

What is

ECLAC

and what does it do?

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Subregional Headquarters in Mexico



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On October 24, 1945, after World War II, the countries of the world founded the United Nations.



...with four main pillars:



I) **To maintain** international peace and security.



II) **To promote fundamental** human rights.



III) **To promote justice** and respect among nations.



And IV) **to promote social** progress.

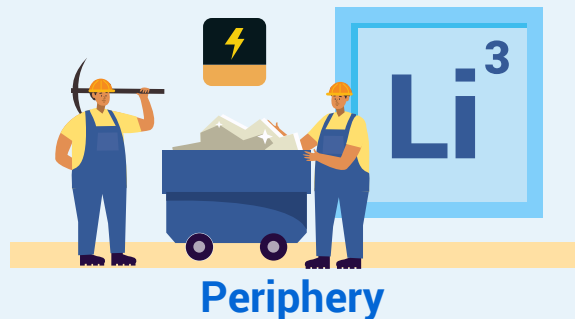
Under the last pillar, the UN Economic and Social Council was created and was comprised of five regional commissions:



Argentine economist Raúl Prebisch was ECLAC's main proponent. He drafted the ECLAC Manifesto which explains the division of the world economic system into core and peripheral groups.



According to Prebisch, the center group is represented by the countries where the world's capital, technology and wealth is concentrated.



This is the group of nations that generally produce raw materials and provide inexpensive labor.

ECLAC developed the historical-structural method:

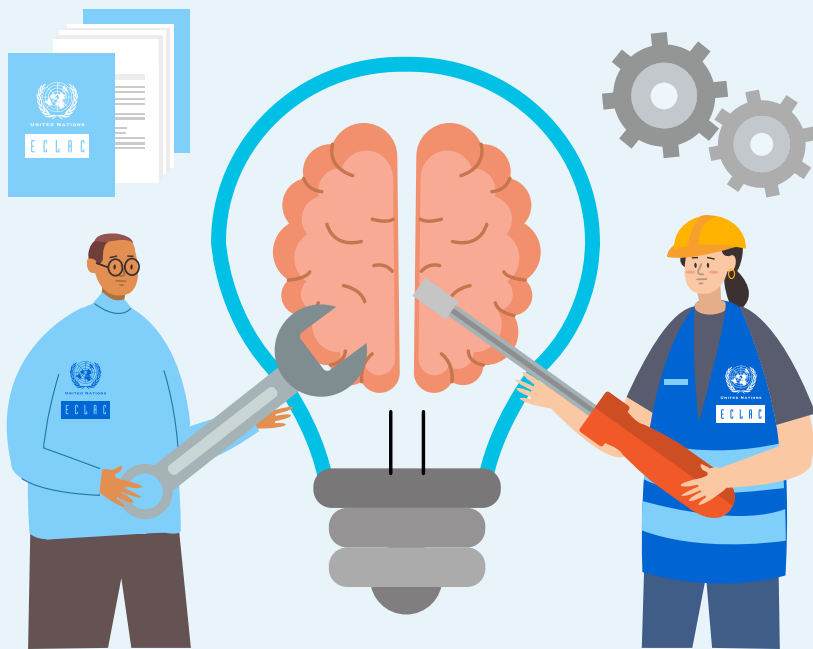


This method analyzes the way in which the institutions and the inherited productive structure condition the economic dynamics of developing countries and generate behaviors that are different from those of more developed nations.

ECLAC is an organization that conducts applied research of excellence and provides technical assistance to the governments of the region in order to formulate and monitor public policies.



Additionally, ECLAC trains public officials within the region.



ECLAC works in four thematic sectors: Economic, Social, Environment, and Cross Sectors

ECLAC has a presence throughout the region

In addition to its headquarters in Chile, it has two subregional headquarters:



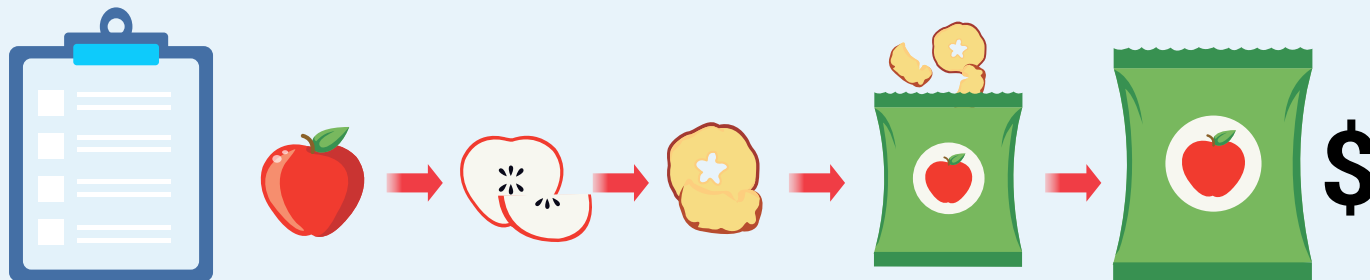
ECLAC's subregional headquarters in Mexico serves 10 countries:



The historical focus of ECLAC's subregional headquarters in Mexico is and has been the integration of the countries with which it works. This headquarters focuses on six main thematic areas:

1. International Trade and Industry

Supports countries in the design and execution of trade and industrial policies, including services, by strengthening value chains and the contribution of science and technology to them, with a focus on international entry and regional integration.



2. Economic Development

Prepares studies with a macroeconomic perspective, addressing topics such as inflation, financial stability and inclusion, fiscal performance and debt, macroeconomic policy coordination, external sector, and foreign investment.



3. Climate Change



The objective is to contribute to the design of public policies that promote inclusive and sustainable adaptation to climate change...

... integrating the transition to more sustainable economies and reductions in emissions.

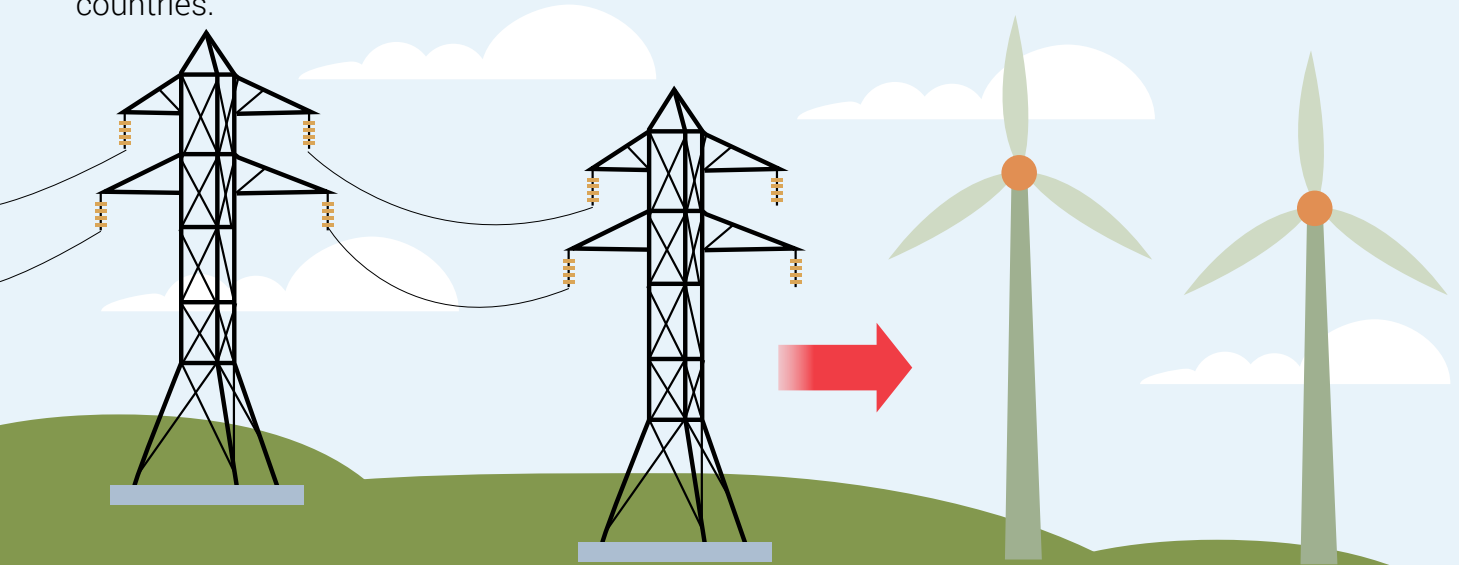
4. Agricultural Development

Seeks to contribute to the design of public policies that promote the sustainable and inclusive development of the agricultural sector and food system with special attention to climate risk and food and nutritional security.



5. Energy and Natural Resources

Provides technical assistance on issues related to the development and management of energy and natural resources. This is done in accordance with requests received from the countries.



Research is organized around two main thematic areas:
sustainable development and energy integration.

6. Social Development

Generates statistics and conducts research to identify and analyze the characteristics, magnitude and dynamics of inequality gaps in the following areas:



Social

Poverty, education, health, housing, employment, security, and societal protection.



Territorial

Rural, urban, marginalized.



Demographic

Gender, childhood, youth, elderly, indigenous, Afro-descendants, migrants, and the disabled.



The countries of the subregion face new and major challenges

Such as increasing human mobility, violence...



...and land defense and feminist movements.



ECLAC's subregional headquarters in Mexico will continue to support governments and their people in their efforts to identify sustainable solutions that are adapted to the reality of each nation.



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