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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT: NETWORK FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Note by the secretariat

At their seventh meeting, held in Santiago, on 17 April 2018, the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation asked the secretariat, in paragraph 6 of the agreements of the meeting, to submit the proposed network project for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean to the member countries of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for their consideration, in the framework of the thirty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Further to that request, the secretariat hereby conveys the text of the proposal to the members of ECLAC for consideration at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.





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SDGs-LAC Network

CONTEXT

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) is a road map and a planning and monitoring tool for countries. The *Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development*, established by the Resolution 700 (XXXVI) under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), is the regional mechanism for the monitoring and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), its targets, its means of implementation and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development.

The Forum offers useful peer-to-peer learning opportunities, through voluntary presentations, sharing of best practices and the discussion on how to advance in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Almost three years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the challenges for its implementation are even more clear, including the training of technical specialists to monitor compliance with the indicators; the alignment of the SDGs to national, subnational and sectoral development plans and the adoption of national measures for the implementation of the Agenda; as well as the identification of concrete national strategies so that International Cooperation, in particular South-South and Triangular Cooperation, can support such efforts. This requires a major national effort to develop the strategies, adapt the indicators and link the cooperation policies with the Global Agenda. In this sense, the creation of national capacities is indispensable, and International Cooperation is a very useful method to achieve this.

To that event, the Chair of the Committee for South-South Cooperation wishes to put to consideration before the members of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC, the creation of a ***Network for the strengthening of national capacities for the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (SDGs-LAC Network)***.

This Development Cooperation Project aims at **strengthening the institutional and technical capacities of the governments of the region that are establishing or seeking to establish national mechanisms for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the monitoring of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals**. In order to achieve this, work will be done under the following outlines:

1. National Coordination Strategies and Mechanisms.
2. Generation of statistics and methodologies for calculating SDGs indicators.
3. Promotion of South-South and Triangular Cooperation schemes focused on the 2030 Agenda.

AXES		
1. Coordinación	2. Estadísticas	3. Cooperación
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms for inter-institutional and intersectoral coordination to monitor the compliance of the SDGs. • National strategies for the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National frameworks and monitoring tools for SDGs indicators. • Methodologies, means and standards to improve the collection, processing, disintegration, dissemination and analysis of reliable and good quality data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for the alignment of international development cooperation projects to the SDGs. • Technological tools for best practices in international development cooperation aligned to the SDGs.
EXPECTED RESULTS		
For countries that decide upon it, to establish mechanisms of national coordination to promote the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda.	For countries to have the statistical and methodological tools to create national indicators and ensure their adequate monitoring.	For the International Cooperation in the region, mainly the South-South and Triangular cooperation, to support the national strategies for the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda.

ACTIVITIES

The work programme and all associated activities will be agreed upon with the participating countries through consultations, so as to confirm their viability, in accordance with the shared principles of ownership, focus on results, inclusive alliances, transparency and shared responsibility.

To this end, a first workshop will be held in Mexico City during the third quarter of 2018 complemented by another event in a different country of the region at the end of this year or beginning of 2019. They will have the participation of the interested countries that have established or are in the process of establishing formal mechanisms (committees, collegiate bodies and various inter-institutional coordination mechanisms) for the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda.



Moreover, other activities for the diagnosis and mapping of actors are being contemplated, as well as the sharing of knowledge, best practices and experiences through workshops, virtual seminars, regional and subregional meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the network is voluntary. The Network will be integrated by the member countries of the Forum. Each country will autonomously designate professionals with decision-making capacity and relevant technical skills to achieve the expected results. It will seek to establish virtual exchange platforms to give continuity to the work that is committed in the framework of the first Workshop.

To this end, each country in the region will designate an institution responsible for each of the thematic outlines for monitoring the project, which can only participate as long as they have the human, material and technological resources to implement the committed actions. Particularly, to implement strategies for monitoring SDGs indicators, the development of computer tools and the integration of the monitoring mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

GOVERNANCE

On behalf of Mexico, the project will be coordinated by the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) with the support of the Office of the Presidency of the Republic (OPR), the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI).

ECLAC, in its capacity as Secretariat of the South-South Cooperation Committee, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, will act as the Technical Secretariat of this project.

During 2018 the member countries will agree on the working procedures of this project.

Additionally, in a second stage, the support of UNDP, UNOSSC and the Statistical Conference of the Americas will be sought, as well as other relevant actors.

This initiative was conceived within the framework of the technical cooperation between Mexico and Germany, through AMEXCID and GIZ (assigned by BMZ). In addition, it will seek to incorporate extra-regional members of ECLAC.