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B. 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 United Nations General Assembly.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; and this sixth meeting will be held at ECLAC headquarters 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 United Nations General Assembly.

B. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Presentation of the document *Halfway to 2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean: progress and recommendations for acceleration*, sixth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.
4. Strategies to advance implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean.
5. Panel discussions.
 - Clean water and sanitation
 - Affordable and clean energy
 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
 - Sustainable cities and communities
 - Partnerships for the Goals
6. Contribution of the United Nations sustainable development system in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Presentation of the 2022 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean
7. Panel discussion: “Path to the SDG Summit. Transformative initiatives: creating opportunities to strengthen commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its full implementation at all levels”.
8. Other matters.
9. Conclusions and recommendations.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Presentation of the document *Halfway to 2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean: progress and recommendations for acceleration*, sixth 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 document prepared by the secretariat, *Halfway to 2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean: progress and recommendations for acceleration*, which analyses the progress and current status of the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17, as well as projections for their achievement by 2030.

It examines the relevant indicators to determine progress towards the targets and considers the impact of the coronavirus disease pandemic (COVID-19) on the achievement thereof. In addition, a two-fold approach is used to estimate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals set for 2030: first, it assesses progress towards the targets and, second, it presents policy adjustments or shifts in focus that can be made, at both the national and subnational levels, to meet the Goals.

The document highlights that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been compounded by cascading crises that have hampered the achievement of goals, as evidenced by the respective indicators. Therefore, it is time for bold and transformative policies that offer realistic and pragmatic solutions in order to realign the legitimate ambitions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals with countries' capacities to achieve them. The document calls for the strengthening of the strategic planning of public institutions and of foresight capabilities with a view to building desirable development scenarios for the future, encompassing both public-private partnership and international cooperation, to refocus efforts towards the full achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Civil society participation must also be bolstered to quickly get back on track to achieve the SDGs.

Working document:

- Halfway to 2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean: progress and recommendations for acceleration, sixth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/FDS.6/3)
- Halfway to 2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean: progress and recommendations for acceleration, sixth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Summary (LC/FDS.6/4)

3. Accelerating the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels

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 more than seven minutes per country.

4. Strategies to advance implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean

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.

5. 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: Clean water and sanitation
- Panel 2: Affordable and clean energy
- Panel 3: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Panel 4: Sustainable cities and communities
- Panel 5: Partnerships for the Goals

6. 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 Sustainable Development Goals.

In this regard, the 2022 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean will be presented.

7. Panel discussion: “Path to the SDG Summit. Transformative initiatives: creating opportunities to strengthen commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its full implementation at all levels”

Under this agenda item, prominent figures and authorities from the region will be invited to discuss transformative initiatives to address global challenges and create opportunities to strengthen commitment to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and accelerate their full implementation, in preparation for the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (19 and 20 September 2023), at which governments will carry out a comprehensive review of the state of Goals, respond to the impact of multiple and interlocking crises facing the world, and provide high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

8. Other matters

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

9. Conclusions and recommendations

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 sixth 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 sixth meeting of the Forum on the outcome of this intergovernmentally-agreed instrument.