to member countries in

- Strengthening the regional architectures for follow-up and review
- Devising an analytical framework for the means of implementation and policies at regional and sub-regional levels to achieve the SDGs

## Regional Mandates

- ECLAC Mexico Resolution (2016)
- Resolution of the Regional Council on Planning (2015)
- Declaration and Resolution of the Statistics Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (2015)

- Coordinating the Forum of Latin American and Caribbean countries on Sustainable Development with host country
- Promoting incorporation of SDGs in development plans and supporting a Regional Observatory on planning for SDGs
- Regional capacity-building on data and statistics for the SDGs



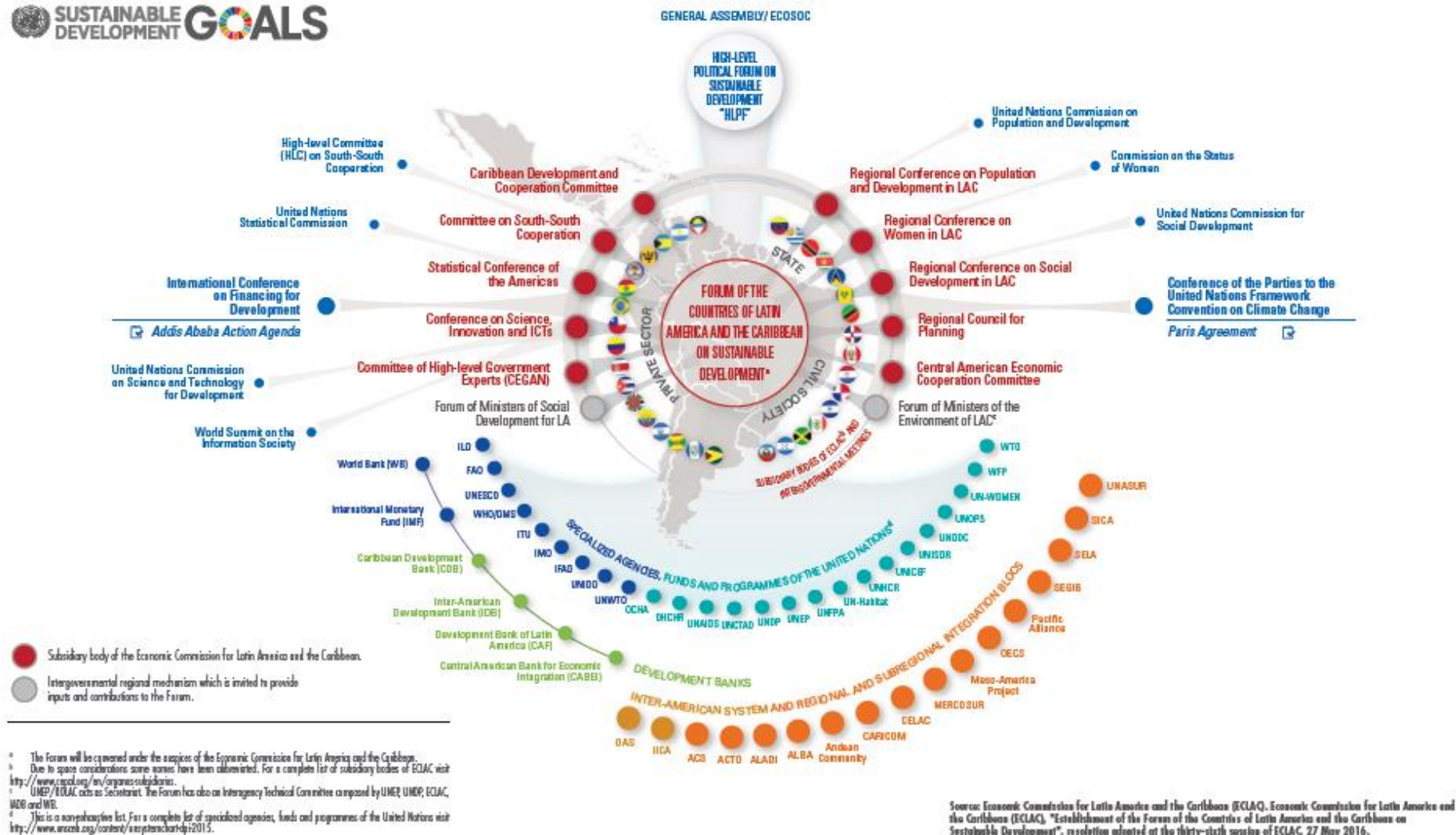
# 1. Strengthened regional institutional architecture

- **Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development** as the regional mechanism for follow-up and review on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and debate regional priorities, challenges and aspirations as well as to promote shared learning and South-South Cooperation
- **Integration of the 2030 Agenda in the workplans of ECLAC's subsidiary bodies and UNDG organizations** to ensure a holistic support to member States for its implementation
- **Tapping into the existing regional architecture** through collaboration with other regional actors (CELAC, CARICOM, UNASUR, SICA, etc.) and coordination with other regional United Nations entities in LAC through the Regional Coordination Mechanism



# REGIONAL AND GLOBAL DIMENSIONS OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), "Establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development", resolution adopted at the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, 27 May 2016.



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# Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development - 2017

First meeting - Mexico City, 26-28 April



Meeting of Heads of Delegations  
Opening

Presentation of the Annual progress  
report on implementation of the  
2030 Agenda by ECLAC

Presentation of reports by  
subsidiary bodies of ECLAC

Presentation of reports by the  
United Nations system,  
international and regional  
organizations and financial  
institutions

Presentations by civil society and  
private sector actors and specific  
side-events

Peer learning process led by 11  
countries of the Voluntary National  
Reviews

High-level seminar on poverty  
eradication and promoting  
prosperity in a changing world

Summary by Presidency and  
conclusions

<http://foroalc2030.cepal.org/2017/en>



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# Dimensions to be addressed in the first annual report and peer reviewing with VNRs

- **Institutional arrangements** and frameworks for the implementation, follow-up and review of Agenda 2030
- **Regional indicators framework** for Latin America and the Caribbean for the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda (in the framework of the Statistics Conference of the Americas in 2017) and challenges for National statistics systems
- **Policy challenges** and recommendations: regional and sub-regional readings of the means of implementation
- **Contributions** from member States and the **Kingston Symposium**, entities of the United Nations Development System, regional and sub-regional organizations





# Mapping national institutional arrangements for the implementation and follow-up of Agenda 2030

## Mecanismos de coordinación Agenda 2030 en América Latina y el Caribe

 Secretaría Técnica ODS que son Miembro del CRP

\* La información sobre los mecanismos de seguimiento de Uruguay (Oficina de Planeamiento y Presupuesto), Perú (Comisión Intersectorial para el seguimiento de la Agenda 2030), Honduras (Consejo Nacional de Desarrollo Sostenible) y Belice (Ministerio de Finanzas y Desarrollo Económico) no cuentan aun con respaldo oficial sobre su constitución.



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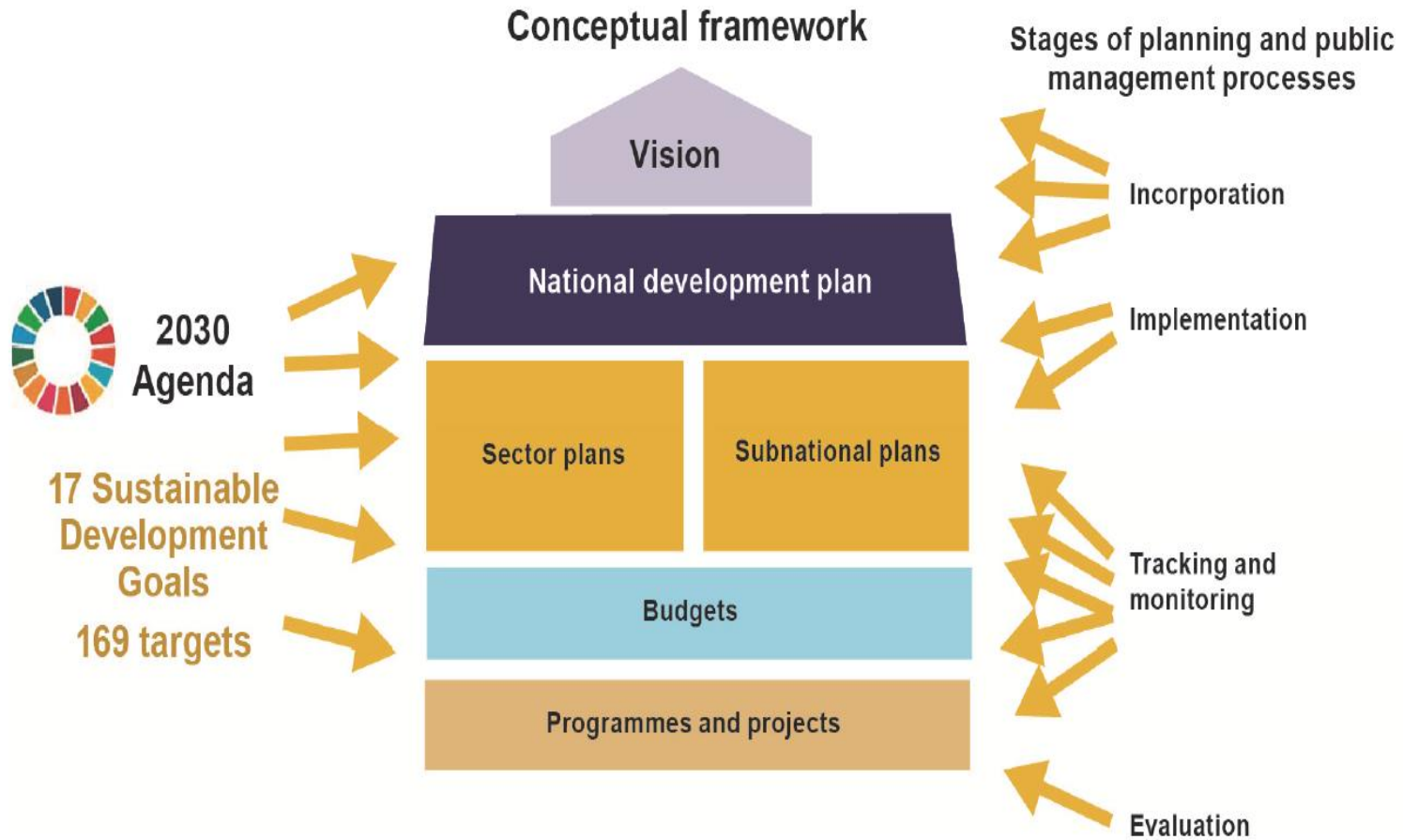
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# ECLAC's support to the integration of the SDGs in Development Plans and Budgets

- Encourage the creation of a **cross-sectoral and inter-institutional architecture** at the highest level to facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the integration of the economic, social and environmental pillars;
- Integrate the SDGs into **national and territorial planning** schemes, with **fiscal, budgetary and public investment** perspectives;
- Strengthen capacities through **courses, seminars and technical assistance** at the regional, national and sub-national levels;
- Develop a **regional observatory on planning for sustainable development**, including a regional repository of national development plans;
- **Regional Conference on Planning Meeting:** Peru, November 2017



# ECLAC'S REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING OBSERVATORY



Source: Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES).



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# ECLAC's support to strengthening statistical capacities to measure the SDGs

- Promote **regional and national strategies for statistical development** for the collection, disaggregation and dissemination of quality data and statistics- both traditional and non-traditional- for the follow up and monitoring of the SDGs
- Strengthen **regional and national data ecosystems** and innovation networks with the participation of civil society and private sector
- Promote **regional and South-South cooperation** as well as regional and interregional data exchange mechanisms
- Empower **ECLAC's Statistical Conference of the Americas** and its institutional support to the LAC members of the IAEG /HLG- SDGs
- Enhance **the effective capacity** of the National Statistical Systems to address the demands of the 2030 Agenda



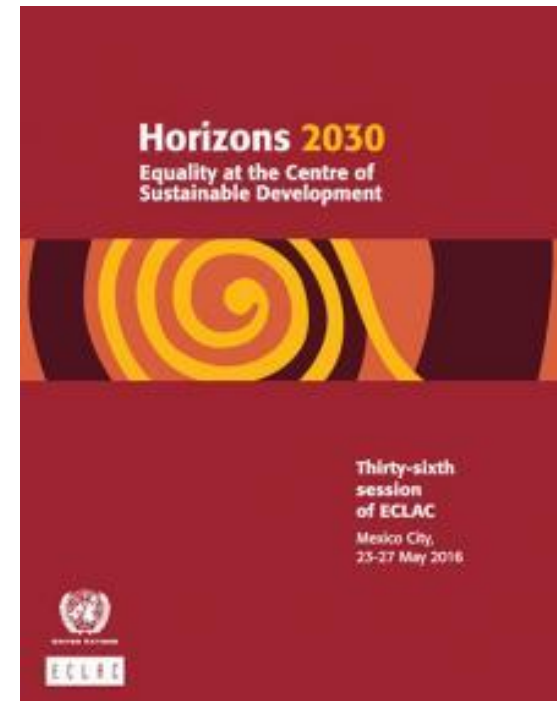
# ECLAC's support to devising means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the regional level

- **Support the regional analysis of the means of implementation** and public policy formulation
  - **Financing for development:** Follow-up to the “AAAA” (Financing, technology, fair trade, access to information) – Structural gap approach
  - Debt alleviation mechanism for the Caribbean
  - Aligned national macroeconomic, social, industrial and environmental public policies
- Foster coalitions between **the State, the private sector and civil society** by:
  - Promote **multi-actor and cross-sectoral** participatory dialogues
  - Coordinate among **different exchange platforms** and network of actors





# Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development



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# More information on the website of the Forum: <http://foroalc2030.cepal.org/2017/en>



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### ECLAC Member Countries Review Preparations for the First Meeting of the Forum on Sustainable Development

#### PROGRAMME

Mon,  
Apr  
24  
2017

Ground floor of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

#### Registration

10:00 am to 01:00 pm

#### REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

#### NEWS

#### PRESS RELEASE

Authorities Establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

#### ABOUT THE EVENT

At the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016, the member States adopted resolution 700 (XXXVI), Mexico Resolution, which established the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The Economic and Social Council subsequently endorsed the establishment of the Forum in its resolution 2016/12.



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