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and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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 (SDGs) 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; and this seventh meeting will be held in Santiago.

Chair

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

¹ See resolution 700(XXXVI) of ECLAC [online] <https://repositorio.cepal.org/handle/11362/44728>.

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

B. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Interactive session on the Summit of the Future: multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow.
3. Presentation of the document *The Challenge of Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Transitions towards Sustainability*, seventh report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Statements by delegations of Latin America and the Caribbean on reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.
5. Contribution of the United Nations sustainable development system in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Presentation of the 2023 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean
6. Advancing the priorities of Caribbean small island developing States towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.
7. Panel discussions.
 - Panel 1: Goal 1 – No poverty
 - Panel 2: Goal 2 – Zero hunger
 - Panel 3: Goal 13 – Climate action
 - Panel 4: Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions
 - Panel 5: Goal 17 – Partnerships for the goals
8. Other matters.
9. Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the seventh 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 agenda for adoption or amendment.

2. Interactive session on the Summit of the Future: multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow

Under this agenda item, various figures and authorities from the region will be invited to discuss the adoption of possible multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow, in preparation for the Summit of the Future, which, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/307, will be held on 22 and 23 September 2024, in New York, preceded by a preparatory ministerial meeting on 18 September 2023.

3. Presentation of the document *The Challenge of Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Transitions towards Sustainability*, seventh 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 seventh 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 trends and projections related to the SDG targets and their likelihood of being achieved if the current course of action is maintained.

Particular focus will be placed on Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17, and the projections regarding their achievement by 2030 will be analysed. The report examines the relevant indicators to determine progress towards the targets. Given the close interlinkages between all the Goals, it also seeks to identify actions which, while addressing one Goal, serve to synergistically promote the others. This integrated approach to achieving the SDGs is reflected in an analysis of six transitions likely to have catalytic and multiplier effects across the SDGs. The transitions involve the following areas: food systems; energy access and affordability; digital connectivity; education; employment and social protection; and climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

The document will emphasize the need for greater external financing to achieve the SDGs, considering that, against a backdrop of fiscal constraints, an increase in domestic resources would not be sufficient. Alternative means of accessing resources, such as green, social and sustainable bonds, are therefore explored.

Working document:

- The Challenge of Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Transitions towards Sustainability, seventh report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/FDS.7/3)
- The Challenge of Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Transitions towards Sustainability, seventh report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Summary (LC/FDS.7/4)

4. Statements by delegations of Latin America and the Caribbean on reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions

Under this agenda item, the Chair of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will open the floor to representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean to discuss the progress and challenges of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the region. Statements should not exceed seven minutes per country.

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 2023 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean will be presented.

6. Advancing the priorities of Caribbean small island developing States towards achieving the 2030 Agenda

This session has been organized to address key issues related to the progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Caribbean subregion, 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.

7. Panel discussions

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 1 – No poverty
- Panel 2: Goal 2 – Zero hunger
- Panel 3: Goal 13 – Climate action
- Panel 4: Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Panel 5: Goal 17 – Partnerships for the goals

8. Other matters

This item provides for consideration of any other issues which delegations may wish to raise.

9. Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the seventh 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 seventh 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 seventh meeting of the Forum on the outcome of this intergovernmentally agreed instrument.