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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

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 the 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 of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.¹ The Economic and Social Council subsequently endorsed the establishment of the Forum in its resolution 2016/12.

The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development is State-led and open to participation by all Latin American and Caribbean countries. It is convened under the auspices of ECLAC and guided by the principles established for all follow-up and review processes by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in September 2015 by the General Assembly of the United Nations.² It involves States, the private sector and civil society, as well as subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, development banks and other United Nations agencies. The Forum should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion of shared targets.

The objective of the Forum is to provide those responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the countries of the region with a space conducive to peer learning through interactive sessions in which participants are able to identify, through the discussion of common experiences and goals, good practices that would allow member countries to make recommendations and present them at the high-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of regional contributions to the global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. The first meeting of the Forum was held in Mexico City, in 2017; the second meeting was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in 2018; the third meeting was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in 2019; the fourth meeting was held virtually in 2021; the fifth meeting was held in San José, in 2022; the sixth meeting was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in 2023; the seventh meeting was held in Santiago, in 2024; the eighth meeting was held in Santiago, in 2025; and this ninth meeting will be held in Santiago, in 2026.

The ninth meeting will include dialogues on global action, regional action and national action.

Chair

As provided in resolution 700(XXXVI) of ECLAC, the Forum will be convened annually by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC and will meet under the auspices of the Commission. On this occasion, Peru will chair the ninth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

¹ See <https://repositorio.cepal.org/handle/11362/44728>.

² Resolution 70/1 of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

Dialogues on global action

2. Session on the follow-up of some major United Nations conferences held in 2025.
 - Second World Summit for Social Development (Doha, 2025)
 - Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (Seville, Spain, 2025)
 - Thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Belém do Pará, Brazil, 2025)
3. Session on the 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (United Arab Emirates, 2–4 December 2026).

Dialogues on regional action

4. Presentation of the document *The 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Accelerating Implementation in a New Era of Uncertainty and Geopolitical Fragmentation*, ninth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
5. Contribution of the United Nations sustainable development system in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Presentation of the 2025 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean
6. Implementing the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States through South-South cooperation
7. Peer learning sessions.
 - Panel 1: Goal 6 – Clean water and sanitation
 - Panel 2: Goal 7 – Affordable and clean energy
 - Panel 3: Goal 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
 - Panel 4: Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
 - Panel 5: Goal 17 – Partnerships for the goals

Dialogues on national action

8. Session on successful national experiences in accelerating achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
9. Good practices and challenges in the preparation of voluntary national reviews.

10. Other matters.
11. Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Forum will have before it the provisional agenda³ for adoption or amendment.

Dialogues on global action

2. **Session on the follow-up of some major United Nations conferences held in 2025: Second World Summit for Social Development, Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development and thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

In 2025, a number of intergovernmental conferences of great importance for the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in its three dimensions, namely economic, social and environmental, were held: the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Seville, Spain; the Second World Summit for Social Development, in Doha; and the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in Belém do Pará, Brazil.

The session will provide a space for ministers and high-level authorities of the region to discuss the priorities and challenges in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the basis of the agreements adopted at these conferences.

Statements should not exceed seven minutes per panellist.

3. **Session on the 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (United Arab Emirates, 2–4 December 2026)**

The 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all will be held in the United Arab Emirates, from 2 to 4 December 2026. Water is critical for sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and hunger. Water, ecosystems, energy, food security and nutrition are linked and water is indispensable for health, well-being and human development, including the empowerment of women, and a vital element of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The session will provide a space for ministers and high-level authorities to exchange ideas on collective action to accelerate progress towards achieving Goal 6.

Statements should not exceed seven minutes per panellist.

³ LC/FDS.9/1/.

Dialogues on regional action

4. **Presentation of the document *The 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Accelerating Implementation in a New Era of Uncertainty and Geopolitical Fragmentation*, ninth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will present the ninth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was prepared by the Commission. The report analyses the social, economic and environmental circumstances that have marked the difficult international context in which the region has undertaken the process of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The report also presents the progress made in the fulfilment of the SDG targets and examines in detail the status, challenges and opportunities related to the achievement of Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17. It concludes with a reflection on the key international milestones that could accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda, such as the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Second World Summit for Social Development and the follow-up to the Pact for the Future.

Working document:

- The 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Accelerating Implementation in a New Era of Uncertainty and Geopolitical Fragmentation, ninth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/FDS.9/3)

5. **Contribution of the United Nations sustainable development system in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The United Nations development system undertook a profound reform process in order to be better positioned and prepared to support countries in their efforts to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.

In this regard, the 2025 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean will be presented.

6. **Implementing the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States through South-South cooperation**

This session has been organized to address key issues related to progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its synergies with the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States, in line with the provisions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which recognizes that each country has different realities, capacities and levels of development and faces its own specific challenges to achieve sustainable development, and that the situation of the most vulnerable countries, including small island developing States, deserves special attention. Delegations are expected to discuss the opportunities that South-South cooperation can offer to advance the implementation of specific sustainable development priorities for Caribbean small island developing States.

7. Peer learning sessions

Pursuant to the wish expressed by the countries that the Forum should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets, five panel discussions have been organized to allow the member countries of the Forum and other stakeholders to report on and share their experiences and challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- Panel 1: Goal 6 – Clean water and sanitation
- Panel 2: Goal 7 – Affordable and clean energy
- Panel 3: Goal 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Panel 4: Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
- Panel 5: Goal 17 – Partnerships for the goals

Statements should not exceed seven minutes per panellist.

Dialogues on national action

8. Session on successful national experiences in accelerating achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

Under this agenda item, national authorities and resident coordinators of the United Nations system will be invited to present successful national experiences and share visions, actions and challenges, and promote peer learning—with other member States and stakeholders—to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs, in line with the measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen and adapt the United Nations development system to better support Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Statements should not exceed seven minutes per panellist.

9. Good practices and challenges in the preparation of voluntary national reviews

In this session, government representatives from Latin American and Caribbean countries that are preparing a voluntary national review this year will be invited to share their success stories, good practices, lessons learned, challenges and how to overcome them in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and, more specifically, the process of preparing their voluntary national review for the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Statements should not exceed seven minutes per panellist.

10. Other matters

Under this agenda item, delegations may raise any other matters they deem appropriate.

11. Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

Resolution 700(XXXVI) of ECLAC states that the outcome of the Forum will consist of intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations and a summary prepared by its Chair. The same resolution encourages the countries to submit these conclusions, recommendations and summary, as appropriate, to the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of the regional contribution to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; to the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as part of the regional contribution to the global follow-up process of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda; and to the United Nations Regional Coordination Mechanism.

The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, will consult, as necessary, with the member countries of the Forum regarding the conclusions and recommendations of the ninth meeting. The Chair will circulate the zero draft to the permanent missions to the United Nations in New York. Following consultations, the Chair of the Forum will report at the ninth meeting of the Forum on the outcome of this intergovernmentally-agreed instrument.