Priorities from the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division

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May 2023
Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Mission

1. **Estimate trends, progress and opportunities** towards environmental sustainability (SDGs 11, 12, 13 and 16)
   1. Urban Agenda (extension, domestic pollution, productivity losses, contribution to global warming)
   2. Measuring impacts, decarbonization gaps, adaptation needs, financing and taxonomies
   3. Consumption and production patterns and environmental big push
      1. Environmental Performance
      2. Circular economy
      3. Electromobility
      4. Sustainable mining
      5. Low carbon and regenerative agriculture
   4. Environmental democracy (Escazú Agreement): information, participation, rule of law

2. **Study and propose** regulatory and economic policy measures that help to bring about change to development and assess their strength or impact (regulatory opportunities in vehicle conversion, application of environmental criteria in public works, improvement in environmental impact assessments).

3. **Promote** a positive development narrative based on productive chains for the big push and its contribution to the simultaneous narrowing of the 3 gaps.

4. Capacity and cooperation

Policies for Sustainable Development Priorities

Escazú Agreement

Climate Change – Environmental State and Pressures

Environmental big push
Basic facts about the Escazú Agreement

Adopted in Escazú (Costa Rica) on 4 March 2018

Entered into force on 22 April 2021

• First regional environmental treaty of Latin America and the Caribbean
• Creation and strengthening of capacities and cooperation
• Article 6: Generation and dissemination of environmental information

24 have already signatories

15 ratifications

OECS:
• DM signatory -- ratification pending
• AB, GD, SKN, SL and SVG -- Parties

Facilitating policy formulation, technical cooperation, training and capacity-building, strategic advocacy and awareness, joint studies, publications, reports and analytical work and promoting a green recovery COVID-19
Escazú Agreement Priorities

- Increase number of Parties
- Support existing Parties
  - national implementation roadmaps and plans
- COP, Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance, human rights defenders in environmental matters (WG and Forum)
- Special consideration to SIDS / capacity-building and cooperation
- OECS-ECLAC MOU and Environmental Information Systems (national and regional)
Buenos Aires, 19-21 April 2023

Participation: +600 people in person

- 23 delegations of State Parties (5/6 OECS countries – 7/15 Caribbean), signatory and observer countries
- 140 Government delegates
- 357 members of the public
- 122 representatives of international and regional organizations
- 40 accredited press

22 side events

NEW PARTIES

NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
National implementation plans

Hoja de Ruta

- Paso 1: Línea Base
- Paso 2: Mapa de Agentes Clave (públicos y privados)
- Paso 3: Coordinación Inter institucional
- Paso 4: Sistema Gobernanza
- Paso 5: Consulta Ciudadana
- Paso 6: Cooperación Regional

Objetivo: Dar a conocer línea de base y recoger propuestas sobre áreas de mejora y acciones

2023-2024 se elaborará plan de implementación de Escazú

MAPA AGENTES CLAVE ESCAZÚ

Sector Público

Sector privado

Otros sectores

Organizaciones y Redes de la Sociedad civil

Órganos autónomos
Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean

- **18** treaties
- **264** policy instruments
- **50** rulings
- **44** publications
- **20** resources (new graphics)
OECS Environmental Information System – Escazú Agreements (art 6)
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