

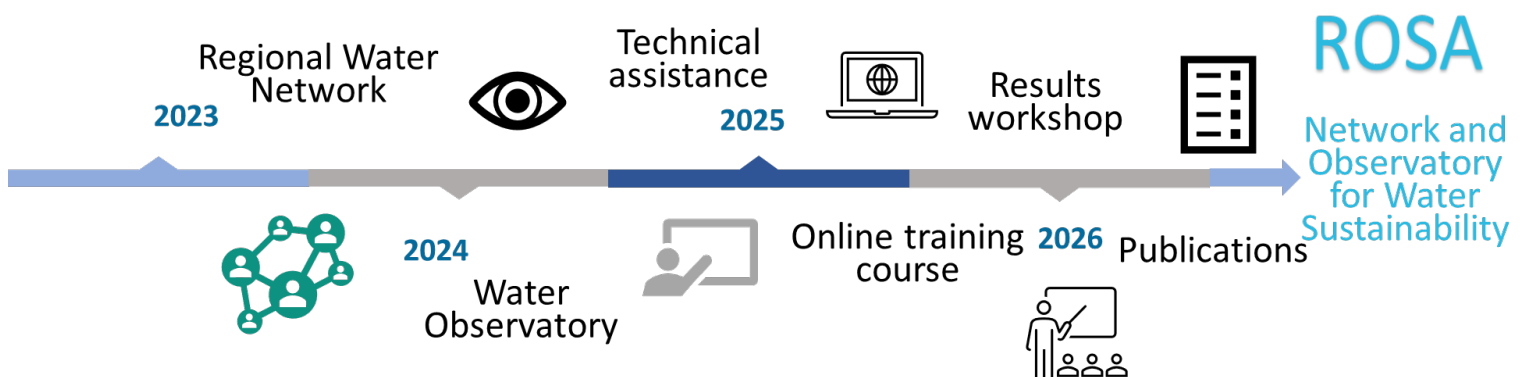
Regional Network and Observatory for Water Sustainability (ROSA) in Latin America and the Caribbean

Between 2023 and 2026, ECLAC will coordinate and launch a **Regional Network and Observatory for Water Sustainability (ROSA)** in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to create new partnerships and strengthen member countries' water management capacities in a context of climate change and budgetary constraints.

Why do we need a Regional Network and Observatory for Water Sustainability in LAC?

- The water and sanitation crisis demands a holistic, systemic and multilateral response. Water is necessary to achieve almost all of the other SDGs, from global health to food security, and is essential for climate change resilience and biodiversity protection.
 - The region is also greatly affected by:
 - Great inequality in both access to and affordability of drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services.
 - Increasing pollution and overexploitation of water resources.
 - Drastic increase in conflicts in the last two decades.
 - High exposure to extreme hydrological phenomena, such as droughts and floods.
- To accelerate the achievement of SDG 6, LAC countries need **timely, reliable and standardised information, as well as evidence of good practice** to enable them to develop and implement **policies and plans that lead to sustainable and inclusive water management**. This is the central objective of ROSA.




Main Activities and Project Timeline (2023-2026)






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Expected results

1. Capacity building through information exchange and adoption of sustainable and inclusive water policies.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Establishment of the Regional Water Network</p> <p>The members of the Regional Network for Water Sustainability will exchange best practices, information, data and evidence to promote the achievement of SDG 6 in the region, through workshops with various stakeholders involved in water management.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Establishment of the Observatory for Water Sustainability</p> <p>Conceived as a digital repository within the ECLAC Natural Resources Division website, it will contain policy documents and information on activities relevant to the achievement of SDG 6.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Socialization of achievements and results</p> <p>All LAC countries will be invited to learn about the achievements of the network and the regional water observatory, encouraging them to participate and take ownership of these platforms.</p>

2. Enhanced technical capacities of selected countries in the region to collect and use SDG 6 indicators to strengthen evidence-based water policies.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Technical assistance to selected countries</p> <p>After identifying priority areas of work. Online and face-to-face training sessions will be held, bringing together policy makers in charge of developing national and water policy indicators.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Online training course</p> <p>Based on the compilation and use of water indicators for public policy formulation, ECLAC will launch a course and include a specific version for "training of trainers".</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparation and publication of regional guides</p> <p>Based on the technical assistance provided, ECLAC will develop and disseminate regional guidelines and other policy recommendation materials on the use of water indicators for sustainable and inclusive policies in LAC.</p>

LAC Water Sustainability Network and Observatory Performance Measures

- Countries adopt initiatives to **develop/update water indicators and/or policies**.
- Countries **invest in solutions to address water challenges**.

