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Foreword

Since its establishment in 1948, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has been a leader in development thinking in the region, fully committed in its support for member States to achieve sustainable development. For the past 77 years, ECLAC has continuously performed its three core functions, as a think tank, a convening body and a provider of operational support in the form of technical cooperation and capacity-building services.

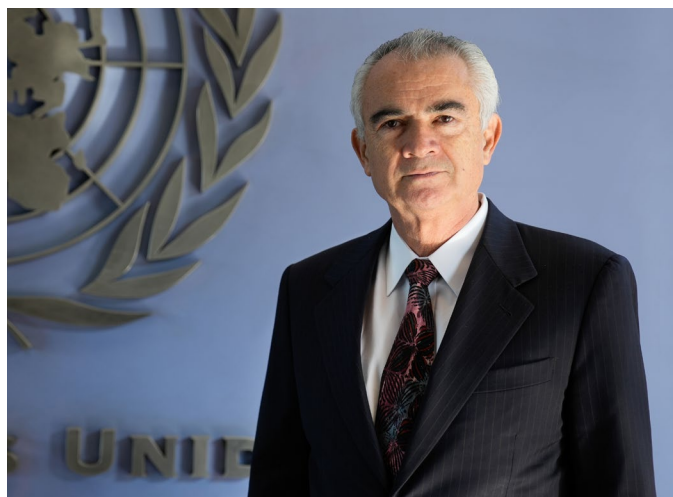
This report on the Commission's activities in 2024, highlighting key achievements and contributions, is hereby submitted for the consideration of member States in accordance with the United Nations principles of accountability and transparency.

Throughout the year, the Commission continued to serve as technical secretariat for its subsidiary bodies and to provide integrated and comprehensive follow-up to world summits from a Latin American and Caribbean perspective, by coordinating the region's approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as other global agendas. ECLAC reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the agenda for small island developing States and continued to give a voice to the region's two landlocked developing countries, its only least developed country and its middle-income countries—which constitute the majority of Latin American and Caribbean economies—, ensuring that their specific needs and priorities are meaningfully addressed in regional strategies and global development discussions.

ECLAC has also strengthened its relationship with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the resident coordinator system in the region and has increased its support for United Nations country teams, bringing a regional and transboundary perspective to its work of integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development at the regional level.

Even though the Commission's most recent analyses and public policy proposals have also helped to stimulate discussion on key regional development issues, the prolonged liquidity crisis has affected its operational capacity, threatening to weaken its long-standing role as a regional centre of excellence in knowledge and policy.

Despite persistent challenges, the Commission remains dedicated to maintaining an efficient, adaptive and cost-effective work culture in service of the region. I thank member States for the trust and support that they have extended to ECLAC.



José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs
Executive Secretary
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and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

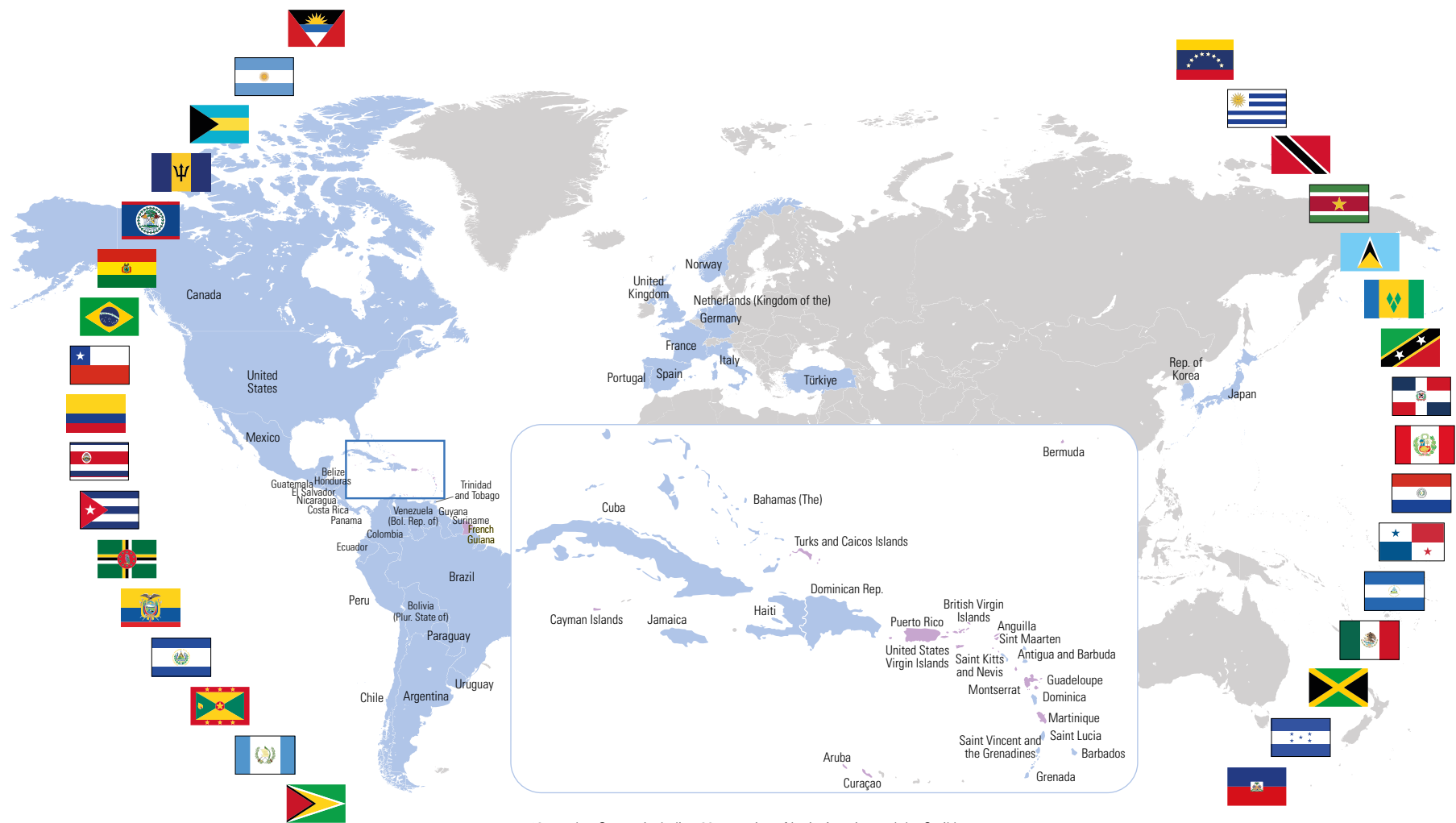
About ECLAC

ECLAC is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. Established in February 1948 and headquartered in Santiago, the Commission's main mandate is to contribute to the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean. In June 1951, the Commission established the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico City, which serves the needs of the Central American countries, as well as Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Mexico, and in December 1966, the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean was founded in Port of Spain, to serve the Caribbean subregion. In addition, ECLAC has country offices in Buenos Aires, Bogotá, Brasília and Montevideo, and a liaison office in Washington, D.C. The Commission's 46 member States comprise the 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean plus 13 Asian, European and North American countries that have historical, economic and cultural ties with the region. Fourteen non-independent territories of the Caribbean are associate members of the Commission.

Mission statement

To function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialised information, technical cooperation services, (advisory services) training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination.

Resolution 553(XXVI) of the twenty-sixth session
of the Commission, San José, 1996



- 46 member States, including 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean
- 14 associate members

Note: The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



Main highlights in 2024

Fortieth session of ECLAC

The **fortieth session of ECLAC** opened with remarks from Dina Boluarte, President of Peru, and Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (by video). During the session, ECLAC shared its vision regarding the development traps affecting Latin America and the Caribbean and the transformations needed to overcome them. The Commission invited the delegations of the 36 countries in attendance to rethink, reimagine and transform the region's development models, in the context of the position document entitled *Development Traps in Latin America and the Caribbean: Vital Transformations and How to Manage Them* and the dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities on following up on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future and regional challenges in the lead-up to the Second World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.



Fortieth session
of ECLAC

Lima, 9–11 October

2024

Seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

The **seventh meeting of the Forum** was attended by Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, and Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy. In the **intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the meeting**, delegates from 29 countries of the region recognized that ending poverty was an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, noted with concern that the SDG targets with a 2020 deadline had not been fully achieved and, in that regard, called upon the international community to reinforce actions to address those specific challenges. They also took note of the seventh report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled *The Challenge of Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Transitions towards Sustainability*, which ECLAC presented at the meeting.



Forum of the Countries
of Latin America and
the Caribbean on
**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

Santiago
15–18 April 2024

Economic and Social Council: spotlight on the historical contributions of ECLAC to more productive, inclusive and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council held a **special meeting in Santiago in January on the future of work**. At a ceremony commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of ECLAC, Council officials and ECLAC member States recognized the Commission's contributions throughout its history in promoting a more productive, inclusive and sustainable development in the region.





Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2026)

The Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (**eLAC2026**) was adopted by the Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, convened by ECLAC on 7 and 8 November at its headquarters in Santiago. The Conference brought together more than 350 representatives from 41 countries, including 23 countries of the region. The eLAC2026 agenda establishes priorities for policy and action at the regional level for 2025–2026, along three axes: meaningful connectivity and digital infrastructure; governance and digital security; and innovation, emerging technologies and artificial intelligence for sustainable development. The Ministerial Conference adopted the **Santiago Declaration** and agreement 1(IX), changing its name to the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society and the Digital Transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Conference immediately followed the high-level dialogues of the European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean (EU-LAC) Digital Alliance, held on the topic of connectivity and artificial intelligence. The dialogues provided a platform to work towards a common understanding of shared biregional priorities, develop a road map for future action and agree on specific activities and deliverables ahead of the European Union-Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (EU-CELAC) Summit. During the event, participants from the public and private sectors, civil society, the technical community and international organizations shared experiences and best practices regarding digital policy priorities in the region.

Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement)

During the **meeting**, the States Parties to the Escazú Agreement approved the Action Plan on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters, an unprecedented road map that seeks to highlight a set of priority areas and strategic measures for progress in the full and effective implementation of article 9 of the Agreement. As of July 2025, the Treaty has been **signed by 24 countries and ratified by 17**.

Support for Brazil in its Group of 20 (G20) presidency

In 2024, ECLAC supported Brazil in its capacity as President of G20. Under the overarching guidance of the Executive Secretary and the coordination of the ECLAC office in Brasilia, several substantive divisions of ECLAC, with a combined scope encompassing social, economic and sustainable development, contributed to this endeavour. ECLAC participated in the G20 task force for a **global alliance against hunger and poverty** and contributed to proposals on institutional frameworks for implementing policy initiatives and estimating the economic cost of malnutrition. The inception document of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, presented by G20 social development ministers, reflected those contributions. ECLAC also contributed to the proposal for a global minimum wealth tax, which Brazil presented to G20, in addition to participating in the task force on a global mobilization against climate change, the Framework Working Group and the Sustainable Finance Working Group. ECLAC technical support was acknowledged in five G20 reports covering **inequality**, fiscal matters and **climate change**, among other issues. All these elements were reflected in the G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration, which emerged from the G20 Leaders' Summit held in that city on 18 and 19 November.





Visits to ECLAC

Gabriel Boric, President of Chile

The President of Chile visited ECLAC to attend the opening session of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement, in April 2024. In his remarks, he called for continued progress on the implementation of the Agreement, highlighting the key opportunity for advancing in environmental access rights, public participation and institutional cooperation between the State and civil society.



Ambassador Paula Narváez, President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations

In her capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations visited ECLAC to attend the special meeting of the Council on the future of work, in January 2024.





Kao Kim Houn, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

In his first official visit to Chile, in September 2024, the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) met with the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to discuss cooperation between the two organizations under the ASEAN-Chile development partnership, and delivered a **keynote lecture** on multilateral relations between Asian and Latin American and Caribbean countries.



Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Deputy Secretary-General visited ECLAC to attend the opening session of the seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, in April 2024, where she stressed that the region could significantly enhance implementation and deliver on the vision of the SDGs.



Jon Azúa, President and Founder of Enovating Lab

Prominent Spanish scholar Jon Azúa delivered the eighteenth **Raúl Prebisch Lecture**, at ECLAC headquarters in November, calling for the implementation of cluster strategies to achieve a productive, competitive, prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy. He said that such strategies would enable and facilitate trust, dialogue and the pursuit of common objectives, fostering consensus and commitments. The Raúl Prebisch Lecture series was initiated in 2001 by then-Executive Secretary of ECLAC, José Antonio Ocampo, to mark the 100th anniversary of the renowned Argentine economist's birth.

Lant Pritchett, Research Director
of the Research on Improving Systems
of Education (RISE) Programme

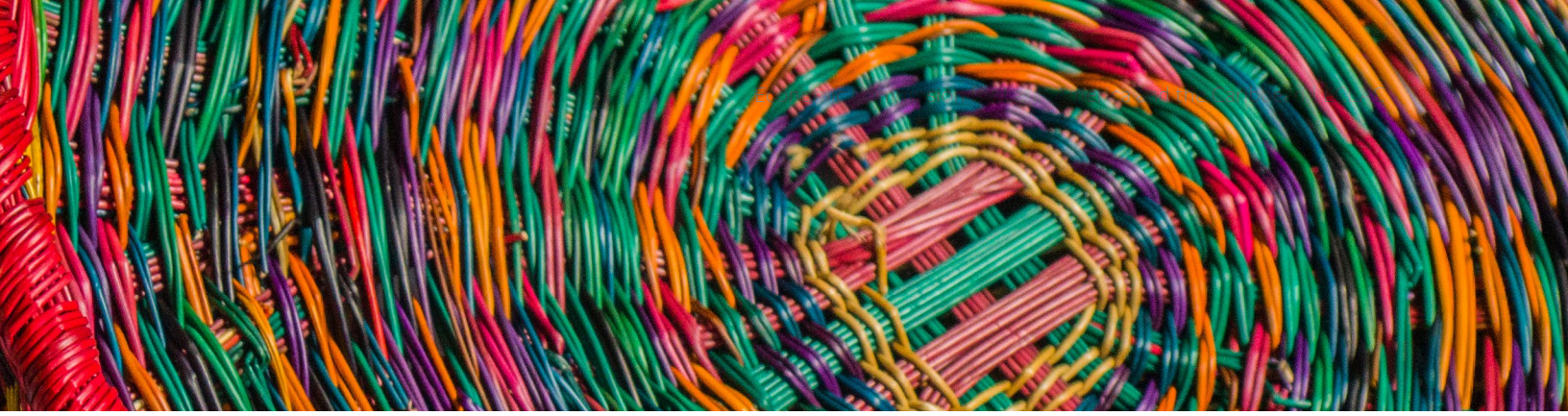
As part of the activities commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of ECLAC, economist Lant Pritchett visited headquarters in March 2024 to deliver a keynote address on education policies and transformative growth.



Daniel Innerarity, Research Professor at the
Basque Foundation for Science (Ikerbasque)

Philosopher Daniel Innerarity visited ECLAC headquarters in January 2024 to deliver a keynote address on the future of democracy in a digital society, as part of the activities to mark the Commission's seventy-fifth anniversary.





Contribution of ECLAC to the Sustainable Development Goals



Strengthened capacities for measuring multidimensional poverty in Mexico
Subprogramme 10



Contributed to the establishment of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty under Brazil's G20 presidency
Subprogramme 4 and ECLAC office in Brasilia



Improved road safety in Colombia
Subprogramme 1



Supported the adoption of the Declaration of Santiago 2024 at the extraordinary meeting of ministers of education of Latin America and the Caribbean
Subprogramme 4



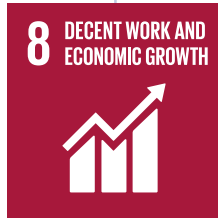
Supported Colombia in the development of a georeferenced national care map to direct users to locations where they can access public care services
Subprogramme 5



Fostered the implementation of the Regional Water Action Agenda
Subprogramme 8



Helped countries of the Central American Integration System to develop and approve five energy compacts to advance energy integration in the subregion
Subprogramme 11



Strengthened capacities for the creation of a national qualifications framework in Panama
Subprogramme 3
Supported improvements to public policy guidelines for the agricultural and agro-industrial sectors in Uruguay
ECLAC Office in Montevideo



Launched the Digital Development Observatory to support digital transformation policy
Subprogramme 2
 Contributed to a digital development plan of the province of Santiago del Estero, Argentina
ECLAC office in Argentina



Included a panel led by persons with disabilities in the agenda of the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
Subprogramme 6



Strengthened capacities to enhance metropolitan governance and planning in the province of Santa Fe, Argentina
Subprogramme 9
 Supported the development of a national plan for the electric bus fleet of Brazil
ECLAC office in Brasilia



Supported the development of a national circular economy strategy for textiles in Chile extending to 2040
Subprogramme 1



Supported a regional dialogue on carbon pricing, which identified opportunities and challenges for advancing carbon markets in the region
Subprogramme 7



Issued recommendations for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans from a regional perspective
Subprogramme 8



Fostered dialogues on the potential benefits of innovative financial mechanisms for nature conservation in Colombia
ECLAC office in Bogotá



Improved public awareness of government services in Saint Kitts and Nevis
Subprogramme 12



Advanced efforts to quantify South-South cooperation
Subprogramme 13
 Supported intergovernmental processes and promoted cooperation among regional stakeholders, including at the Summit of the Americas
ECLAC office in Washington, D.C.

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Collaboration with the regional United Nations development system

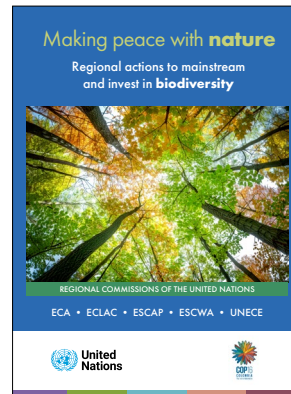
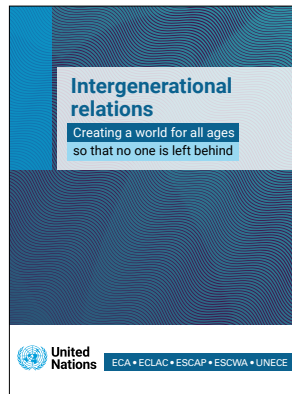
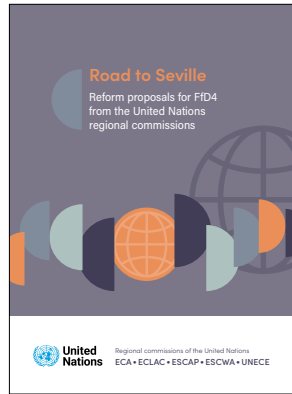
ECLAC continued to serve as Vice-Chair of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean, which offers an exceptional space for discussion on major strategic developments and challenges in the region and pathways to address them by aligning regional and global agendas. With 2030 rapidly approaching, efforts will be scaled up to ensure integrated and coordinated United Nations support for countries in the region in key areas, including the issue-based coalitions on human mobility, climate change and resilience, equitable growth and financing for development, and governance for peace, justice and strong institutions. ECLAC prepared the 2024 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean for presentation to member States at the eighth meeting of Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

Throughout the year, ECLAC continued to actively support resident coordinators and United Nations country teams, including analytical support to bring regional, subregional and cross-border issues into common country assessments and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, and specialized contributions and analysis on macroeconomic issues, data and statistics. In the framework of the regional peer support group, ECLAC provided inputs on macroeconomic and social trends and indicators to Argentina's common country assessment and supported the development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks of Argentina, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay. ECLAC also continued to collaborate with resident coordinator offices on the implementation of national activities under Development Account projects and to work on issues related to resilient health systems, integrated national financial frameworks and advancing the implementation of the Escazú Agreement and the Regional Water Action Agenda. Through its subsidiary bodies and intergovernmental meetings, ECLAC continued to work closely with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in the region. Joint sessions were held with resident coordinators and the Regional Collaborative Platform as part of the preparatory activities ahead of the seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. In accordance with usual practice, resident coordinators participated in the meeting.

ECLAC worked with other United Nations entities to develop knowledge products. ECLAC jointly published a [report](#) with the Pan American Health Organization on the urgency of investing in health systems in the region to reduce inequality and achieve the SDGs, and a methodological guide with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on gender mainstreaming in statistical production in Latin America and the Caribbean. The work of ECLAC also contributed to global forums: during the Executive Secretary's term as coordinator of



the five regional commissions, ECLAC published the joint documents *On the road to the Second World Summit for Social Development: contributions from the regional commissions*; *Road to Seville: reform proposals for FfD4 from the United Nations regional commissions*; *Intergenerational relations: creating a world for all ages so that no one is left behind*; and *Key messages from the 2024 Regional Forums on Sustainable Development*. ECLAC also published the document *Making peace with nature: regional actions to mainstream and invest in biodiversity*, which was launched at a high-level side event of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Cali, Colombia, in October 2024.



2024 key achievements



Shaping action for climate and resilience

Promoted understanding of climate change, disaster risk reduction, biodiversity, resilience, and gender integration.



Advocating for gender equity and the empowerment of women and girls

Analysed gender equality in the region and advocated for human rights, equity and inclusion, in particular for women, girls, and LGBTQI+ individuals.



Enhancing peer support and regional cooperation

Provided strategic support and capacity-building for United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, fostered interregional collaboration and helped to integrate foresight thinking into planning processes.



Driving equitable growth and financing for development solutions

Contributed to development finance initiatives, collaborated on economic policy discussions, and supported efforts to evaluate labour market policies.



Supporting populations left behind

Supported the integration of human rights, SDGs and the principle of leaving no one behind in United Nations country programming.



Strengthening data and statistical capacities

Updated technical assistance and assessment systems to support national capacities and strengthened the data management network.



Transforming governance systems for peace, justice and strong institutions

Enhanced United Nations coordination on Goal 16, analysed incarceration issues to address the penal system crisis and prison reform and gathered innovative solutions for access to justice.



Engaging youth and future generations

Supported youth participation and voices for sustainable solutions at key global and regional events.



Improving evaluation frameworks and methodologies

Supported evaluations of United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and enhanced national evaluation systems and United Nations country team programming.



Addressing human mobility challenges and transformations

Developed a regional United Nations-coordinated approach to migration and displacement focusing on a broader set of relevant countries, analysing socioeconomic development challenges and policies.



Building partnerships and amplifying communication

Strengthened communication in the Caribbean, developed a joint narrative to address misconceptions about the 2030 Agenda and SDGs in the region and published information materials for the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean.



Advancing knowledge management

Updated the Regional Collaborative Platform website with two new sections on information resources and collaboration and published regular updates on issue-based coalition and working group activities.



Optimizing efficiencies

Achieved savings through optimized service provision, completed reviews of business operations strategies and finalized the biennial report on the regional business operations strategy.

Source: System-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Financial resources

Figure 1
General overview of ECLAC funding, by source, 2024
(Thousands of dollars and percentages)

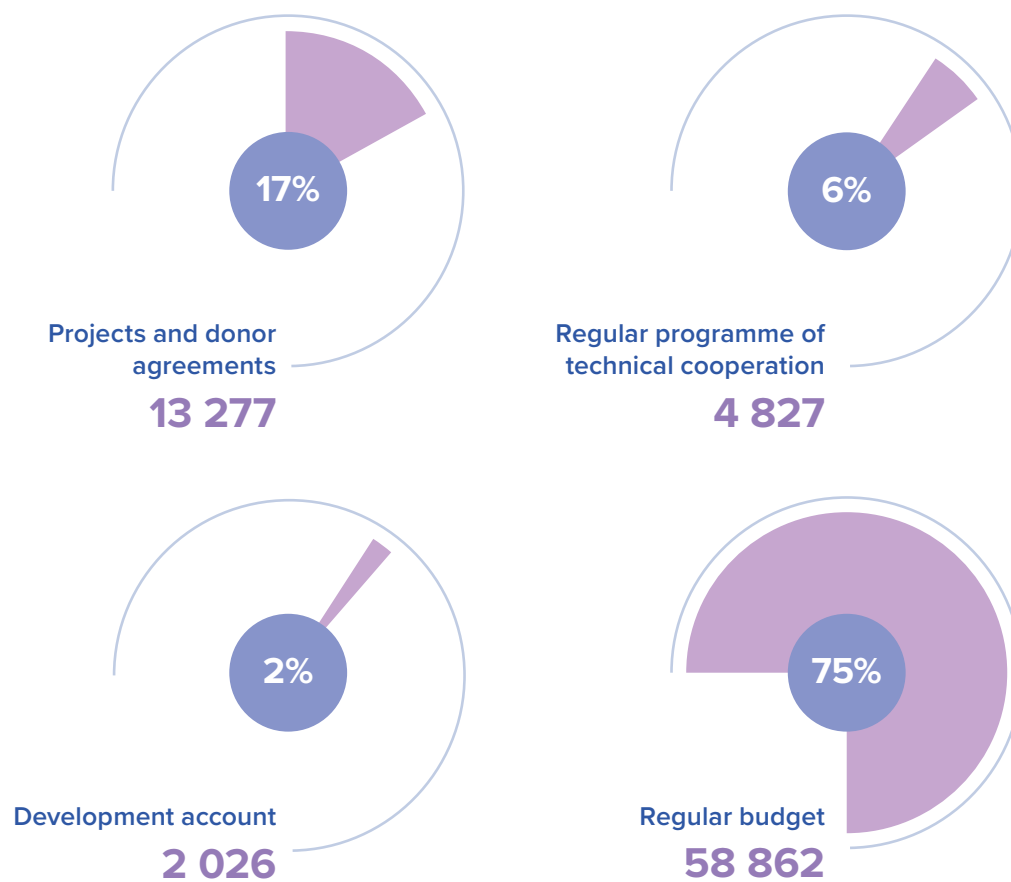
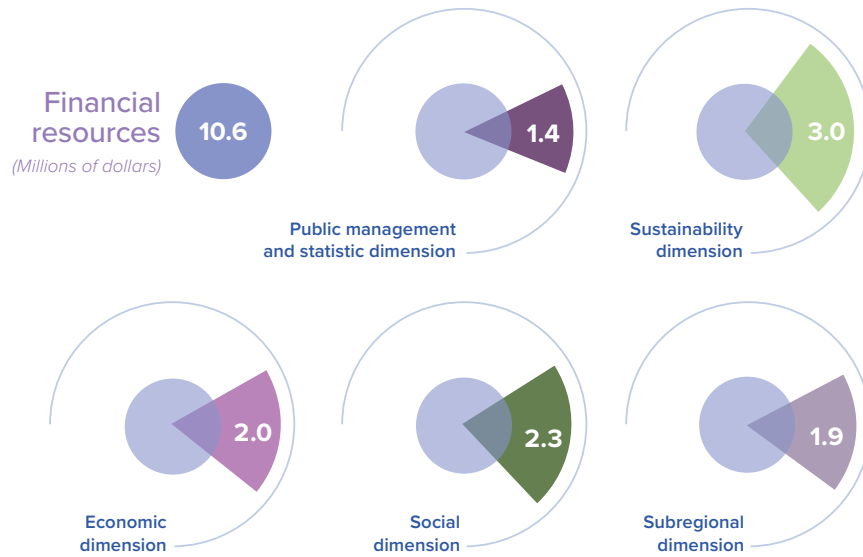
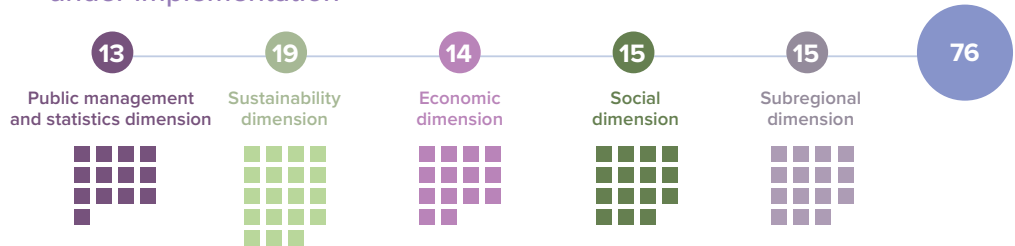


Figure 2
Breakdown of extrabudgetary resources, 2024

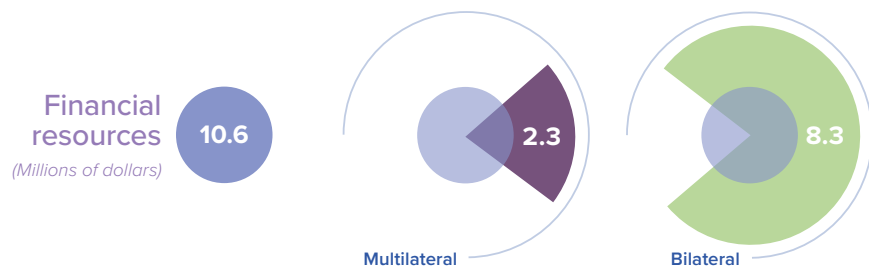
A. Grants and donor agreements, by thematic dimension



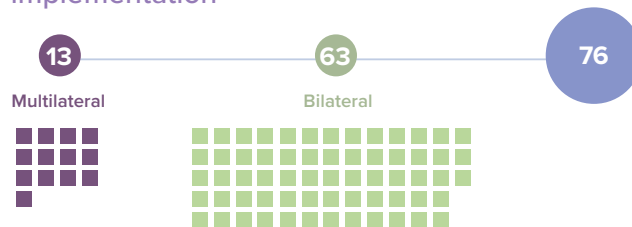
Number of projects funded with extrabudgetary resources under implementation



B. Grants and donor agreements, by type of development partner



Number of projects funded with extrabudgetary resources under implementation





Subsidiary bodies and intergovernmental meetings

Fortieth session of ECLAC

9–11 October 2024

At its most important meeting, held biennially, the Commission adopted **14 resolutions**, including resolution 768(XL) (the Lima resolution), in which it took note with appreciation of the secretariat’s position document and welcomed the integrated approach to development that has marked ECLAC thinking since its inception; and resolution 777(XL), containing the programme of work of ECLAC for 2026.



Fourth meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC

4 and 5 April 2024

The regional meeting brought together policymakers in science, technology and innovation from 22 Latin American and Caribbean countries **to determine the lines of work and areas of cooperation of a regional agenda for 2024–2025**. Also attending were more than 200 representatives from international organizations, the scientific community, academia, the private sector and civil society, who discussed issues such as channelling science, technology and innovation to solve strategic problems; the challenge of public-public and public-private coordination; the design and implementation of science, technology and innovation policies with a territorial approach; and innovative instruments for strengthening science, technology and innovation.



First meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean

19 June 2024

High-level authorities from ECLAC member States and representatives from the United Nations system and regional and international organizations participated in the meeting to assess and evaluate South-South and triangular cooperation. Participants also discussed multi-stakeholder strategies as opportunities for international development cooperation, and a presentation was delivered on the project led by the Regional Fund for Triangular Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, entitled “Strengthening feminist foreign policy and feminist international cooperation”. The Presiding Officers endorsed the global and voluntary conceptual framework to measure South-South cooperation, led by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; established an open-ended working group on the topic; and requested the secretariat, with the support of other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, to prepare a plan of action for mainstreaming a gender perspective in international development cooperation policies and programmes.





**Fifth session of the
Regional Conference on
Population and Development in
Latin America and the Caribbean**
Cartagena de Indias, 3 and 4 July 2024

Fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

3 and 4 July 2024

At its fifth session —which convened more than 570 attendees, including 340 representatives from civil society organizations—, the Regional Conference acknowledged that the full, effective, rapid and resourced implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development would contribute significantly to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and the 2030 Agenda. It also resolved to establish an open-ended group of friends of the Chair on the rights of persons with disabilities (the Cartagena group) to examine strategies to advance their inclusion.



Twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

28 and 29 August 2024

Representatives from national statistical offices and other statistical institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean discussed the future of statistical production in the region and reaffirmed its relevance for addressing emerging needs and global challenges.



Thirtieth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and eighth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable

9–11 September 2024

Ministers and policymakers from Caribbean countries and non-independent territories gathered in Port-of-Spain to discuss a path for building inclusive and sustainable development in the subregion. The Committee adopted five resolutions on the following topics: implementation of the outcome of the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States, in particular the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States; support for the work of ECLAC; strengthening support for improved disaster response and resilience; harnessing international migration for sustainable development; and support for ECLAC associate members.



Sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

31 October 2024

The meeting was held in the framework of the [sixteenth Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), hosted by the Government of Barbados and organized jointly with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Presiding Officers welcomed the ECLAC document *Reducing Inequality and Pursuing Inclusive Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges, Priorities and Key Messages in preparation for the Second World Summit for Social Development*, which called for countries to speak with a single voice at the Second World Summit for Social Development. In that regard, the Presiding Officers requested the secretariat to prepare a document that would constitute the region's contribution to the Summit.



**Sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference
on Social Development
in Latin America and the Caribbean**
Bridgetown, 31 October 2024

Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean

7 and 8 November 2024

Representatives of the countries of the region adopted the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2026), which establishes the regional priorities for policy and action in this area for the next two years. The Conference, convened by ECLAC, brought together more than 350 representatives from 41 countries, including 23 from Latin America and the Caribbean.



Thirtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)

27 and 28 November 2024

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Minister of Economic Affairs, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic, in his capacity as Chair of the Regional Council for Planning, opened the meeting. The Chair presented guidelines for the drafting of a regional agenda on the governance of planning and public management for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and Presiding Officers agreed to organize multi-stakeholder dialogues to provide inputs for the draft regional agenda to be submitted for consideration at the twentieth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning.



Sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

4 and 5 December 2024

The meeting, organized jointly with UN-Women, brought together 350 participants. Representatives from 27 member States were in attendance (including 23 from the region), together with representatives from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and cooperation agencies, civil society and machineries for the advancement of women. The Presiding Officers welcomed the ECLAC document *Action for equality, development and peace in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft regional report on the review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 30 years on, in synergy with the implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda*.



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Publications

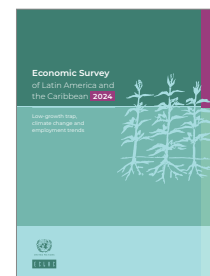


ECLAC plays a pivotal role in advancing research and producing in-depth analyses on sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2024, efforts to collect, generate, organize, interpret and share data and insights resulted in over 200 publications, including studies, technical materials and project reports. During the year, ECLAC publications were downloaded more than 16 million times, reflecting their broad reach and impact. A selection of these publications is highlighted in this section, and the full collection is available for download on the ECLAC website.

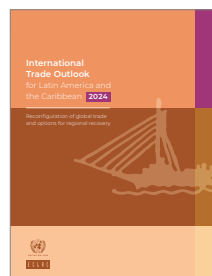
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Six flagships: annual reports that track a comprehensive vision of development



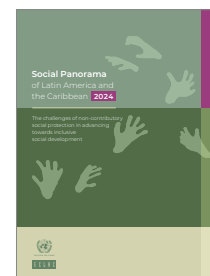
Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024



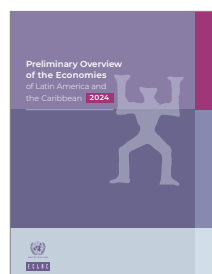
Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024



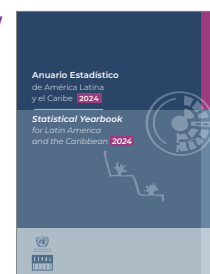
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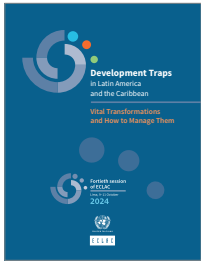
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Table 2
Key figures: outreach for flagship publications, 2024

| |  | Downloads by language | Press conference | Press coverage |
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| Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024 |  | Spanish 20 490 English 2 333 Portuguese 135 | Live broadcast viewers 572 | 1 158 press clippings in 47 countries |
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| Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024 |  | Spanish 14 303 English 1 761 Portuguese 136 | Live broadcast viewers 417 | 932 press clippings in 53 countries |
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| International Trade Outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024 |  | Spanish 4 203 English 998 Portuguese 72 | | 335 press clippings in 34 countries |
| | | Total 5 273 | | |
| Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024 |  | Spanish 8 743 English 1 781 Portuguese 243 | Live broadcast viewers 554 | 363 press clippings in 33 countries |
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| Social Panorama of Latin America, 2024 |  | Spanish 10 777 English 1 497 Portuguese 49 | Live broadcast viewers 669 | 484 press clippings in 41 countries |
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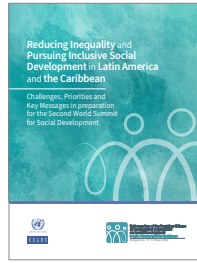
Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

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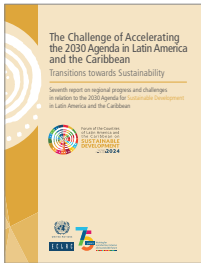
Development Traps in Latin America and the Caribbean: Vital Transformations and How to Manage Them

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Reducing Inequality and Pursuing Inclusive Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges, Priorities and Key Messages in preparation for the Second World Summit for Social Development

Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean



The Challenge of Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: Transitions towards Sustainability

Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development



Science, technology and innovation for sustainable and inclusive productive development: guidelines for 2024–2025

Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC



Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: second regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

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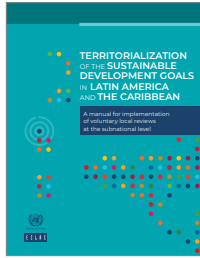
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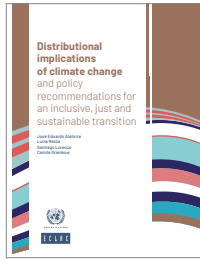
National Resources Outlook in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2023



Territorialization of the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean: a manual for implementation of voluntary local reviews at the subnational level



Iberoamérica: espacios de oportunidades para promover el empleo juvenil, la inclusión laboral y el desarrollo sostenible



Distributional implications of climate change and policy recommendations for an inclusive, just and sustainable transition



Inequality in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean: gap analysis and overcoming strategies, vol. 1

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Access to Environmental Information in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Synthesis of Decisions Adopted by Oversight Bodies and Selected Judgements

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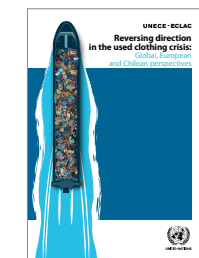
The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2023-2024

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



Digital Trade Regulatory Review for Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean 2024

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Economic Commission for Africa



Reversing direction in the used clothing crisis: Global, European, and Chilean perspectives

Economic Commission for Europe



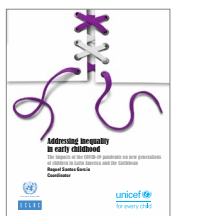
The cost of the double burden of malnutrition: main social and economic impacts in eight Latin American countries

World Food Programme (WFP)



Towards mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production in Latin America and the Caribbean

UN-Women



Addressing inequality in early childhood: the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on new generations of children in Latin America and the Caribbean

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

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Activities and results



Capacity-building on the use of fertilizers and irrigation on cacao farms in Peru.

Under subprogramme 1, International trade, integration and infrastructure, ECLAC supported Latin American and Caribbean countries to advance their international trade integration and enhance their logistics and infrastructure capacities. To contribute to the policy debate in this area, the ECLAC publication *International Trade Outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024* provides an analysis of how the complex global landscape, marked by increased protectionism, geopolitical tensions and shipping disruptions, is affecting the region's international trade, and examines the role of international trade in regional food security and the role of modern services as a driver of exports.

ECLAC continued its [cooperation with the European Commission](#) on the preparation of multiregional input-output tables. Activities included the organization of a [round table](#) at the International Input-Output Association Conference for policymakers to examine this tool's potential for the design and evaluation of public policies. In addition, [five training workshops were held for government officials and members of academia](#) from 12 Latin American countries.

Support for women in trade was once again a major area of focus for activities in 2024. Technical support was provided to the Ibero-American Network of Export Promotion and Foreign Direct Investment Attraction Agencies (Red Ibero) to promote the participation of women-led small and medium-sized enterprises in cross-border e-commerce. Technical support was also provided to the Investment and Exports Network of Paraguay in compiling profiles of women-led exporting businesses to inform the design of policies and instruments for these companies' integration into international markets. In addition, technical assistance was provided to the Peruvian Export and Tourism Promotion Commission to strengthen national capacities to navigate the [European Union regulation on deforestation-free products](#) and to implement a pilot programme on deforestation due diligence in coffee and cacao export chains in the country's San Martín region. ECLAC also worked with Chile to improve its national circular economy strategy and to design legislation on extended producer responsibility in the textile sector, which was consequently included in Act No. 20.920.



Project activity site in Tunja, Boyacá Department, Colombia.

ECLAC continued to support Colombia through a United Nations Road Safety Fund project to design and implement initiatives to improve road safety indicators through low-cost, high-impact participatory approaches that include road users and key stakeholders.

Lastly, technical support was provided to the Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador to identify how its Import and Export Processing Centre might be improved and to strengthen its single window for foreign trade, and a five-week virtual course was delivered on digital and inclusive single windows, with tutorials and live sessions, under the cooperation programme between ECLAC and the Republic of Korea.

I would like to thank ECLAC for its valuable support and the useful information that it generated through broad and detailed studies on [...] external trade and integration [...]. This has led to the creation of a robust regional agenda that has produced significant results, benefiting both the country and the region.

Lotty Andrade, Ambassador of Ecuador in Chile and Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean

Under subprogramme 2, Production and innovation, ECLAC implemented projects and initiatives to scale up and improve productive development policies and promote the digital transformation in the region. The first edition of the *Panorama of Productive Development Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean*, launched in September, not only offered an assessment of current productive development efforts but also proposed recommendations to guide countries and their territories in the design and implementation of these policies. The 2024 edition of *Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean* provided an overview of global and regional foreign direct investment (FDI) flows, main trends and a deep dive on the link between FDI and productive development policies.

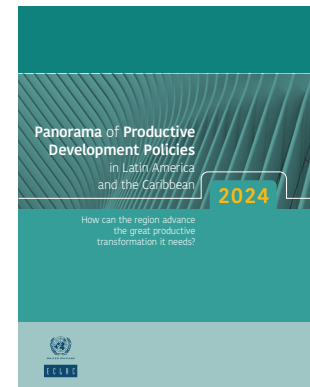
In 2024, the *ECLAC Platform for Cluster and Other Territorial Productive Articulation Initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean*—which currently maps 400 initiatives in 17 countries of the region—launched its community of practice with a series of workshops to systematically exchange good practices and lessons learned among professionals involved in such initiatives. This work also benefited from the support of German cooperation through the project “Transformative reactivation: overcoming the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

In February, to evaluate progress and support policy formulation and implementation on digital transformation in the region, ECLAC launched the *Digital Development Observatory*. The Observatory website contains more than 100 indicators and qualitative information on 12 thematic areas deemed vital for countries’ digital transformation, including connectivity and digital inclusion, businesses and productive digital transformation, digital services, e-commerce, artificial intelligence, digital skills and digital government. In Ecuador, ECLAC worked with the Prefecture of Pichincha and the Mayor’s Office of Quito to organize *five meetings* with a view to creating a network of subnational governments in the region and strengthening their involvement in productive development policies.

The network of subnational governments for productive territorial development in Latin America and the Caribbean is a clear example of how cooperation and sharing experiences can generate synergy, discussion and action on topics that drive progress towards more sustainable and inclusive development.

Paola Pabón, Prefect of Pichincha Province

The first Caribbean session of the School of Digital Transformation and Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Port of Spain from 12 to 15 August 2024. The *School*, organized in collaboration with the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), the Regional Center for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (a Department of the Brazilian Network Information Center) and technical and Internet organizations from the region and beyond, attracted participants from 10 Caribbean countries.



Platform for Cluster and Other Territorial Productive Articulation Initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Students from the twenty-fifth session of the School of Latin American Development Studies, in 2024.

The **twenty-fifth session of the School of Latin American Development Studies** was held from 11 July to 30 August 2024, for 28 postgraduate students from ECLAC member States. More than 700 students from different countries and universities have attended the programme since its inception in 2000.

Under the subprogramme, ECLAC continued to deliver technical assistance to the countries of the region on issues related to the digital transformation. Support for the Senate Committee on Transport and Telecommunications of Chile in the framework of the **“Strategy for digital transformation: Digital Chile 2035”** contributed to the **launch of the national plan on effective**

connectivity, in April. The strategy, developed through a participatory process involving the main stakeholders of the country’s digital ecosystem, aims to close connectivity gaps in Chile and facilitate the development of digital skills. In addition, the EU-LAC Digital Alliance project launched its Digital Accelerator, which takes an open innovation approach to supporting international market access for regional startups by connecting them with partners in Europe.

Under subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth, ECLAC continued to support the region in the areas of fiscal reform, budgetary processes, financing for development and labour. The 2024 edition of the *Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean* contributed to discussions on the macroeconomic constraints affecting regional growth and on how the low growth trap reduces economies’ capacities to create formal jobs, and included recommendations to address these challenges. ECLAC also published the 2024 edition of the *Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean*, presenting the region’s economic performance for the year.



Meeting of the Council of Treasury, Economy and Finance Ministers of the Regional Platform for Tax Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, May 2024.

ECLAC continued to serve as technical secretariat for the **Regional Platform for Tax Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean**, which expanded its activities in 2024. The Platform is the only member-State-led regional body specifically dedicated to tax cooperation. **Its Council of Treasury, Economy and Finance Ministers met and issued** a joint statement on Platform priorities, including the need to move towards a progressive international tax system and explore alternative means of financing for measures to confront the crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss. The Platform already has eight member countries, with four more interested in joining. ECLAC also provided technical support to the Platform’s working group on progressive taxation to review policy options for income and wealth taxes.



Over the years, tax borders have become more porous. Today, we frequently see economic spillover in third countries, which must be addressed by the different tax systems. This Platform will allow the Latin American region to have a more active voice in global debates in the framework of ongoing Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and United Nations initiatives in this area and, of course, to integrate any agreements that may be reached into our own tax administrations.

Mario Marcel, Minister of Finance of Chile

The **thirty-sixth Regional Seminar on Fiscal Policy**, held in Santiago in May with the support of Spanish cooperation, brought together high-level authorities from 13 countries of the region for a South-South discussion on emerging fiscal policy challenges. Public officials shared their countries' policy experiences regarding public spending for development and measures to increase public revenue and ensure public debt sustainability. The seminar also served as the occasion for the launch of the joint report of ECLAC, the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, the InterAmerican Center of Tax Administrations and the Inter-American Development Bank, entitled *Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024*, which compiles comparable tax statistics covering the period 1990–2022 for 27 Latin American and Caribbean countries.



As part of its continued technical support on budgetary issues, ECLAC worked with the Ministry of Finance of Chile to mainstream a gender perspective in budgetary processes, and national authorities subsequently announced plans to that effect for the next fiscal year.

In 2024, **the Dominican Republic successfully completed its first green bond issuance** on international financial markets after its Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development received ECLAC support to prepare an integrated national financing framework, anchored in the “END 2030” national development strategy and the SDGs. The funds raised are intended to finance clean public transportation in urban areas and tax incentives for renewable energy projects. In addition, technical support was provided to the Ministry of Finance of Costa Rica for a potential framework for sustainable development bonds. As part of its technical support on labour issues, ECLAC helped the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile with **its first national labour research strategy** and the Ministry of Labour and Labour Development of Panama with a national qualifications framework.

Under subprogramme 4, Social development and equality, ECLAC contributed to strengthening institutional mechanisms for the design and implementation of social policies in the region. In this regard, the 2024 edition of the *Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean* discussed the challenges of non-contributory social protection in advancing inclusive social development.

In January, ECLAC, CAF, the World Bank and UNICEF co-organized the **extraordinary meeting of ministers of education of Latin America and the Caribbean**, convened by UNESCO and the Government of Chile. Ministers and high-level authorities representing 28 countries adopted the Declaration of Santiago and committed to pursuing equitable, inclusive, transparent and financially sustainable education systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the context of the seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, ECLAC collaborated with the regional caucus for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Major Group for Children and Youth, along with other United Nations entities in the region, to convene the 2024 session of the forum of children, adolescents and youth of Latin America and the Caribbean. A youth declaration was presented to member States and stakeholders, and member States acknowledged the value of youth inputs, which were formally incorporated into policy dialogues at the regional level.

With the support of German and Spanish cooperation, ECLAC held the **fourth Regional Seminar on Social Development**, in June. The event brought together ministers of social development, social inclusion and labour from Latin American and Caribbean countries to consider and discuss how to design stronger policies to advance social protection and reduce inequality in the region.



Seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, April 15–18 2024.

ECLAC continued to provide technical support for social protection systems. Technical assistance was delivered to the Ministry of Social Development of Honduras on non-contributory pension systems and their financial sustainability, and to the Pension Services Office of Peru on extending National Pension System coverage to independent and informal workers. One of the measures proposed in that context was reflected in Act No. 32123 on the modernization of the social security system of Peru. Technical support was also provided under a Development Account project to design, adapt and implement institutional frameworks for universal, resilient and sustainable health systems in Chile, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico. In addition, ECLAC published a document on elements for analysis regarding digital social protection, with support from German cooperation. The report explores how digital transformation is reshaping social protection systems in Latin America, and high-level authorities from Chile, Costa Rica and Paraguay attended its launch.

Allow me to express our sincere thanks to ECLAC for the technical assistance provided to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia in the framework of the project on universal, resilient health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean[...]. This support [...] has proved very useful in strategic processes, such as the harmonization of Colombia's master investment plans.

Mayra Alejandra Nieto Guevara, Coordinator of Cooperation and International Relations

Under subprogramme 5, Gender equality and women's autonomy, key areas of support included developing care policies, strengthening gender equality institutions, gender statistics and gender mainstreaming in regional dialogues and cooperation. Technical support was provided to Mexico for the establishment of the Ministry for Women (which the President of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum, announced publicly in January 2025), with the aim of elevating the gender equality agenda to a Cabinet-level priority and unifying previously fragmented policies on gender equality and violence prevention, in order to enhance coordination and leadership.



Official launch of Chile Cuida, La Moneda Palace, Santiago, June 19 2024.

In the framework of a Development Account project, ECLAC provided technical support to Colombia to create a national care map with georeferenced public care services at the national and subnational levels, helping to identify service gaps and improve territorial planning. This process, led by the Ministry of Equality and Equity and supported by the National Administrative Department of Statistics, built on earlier ECLAC support for the Office of the Mayor of Bogotá to create a local care map as part of the “Care Blocks” initiative. ECLAC also provided technical support to the Ministry of Social Development and Family Affairs of Chile for the territorial implementation of the National Support and Care System (Chile Cuida), focusing on identifying care needs and strengthening institutional mechanisms to address the needs of all, including Indigenous, Afrodescendent and rural women.

In June 2024, the President of Chile submitted a bill to Congress for the establishment of a national care system.

Brazil also benefited from technical support for the development of care policies. In 2024, the President of Brazil, Lula da Silva, enacted Act No. 15.069 establishing the national care policy, drafted under the coordination of the National Office of Care and Family Services in the Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family Affairs and the Fight against Hunger. In addition, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics incorporated time-use measurement questions into its surveys, adopting a best practice shared in the ECLAC community of practice for measuring the care society.

The **twenty-fifth international meeting on gender statistics**, jointly organized by ECLAC, Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography and National Women's Institute (now the Ministry for Women), and UN-Women, fostered discussion on the importance of gender statistics to advance care policies. Likewise, with support from Spanish and German cooperation, the **working meeting on guiding principles for care policies from gender, intercultural, intersectional and territorial perspectives** facilitated discussion on necessary transformations regarding care and efforts to identify the tools, coordination mechanisms and information systems required to effectively integrate the territorial perspective into care policies. Lastly, ECLAC provided technical support to the National Statistical Office of the Dominican Republic to mainstream a gender perspective in statistical production, which entailed the delivery of a hybrid course, the development of a manual and the preparation of a report on gender indicators aligned with the SDGs and the Regional Gender Agenda.



The twenty-fifth international meeting on gender statistics, Aguascalientes, Mexico.

[...] I am grateful for the valuable support and technical collaboration [...] received in drafting a technical proposal for the institutional framework for gender and the rights of women in Mexico in the context of regional progress and the Regional Gender Agenda [...] which generated excellent ideas for strengthening our work. I hope to continue this close collaboration to ensure that every woman, girl and adolescent can live in harmony, peace and safety.

Nadine Gasman Zylbermann, President
of the National Women's Institute
of Mexico

Under subprogramme 6, Population and development, ECLAC helped to advance inclusive approaches that integrate gender and disability perspectives into the regional population agenda. A key milestone was the **fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean** where, for the first time in 10 years, a resolution explicitly addressing the issue of sexual and reproductive rights was adopted. The session also featured a panel moderated by and comprising persons with disabilities, underscoring the region's commitment to a more inclusive rights-based approach.

ECLAC continued to strengthen national capacities related to population estimates and projections, including through joint capacity-building activities with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). **A regional workshop on subnational population estimates and projections** allowed representatives of national statistical offices from 18 countries of the region to engage in hands-on training and knowledge-sharing on demographic statistical methodologies. ECLAC continued to provide technical support to Chile, El Salvador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia in their census processes. In addition, ECLAC and UNFPA conducted comprehensive evaluations of the recent censuses of Costa Rica and Ecuador and produced reports on findings, which will inform future planning and improve the quality and utility of census data. Lastly, ECLAC strengthened national capacities in the region on the use of REDATAM, which provides free and widespread access to population and census data online.



Fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Technical support provided to Chile on its national census.



Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement, Santiago.

On issues related to ageing, ECLAC organized a **regional seminar on the theme “Challenges and opportunities of population ageing: the silver economy”** in the framework of the ECLAC-Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)/GIZ Strategic Alliance Programme, presenting scenarios for future consumption growth among older adults. Under its cooperation agreement with the Republic of Korea, ECLAC provided capacity-building support to Brazil, Chile and Paraguay on national responses to population ageing and on mainstreaming population trends into development strategies and national implementation efforts to achieve the SDGs.

On issues related to migration, ECLAC provided technical support to the Ministry of Social Development and Family Affairs of Chile to review the resident registration database, which enables the production of annual migration tables. After receiving technical support from ECLAC, the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics of Peru published an **internal migration dashboard** and updated the **ODISEA** portal, which provides regional information on internal migration and indicators on territorial inequalities. Lastly, with support from German cooperation, collaboration with the National Population Council of Mexico produced several documents, including a **document on work-related migration in Mexico**, and a national training on new internal migration indicators.

On behalf of the National Statistical Institute of Chile, I would like to express our deepest thanks to ECLAC for its support and collaboration during the preparation and execution of the 2024 population and housing census, especially regarding relations with Indigenous Peoples and Afrodescendent organizations, which were critical to the success of this operation.

Macarena Alvarado, Project Manager for the 2024 population and housing census

Under subprogramme 7, Sustainable development and human settlements, ECLAC continued to advance sustainable development across Latin America and the Caribbean. **It convened the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement**, and Chile became the third country to adopt a national implementation plan, developed through a participatory process, to progressively enhance access rights. With Development Account support, Uruguay and Saint Lucia completed national road maps outlining priority actions for national implementation.

I would like to thank everyone who facilitated this meeting, which we hope will advance concrete action on the Escazú Agreement, particularly in terms of a regional plan to protect the people, groups and organizations that promote and fight for environmental protection on this earth[...] In that respect, this multilateralism, this cooperation among different countries, under the auspices of ECLAC and the United Nations, is an incredibly important part of our foreign policy[...]

Gabriel Boric, President of Chile

In July, ECLAC convened a **regional dialogue on carbon pricing and a workshop on the same topic in relation to article 6 of the Paris Agreement**, with support from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change regional collaboration centre for Latin America, the World Bank, EUROCLIMA and Carbon Pricing in the Americas. The event brought together ministers of environment from the region, who shared experiences with carbon pricing instruments and identified opportunities and challenges for advancing carbon markets in the region. That same month, to promote sustainable business activities and practices in the e-mobility sector, ECLAC presented a **proposal for a regional regulatory framework on discarded batteries used for e-mobility**

purposes. The proposal establishes battery requirements for market access, recycling and second-life use to ensure proper management within the framework of extended producer responsibility.

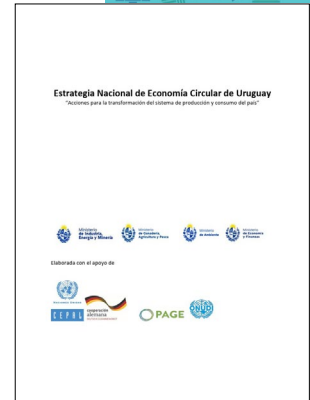
After receiving technical support from ECLAC, Uruguay published its national strategy for the circular economy, a collaborative effort of the Ministries of Industry, Energy and Mining; Environment; Economy and Finance; and Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries that built on prior experiences to foster interministerial cooperation. The strategy contains recommendations to inform policy design and implementation. ECLAC also provided support to the Undersecretariat of Environment of Buenos Aires to develop its strategy for the circular economy for the period 2024–2028, in alignment with its climate and sustainability goals, and to the National Investment System of Chile, which consequently updated the social price of carbon used in its public investment project assessments, further aligning national planning with climate objectives.

Lastly, in its role as technical secretariat of the **Forum of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Housing and Urbanism in Latin America and the Caribbean**, ECLAC supported the Forum’s Chair and Executive Committee in convening its thirty-third General Assembly. Ministers and high-level authorities at the Forum adopted the **Declaration of Belém**, in which they emphasized the central role of housing and urban development in tackling climate challenges and enhancing well-being across the region.

Under subprogramme 8, Natural resources, ECLAC supported Latin American and Caribbean countries in strengthening the governance of natural resources as a key pillar for sustainable development and regional integration. The **fourth Regional Water Dialogues**, held in March, continued to provide a policy framework for decision makers to discuss central challenges and solutions for sustainable and resilient water management, and to strengthen the work of the regional expert group on water resources. During the Dialogues, the Water Authority of El Salvador —after receiving technical support from ECLAC in the framework of a Development Account project— announced a commitment to advancing a co-designed investment plan for the Metapán wastewater treatment plant. In May, the Public Services Regulatory Authority of Costa Rica announced new water rates aimed at improving equity in water access, based on analysis provided by ECLAC.

Jointly with the Ministry of Energy and Mining of Guatemala, and with Development Account support, ECLAC held regional dialogues on the energy transition in Latin America and the Caribbean in November. High-level authorities and experts at the event discussed the challenges and opportunities presented by the energy transition and reached a consensus to pursue a regional energy transition agenda. At the seventh plenary meeting of the Regional Forum of Energy Planners (immediately following the dialogues), discussions focused on long-term energy planning as a crucial tool in guiding the energy transition in Latin America and the Caribbean. Promoted by ECLAC and the “GET. transform” programme with support from German cooperation, the Forum serves as a technical dialogue platform among countries in the region. ECLAC technical leadership in guiding participatory and resilient energy planning processes was also recognized by ministers of energy and high-level authorities during the **ninth OLADE Energy Week**, held in October. In that context, ministers adopted a decision establishing the Regional Energy Planning Council, which will receive ECLAC technical support to advance integrated energy planning in the region.

In 2024, the implementation of the 2022–2024 biennial action plan of the permanent forum for technical dialogue on innovation, technological development and adding value to lithium in the triangle countries and Mexico concluded. An ECLAC evaluation of the plan’s implementation provided key insights and recommendations to improve knowledge transfer, regional cooperation and sustainability in lithium mining and informed the 2024–2026 biennial action plan. In addition, in



Fifth exchange of experiences and knowledge, La Palca, Plurinational State of Bolivia.



Consultative process and international seminar on the theme “Gender equity in mining: heading towards an inclusive future”, Plurinational State of Bolivia.

the context of the project on regional cooperation for the sustainable management of mining resources in the Andean countries, implemented with German cooperation and the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of Germany, ECLAC organized a **visit to the Plurinational State of Bolivia for the purpose of conducting a study to strengthen participants’ capacities on technological innovation along the lithium value chain** and to cultivate long-term cooperation networks. The Plurinational State of Bolivia also benefited from technical support to **mainstream a gender perspective in the mining sector**, which led to the development of a road map, a historical shift in institutional priorities and a stronger public commitment from the government, in addition to making gender equality a central focus.

Support [...] in conducting the baseline study has been crucial, paving the way for the road map on mainstreaming a gender perspective in policymaking for the mining sector. This joint effort has facilitated significant progress on gender mainstreaming in one of the country’s strategic sectors.

Marcelo Ballesteros López, Deputy Minister for Mining Policy, Regulation and Oversight, Ministry of Mining and Metallurgy of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

In support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, ECLAC worked with Expertise France on a toolbox to integrate biodiversity in planning for development processes in Latin America and the Caribbean. Launched at a side event of the **sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**, the toolbox compiles practical resources and best practices to integrate biodiversity into planning and policy formulation. Lastly, with support from French cooperation, ECLAC assisted with regional preparations for the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference, including through the publication of **an overview of oceans, seas and marine resources and their contribution to sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean**.

Under subprogramme 9, Planning and public management for development, ECLAC continued to deliver technical cooperation, training and applied research on planning and public management at the national and subnational levels. In June, ECLAC organized the First Regional Conference of Parliamentary Committees of the Future, with the aim of increasing legislative foresight and anticipatory capacities through the establishment of a network of committees of the future in the region’s parliaments.



Technical support for the Institute of Planning, Statistics and Geography of Guanajuato State, Mexico.

ECLAC supported the government of Quintana Roo State, Mexico, in the participatory co-creation of its 2050 strategic plan for sustainable development. It also provided technical support to the Institute of Planning, Statistics and Geography of the government of Guanajuato State on the publication of its **2050 development plan**, which has since been approved and will serve as a strategic road map to foster a more inclusive and sustainable society. The plan, developed through an extensive participatory process involving over 36,000 citizens, including young people, women, persons with disabilities and migrants, outlines five strategic pillars aligned with the 2030 Agenda. In addition, with support from AECID, ECLAC convened a **regional workshop on collaborative governance and democratic deliberation**, held in Uruguay in October, where 20 experts from countries of the region explored innovative digital tools and strategies to promote more inclusive and effective citizen participation.



Launch of the 2040 Metropolitan Commitment of Santa Fe, Argentina.

In the framework of a Development Account project, ECLAC provided technical support for the development of the **2040 Metropolitan Commitment of Santa Fe, Argentina**, enacted in November. In coordination with the Agency for Cooperation, Investment and Foreign Trade of Santa Fe, five multi-stakeholder political roundtable dialogues were held, resulting in consensus on priority areas such as waste management, productive development, employment and connectivity.



Annual seminar on national accounts in Latin America and the Caribbean.

To advance towards the full exercise of youth rights through participatory and collaborative approaches and intersectoral coordination, ECLAC provided technical support to the National Youth Institute of Honduras to draft a new national youth policy. This participatory process of co-creation builds on the country's framework law for comprehensive youth development and seeks to update and enhance strategies to address current challenges facing young people. ECLAC also supported the territorialization of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs by promoting voluntary local reviews, and several subnational governments in the region adopted an ECLAC methodological guide produced in 2024, including the state of Aguascalientes, Mexico, which used this framework to strengthen local planning and align territorial strategies with the SDGs.

[...] The excellent team at ILPES has shown professionalism and dedication in providing crucial capacity-building for civil servants of the Federal Public Administration and local governments in Mexico[...] This vital technical support has enabled the continuous improvement of social policy design in Mexico[...] The contribution of ILPES has been essential to our progress, and we are certain that this collaboration will continue to be key to the future success of the project.

Hugo Alberto Acuña Cruz, Director of Social Programme Monitoring, National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy, Mexico

Under subprogramme 10, Statistics, ECLAC continued to support progress in the production and use of internationally comparable, accurate, timely and relevant statistical information for the formulation, follow-up and evaluation of sustainable development policies in the region. In 2024, ECLAC trained more than 250 national officials on topics related to national and environmental accounts and economic, social, climate change and disaster statistics and indicators. In September, ECLAC convened the **annual seminar on national accounts in Latin America and the Caribbean**, where experts and practitioners from 25 countries of the region and regional and international organizations discussed progress towards the implementation of the System of National Accounts 2025.

In June, ECLAC and the Bank of Guatemala organized a **workshop on the preparation of ecosystemic accounts**. ECLAC also worked with the Office of Hydrography and Geodesy and the National Office of Statistics and Informatics of Cuba to organize a regional workshop on integrating geospatial and statistical information for the regional implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework. In addition, ECLAC co-organized the eleventh session of the Regional Committee of the United Nations on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas to promote opportunities for collaboration and strengthen national processes



Workshop on the preparation of ecosystemic accounts in Guatemala.



Regional seminar on innovations and challenges in household surveys.

and initiatives for geospatial information management. Building on these events, ECLAC provided technical assistance to Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay and Trinidad and Tobago to improve governance, policy development, financing mechanisms and data management relating to geospatial information systems.

A **regional seminar on innovations and challenges in household surveys**, held by ECLAC in November, marked the first regional meeting on this topic in over five years, providing a platform for South-South cooperation, exchanging experiences and best practices and strengthening regional capacities in the collection, analysis and dissemination of household survey data. The seminar focused on discussing new methodologies, identifying regional challenges and promoting the use of emerging technologies. In addition, ECLAC provided technical support to Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama and the Plurinational State of Bolivia for the development of new survey sampling frames, and to Chile, Colombia and the Dominican Republic, with additional Development Account support, to improve the measurement of poverty and income inequality indicators. ECLAC also provided technical assistance to Mexico on disaggregating the official measurement of multidimensional poverty and to Guatemala on disaggregating malnutrition indicators.

To generate and disseminate social information at the subnational level, ECLAC launched a **new online portal for statistics based on small area estimation models in Latin America**. This portal aims to contribute to the dissemination of small area estimation methodologies and results and to provide useful information for the formulation and monitoring of public policies. Lastly, ECLAC supported countries of the region by organizing targeted technical workshops on innovative practices in data collection for price statistics, the revision and updating of consumer price indices and their integration with the International Comparison Programme.

Under subprogramme 11, Subregional activities in Central America, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Mexico, ECLAC provided tailored assistance in areas related to energy, climate change, tourism, productive development, fiscal, trade, social and economic policies, ageing and care, education, rural development, youth issues and disaster preparedness.

At its seventeenth regular meeting, the Council of Ministers of Energy of the Central American Integration System adopted **five energy compacts**, which constitute a milestone on the road to energy integration in Central America. Since 2023, ECLAC has been providing technical assistance to the countries of the Central American Integration System to develop these compacts, which are focused on universal access to electricity, reduction of the use of firewood, promotion of renewable energy, support and strengthening of non-conventional renewable energies and improvement of energy efficiency. The compacts will help member countries to coordinate agendas on climate, food security, transportation and biodiversity.

ECLAC is a key strategic partner in the advancement of Central American integration.

Tatiana Orellana, Executive Coordinator, Energy Coordination Unit,
General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System



ECLAC continued its technical support for the Central Bank of Honduras to strengthen capacities in the development and use of input-output tables, and conducted studies to support the Dominican Republic and Guatemala in identifying trade opportunities

and linkages with Mexico, with a view to strengthening regional integration. ECLAC also continued technical cooperation with several governments on issues related to ageing and care systems. After receiving technical support from ECLAC, Cuba adopted decree No. 109/2024 on the National System for Comprehensive Life Care, a strategic instrument for coordinating care policy at all levels. In addition, ECLAC supported the Ministry of Social Development of Panama in drafting the national policy for older persons for the period 2024–2030, which was published in May 2024.

ECLAC also played a strategic role in supporting labour ministries to strengthen labour inclusion policies through targeted technical assistance. For example, it supported the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Mexico to conduct an evaluation of the Youth Building the Future programme, offering concrete recommendations that have since informed its improvement and expansion. In Guatemala, ECLAC conducted an in-depth analysis of labour market trends, which helped to reinforce government planning and decision-making capacities. In turn, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Guatemala issued decree No. 264-2024, increasing the minimum wage.



Technical assistance on the minimum wage policy in Guatemala.

ECLAC partnered with other United Nations entities, the World Bank, the European Union and the Inter-American Development Bank to support Haiti by contributing to the rapid crisis impact assessment of damage from the 2021–2024 crisis with a view to defining stabilization priorities. ECLAC also worked with El Colegio de México to organize a **hybrid academic forum** in October to address Haiti’s security and development challenges. Building on years of collaboration with the other forum organizers, ECLAC engaged the academic sector, civil society and international partners in proposing recovery strategies.

Under subprogramme 12, Subregional activities in the Caribbean, ECLAC provided technical support to enhance national policies for sustainable economic development. For example, it supported the Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the development of a national science, technology, and innovation policy. In Saint Kitts and Nevis, ECLAC supported the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities to strengthen social policies, including updating the special needs policy and drafting an accompanying bill to enhance the rights and protections of persons with disabilities, and the Ministry of Social Development and Gender Affairs in the development of a communication strategy to improve public awareness on how to access government services, in particular for vulnerable populations. ECLAC also provided technical support to the Directorate General for Foreign Trade of Belize to identify emerging competitive advantages, expand export opportunities and address key trade challenges for agricultural production and related industries.

I write to acknowledge receipt of the final version of the Communications Strategy. [...] The feedback received was positive, and the Ministry has commenced utilization of the strategy to create our plan for 2025. The Ministry is very pleased with the deliverable, as it surpasses our expectations.

Azilla Clarke, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Development and Gender Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis

In support of the organization of the **Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States**, held in Antigua and Barbuda in May, ECLAC worked with the United Nations Information Centre for the Caribbean Area to launch the **“Imagine a world without islands”** campaign. Recognizing that small island developing States face an unstable and uncertain future, this campaign amplifies island voices to advocate for these States and their way of life.





Trinidad and Tobago benefited from technical support on several topics. For example, in April, ECLAC delivered a **master class on data and statistics for decision-making** for members of both chambers of Parliament with a view to highlighting the importance of the topic and underscoring the role of members of Parliament in creating an enabling legislative environment for the timely production, dissemination and use of quality official statistics. In August, ECLAC partnered with the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries and the University of the West Indies to organize a **national workshop to promote the**

implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a tool for advancing national geospatial information management, focusing on integrating geospatial information with other data for sustainable development in small island developing States.

In the framework of a Development Account project, ECLAC delivered the online training course **“From digital government to smart government”** during the month of October. The course, which targeted national officers from 11 English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries and territories, aimed to build the capacities of public administration stakeholders to provide citizen-focused solutions, and to advance evidence-based decision-making and data-driven policies of public value in pursuit of a resilient, smart government in the Caribbean.



First meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Lastly, research on emerging topics, such as **artificial intelligence in the Caribbean**, provided valuable information for policymakers, academic researchers and other Caribbean stakeholders in this area. Through studies, policy briefs and capacity-building workshops, ECLAC supported Caribbean small island developing States to better understand the **digital divide** and **artificial intelligence**, thereby supporting the adoption of holistic and inclusive policies related to digital technology.

Under subprogramme 13, Support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations, ECLAC continued to support

South-South cooperation and to conduct research and provide technical assistance for disaster response. At the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in June, ECLAC presented a **reference document** on progress in the quantification of South-South cooperation. The Presiding Officers agreed to establish an open-ended working group to follow up on the efforts being undertaken—in the framework of a Development Account project—to quantify South-South cooperation, with a view to mobilizing funds for the SDGs, and requested the secretariat to support capacity-building in the countries of the region.



Devastated neighbourhood in Muçum, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

ECLAC conducted a **damage and loss assessment exercise at the request of the Ministry of Integration and Regional Development of Brazil** after floods affected the state of Rio Grande do Sul in April and May; the **resulting report** served as a key input for Brazil's first national disaster response plan. ECLAC technical support in the wake of Hurricane Beryl included support for the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment of Barbados on a damage and loss assessment; support for Grenada on a post-disaster needs assessment; and support for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to assess the macroeconomic and tourism-related impacts of disasters with a view to ensuring an evidence-based approach to reconstruction and planning for long-term resilience. In addition, following the publication of a **baseline study in the municipalities of La Lima and El Progreso** of Honduras,

ECLAC trained 30 officials from both municipalities on the damage and loss assessment methodology. Lastly, ECLAC contributed to progress on Sustainable Development Goal 16 by holding side events at the seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, where it provided analysis on the economic problem of insecurity that has undermined public trust in State institutions at all levels and impacted governance in the region.

I would like to thank ECLAC, on behalf of the Government of Ecuador, for its valuable work on international cooperation, in particular the study on re-engineering international cooperation management in Ecuador[...] The study was crucial in demonstrating the need to strengthen the institutional structure for cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, which led to the creation of the Vice-Ministry of International Cooperation in January 2025.

María Gabriela Sommerfeld Rosero, Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Human Mobility of Ecuador

ECLAC country offices

The ECLAC office in Washington, D.C., continued to serve as a liaison with the Governments of the United States and Canada and with local international organizations, supporting intergovernmental processes and promoting cooperation among regional stakeholders. The office strengthened its collaboration with multilateral organizations, academic institutions and civil society groups through various activities. At a **conference on remaking global trade for a sustainable future**, held at the Georgetown University Law Center in February, ECLAC presented its work on trade and the environment, highlighting its efforts to support the multilateral system by recognizing social issues—such as labour, gender and the rights of Indigenous Peoples—as central components of progress on the SDGs.

The office continued its engagement with organizations and institutions based in Washington, D.C., including the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Inter-American Dialogue, the Global Environment Facility and Johns Hopkins University, to share ECLAC priorities and explore opportunities for collaboration. The office supported and facilitated ECLAC participation in the **fifty-fourth annual Washington Conference of the Council of the Americas**, held on the theme “Advancing the business case for the Americas”, and virtual discussion on the theme “No more lost decades: opportunities from nearshoring, the energy transition and other drivers of sustainable growth”, organized by the Wilson Center. As part of continued ECLAC support for the Summit of the Americas, and within the framework of the Joint Summit Working Group, the office contributed to inter-agency coordination efforts, helping to facilitate the effective implementation of agreements ahead of the tenth Summit of the Americas.

The office’s research activities included the annual report on trade between Latin America and the Caribbean and the United States, together with studies on the country’s evolving economic policy and trends and their impact on the countries of the region.

On behalf of the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America and the Caribbean, we would like to thank you for your immeasurable contribution to our “Forecast on Latin America and the Caribbean” conference.

Anne McKinney, Executive Vice-President, Association of American Chambers
of Commerce in Latin America and the Caribbean

During the year, the ECLAC office in Bogotá maintained its continued support for Colombia. The office supported the government in the organization of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Cali in October.



Fifty-fourth annual Washington Conference of the Council of the Americas, held on the theme “Advancing the business case for the Americas”.



In preparation for the meeting, the office held a **seminar on the theme “Biodiversity finance and ecosystem services: towards a new financial system for nature conservation and climate action”** in May to foster dialogue on innovative financial mechanisms for nature conservation and their potential benefits for Colombia and the region. The office’s technical support was key in highlighting the importance of a joint financing agenda for climate change and biodiversity and promoting integrated investments.

The office also provided substantive contributions to a document on Latin American and Caribbean reflections on biodiversity and development, which ECLAC presented at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference, outlining challenges and opportunities for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the region. In the framework of the **Biodiversity Finance Initiative**, the office and UNDP prepared and presented a document **on natural capital and development and the economic integration of biodiversity in Colombia**. The office also co-organized the meeting’s high-level segment on investments for a sustainable and resilient future for life and biodiversity, which convened senior decision makers to discuss innovative financing aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In addition, the office was part of the core coordination team for the Day of Finance for Latin America and the Caribbean, led by the UNEP Finance Initiative and Principles for Responsible Investment.

Lastly, the office continued its technical support for the **Governorate of Valle del Cauca** in the development of a public policy on citizen participation, organizing workshops to facilitate open discussions in several municipalities. As part of this effort, the office supported the co-creation of policy guidelines from a territorial perspective, developed tools to analyse and prioritize citizen needs and facilitated local round tables to gather territorial input.

These spaces, open to the public, are a testament to our commitment to open government, making us a leading national example of citizen participation.

Liza Nathalia Rodríguez, Secretary-General of the Governorate of Valle del Cauca, Colombia

The ECLAC office in Brasilia continued to support Brazil in strengthening its approach to socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic development. In 2024, under the guidance of the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, the office coordinated the secretariat’s support for Brazil during its G20 presidency, providing technical support on inequality, fiscal issues and climate change, among other topics. The office also furthered its cooperation with the Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade and Services by providing technical support for a national plan for the electric bus fleet, based on a collaborative process involving over 100 stakeholders from the public and private sectors, academia and civil society. **In that regard, a proposal** was presented at a high-level event in Brasília in the presence of the Vice-President and Minister of Development, Industry, Trade and Services of Brazil and the Executive Secretary of ECLAC. The big push for sustainability advocated by ECLAC was recognized as a sound and useful approach to developing a productive, inclusive and sustainable future for electric buses in Brazil.

I would like to thank ECLAC for its adept collaborative work in bringing its vast experience, presence and leadership in Latin America to this joint effort[...] I am certain that this partnership will identify good solutions in pursuit of quality and efficient public transportation using electric buses at the cutting edge of innovation, offsetting carbon emissions rather than polluting, improving air quality and safeguarding the quality of life of the population.

Geraldo Alckmin, Vice-President and Minister of Development, Industry, Trade and Services of Brazil

In addition, the office supported Brazil ahead of the thirtieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition, with the

collaboration of ECLAC and the support of the Open Society Foundation, issued a **joint statement at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**, signed by 39 members of parliament from 13 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The statement reaffirmed legislators' commitment to developing productive, technological and innovative capacities for a productive, inclusive and sustainable future, in line with the Paris Agreement, the ECLAC-proposed big push for sustainability and Brazil's priorities for the thirtieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. ECLAC also maintained strong collaboration with the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) in 2024, marking the fifty-third year of formal cooperation between the two organizations. The milestone presented an opportunity to reflect on the present and future of this partnership, and **an IPEA-ECLAC seminar was held to that end**, highlighting the productive joint efforts and research carried out over five decades, addressing future cooperation strategies and calling upon stakeholders to seize development opportunities in the coming decades.



IPEA-ECLAC seminar looking back on 50 years of development cooperation. / Helio Montferre/IPEA.

The ECLAC office in Argentina continued to support policymaking by providing analytical, advocacy and capacity-building services and technical assistance to governments at the national and subnational levels. In the framework of its partnership with the Federal Investment Council of Argentina, the office provided technical assistance, training and policy recommendations to subnational governments on economic, trade and productive development and on data, statistics and information systems to improve evidence-based decision-making. ECLAC took part in **the Council's Development and Public Policy Specialization Programme** and contributed to institutional capacity-building for policy formulation and strategic decision-making in subnational governments. In line with the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC), the office supported the advancement of the knowledge economy and digital transformation at the subnational level by conducting a **study of the knowledge economy in Santiago del Estero Province**, which included a stakeholder mapping exercise, and an analysis of coordination and normative frameworks, which resulted in a **joint publication** with policy recommendations that were subsequently incorporated in the province's digital development plan.

This work, which is the product of a joint effort of ECLAC and the government of Santiago del Estero Province, is a milestone on the path to strengthening the knowledge economy in our region.

Adrián Omar Suárez, Secretary of Science and Technology,
Santiago del Estero Province

The first **local survey of digital skills** in Argentina, implemented by ECLAC in the province of **Córdoba**, contributed significantly to the identification of skills gaps among population groups, improving capacities for analysis and evidence-based policy design. In addition, the office supported the government of Entre Ríos Province with data monitoring and analysis of progress towards the SDGs and assisted in the design and identification of strategic indicators for SDG localization. The office also supported the government in the development and use of modelling tools to enable analysis of the province's productive value chains.

The work of the ECLAC office in Montevideo focused on the productive development of Uruguay, both at the national and the subnational levels, and on providing structural analysis of its international integration and related contributions to economic development. The office partnered with Uruguay XXI, the national export and investment promotion agency, to produce a study estimating the gross added value of Uruguay's exports.



Presentation of the joint publication on the local knowledge economy to the government of Santiago del Estero Province, Argentina.

I would like to thank the ECLAC office in Montevideo for its collaboration in preparing the report on the contribution of goods and services exports to GDP and employment in Uruguay[...] This report will undoubtedly be key in evaluating the economic importance of productive sectors and linkages, informing policymaking to promote investment and goods and services exports.

Sebastian Risso Clerc, Executive Director, Uruguay XXI

At the request of the National Institute for Cooperatives, the office prepared a technical study with analysis and proposals for strengthening agricultural cooperatives in Uruguay by identifying economic and institutional factors limiting their development, together with opportunities for export diversification, which served as the basis for a preliminary proposal on public policy guidelines for the agricultural and agro-industrial sectors. Lastly, the office provided technical assistance to the government of Canelones in conducting an **analysis of the food logistics chain from a value chain perspective**. The study highlighted contributions to employment and value addition and the inclusiveness of the jobs created, in terms of income, gender and educational background.





Implementation of cross-cutting strategies

Performance indicator frameworks for cross-cutting strategies

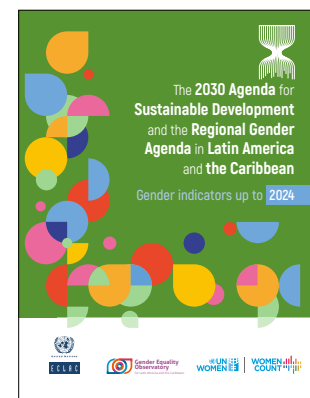
ECLAC maintained its unwavering commitment to gender equality, inclusion and youth engagement, as evidenced by its sustained progress in the implementation of its Disability Inclusion Strategy 2021–2025, its gender mainstreaming strategy for the period 2020–2025 and the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy. With regard to the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP), 2024 was the final year of reporting under the UN-SWAP 2.0 indicator framework. Thanks to its concrete progress on five performance indicators, ECLAC achieved overall improvement of 31%. Going forward, adapting to the new UN-SWAP 3.0 indicator framework, which has been updated to incorporate the United Nations System-wide Gender Equality Acceleration Plan indicators and additional requirements, may pose a challenge.

Similar progress has been made in the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, as evidenced by the 40% improvement in six performance indicators reported by ECLAC in its 2024 progress report on the implementation of the Strategy. This accomplishment is the result of concrete, systematic efforts and a stronger commitment across the whole of ECLAC. The establishment of an internal network comprising 40 disability inclusion focal points is expected to further strengthen implementation. While ECLAC has made significant progress on accessibility, with its publication of accessible documents, further efforts are needed in other areas, such as the employment of persons with disabilities. Meanwhile, as part of the implementation of the United Nations Youth Strategy, ECLAC is strengthening its engagement with young people.

Amplifying work with member States through high-level political dialogue and partnerships

In the framework of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC and UN-Women convened meetings in 2024, including a briefing for ministers and high-level authorities from machineries for the advancement of women during the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, where a **joint ECLAC-UN-Women document on regional gender indicators up to 2024** was presented.

The work undertaken in the framework of the Regional Conference alongside other intergovernmental platforms is pivotal in facilitating regional cooperation on gender statistics, gender-responsive fiscal policies, financial inclusion with a gender perspective, improved tax collection for gender equality and better financing for care systems, among other issues. **Examples include the adoption of decision III/4 on mainstreaming the gender perspective** at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement, and efforts to create a safe and enabling environment for the defence of human rights in environmental matters, including the prevention of discrimination and gender-based violence against women human rights defenders, as a key element of implementation of the Escazú Agreement.





Participants at the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, 3 and 4 July 2024.

With support from Colombia, in its capacity as Chair, **the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean** modelled inclusion at its fifth session by promoting the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities, including through the panel led by persons with disabilities, which focused on the inclusion and advancement of their rights. In addition, the Cartagena Group established as an outcome of the session will focus on the rights of persons with disabilities and the population and development agenda.

Ensuring and promoting the involvement of young people in development processes is crucial for progress towards a more egalitarian society. ECLAC support for the engagement and active participation of young people in these processes ahead of the annual Economic and Social Council youth forum included its collaboration with the regional caucus for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Major Group for Children and Youth and other United Nations entities in the region to convene the 2024 session of the forum of children,

adolescents and youth of Latin America and the Caribbean. ECLAC also organized **the Caribbean youth dialogues**, in April, which provided a platform for over 100 young people from the subregion to exchange ideas on how to pursue inclusive and sustainable economic and social development.

The **youth ideas lab for strengthening youth participation in Latin America** held in October was another relevant youth-led initiative. Co-organized by ECLAC and AECID, the event was attended by participants from 16 Latin American countries, who addressed gaps and challenges for young people in decision-making processes and in policymaking for social cohesion, in line with the commitments of the Pact for the Future.

Gender mainstreaming from a transformative results-based perspective in the programme of work of ECLAC

Gender equality and inclusion are built into the Commission's strategic planning process through targeted interventions, gender mainstreaming and measures to promote full respect for the human rights of persons with disabilities. ECLAC has also benefited from the support of member States and development partners and from partnerships with other United Nations entities and key regional stakeholders.

Under subprogramme 5, ECLAC support for improved policymaking for gender equality led to the signing of agreements by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and development cooperations of Chile and Mexico and the securing of formal commitments to strengthen feminist foreign policies and feminist international cooperation, advancing the institutionalization of gender equality frameworks in regional and international contexts.

Under subprogramme 8, technical support for the Plurinational State of Bolivia in the framework of the ECLAC cooperation programme with GIZ and the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of Germany included a series of multi-stakeholder dialogues and **a study that ultimately informed the country's road map on mainstreaming a gender perspective in policymaking for the mining sector.**

Under subprogramme 4, ECLAC contributions included regional insights and inputs in the preparatory process for the Second World Summit for Social Development, in particular the joint document *On the road to the Second World Summit for Social Development: contributions from the regional commissions* and a special ECLAC report entitled *The road to the 2025 Second World Summit for Social Development: towards a pact for inclusive social development*, which specifically addressed disability-related matters.

Lastly, under subprogramme 9, ECLAC technical assistance for the co-creation of the 2050 development plan of Guanajuato State, Mexico, included the participation of young people, persons with disabilities and women, and the since-approved plan provides a road map towards a more inclusive and sustainable society.





Strategic partnerships for development

In 2024, ECLAC continued to focus its development cooperation and partnership efforts on aligning the mobilization and implementation of extrabudgetary resources with its own strategic vision of supporting the countries of the region in accelerating the transformation of their productive structures, which is essential for boosting economic growth and fostering social inclusion. These transformations and their key driving sectors line up with the priority areas of ECLAC development partners, expanding opportunities for collaboration.

In addition to deepening existing relationships, ECLAC actively pursued new partnerships, with a particular emphasis on strengthening ties with the private sector and foundations and other non-traditional stakeholders, while exploring innovative cooperation modalities. The unique regional development role of ECLAC and its proven track record with member States remain critical assets for partners seeking to maximize impact.

In 2024, the Commission's extrabudgetary expenditure remained high, with resource implementation totalling US\$ 13.3 million, which is nearly identical to the last two years (US\$ 13.6 million in 2023 and US\$ 13.3 million in 2022) and significantly higher than in previous years.

In terms of resource mobilization, ECLAC secured US\$ 15.7 million in 2024 for a 25% increase compared to the period 2021–2023, when resource mobilization ranged between US\$ 11.5 million and US\$ 12.5 million. This significant increase reflects the successful adaptation of the ECLAC extrabudgetary resource mobilization strategy to an increasingly challenging global environment for development cooperation, in particular through enhanced outreach to the private sector and foundations.

Forty-two new project agreements were signed in 2024, up from 41 in 2023 and 33 in 2022, and 54 framework agreements were signed, representing no change relative to the previous year. Notwithstanding the strong results achieved in resource mobilization in 2024, in light of the current and evolving global cooperation landscape, maintaining this level of funding in the coming years is expected to present considerable challenges.

As in previous years, the extrabudgetary project portfolio in 2024 addressed a range of priority areas for member States, including key initiatives related to the development of fiscal, social and productive policies for rapid economic growth; natural resource management, including sustainable mining; the promotion of gender equality, women's autonomy and the care economy; and the implementation of the Escazú Agreement.

Framework agreements and technical cooperation projects in 2024

Table 3 shows the number of framework agreements signed in 2024. These agreements were signed with governmental and non-governmental entities in order to initiate or formalize a collaborative relationship that, while not involving the transfer of financial

resources, provides a foundation for joint work, policy dialogue and knowledge exchange in areas of shared interest. Table 4 shows the number of technical cooperation projects signed in 2024. These projects involve the transfer of financial resources from donor institutions to support specific activities aligned with ECLAC strategic priorities and the development needs of its member States.

Table 3
ECLAC technical cooperation framework agreements signed in 2024

| Bilateral agreements | |
|--|-----------|
| Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean | 12 |
| Governments outside the region | 4 |
| Non-governmental organizations | 0 |
| Academic institutions | 6 |
| Private sector and foundations | 3 |
| Total bilateral agreements | 25 |
| Multilateral agreements | |
| United Nations system entities | 7 |
| Development banks | 1 |
| European Commission | 1 |
| Intergovernmental and other organizations | 6 |
| Total multilateral agreements | 15 |
| Total framework agreements signed | 40 |

Table 4
ECLAC technical cooperation projects signed in 2024

| Bilateral projects | |
|--|-----------|
| Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean | 10 |
| Governments outside the region | 15 |
| Non-governmental organizations | 2 |
| Academic institutions | 1 |
| Private sector and foundations | 5 |
| Total bilateral projects | 33 |
| Multilateral projects | |
| United Nations system entities | 6 |
| Development banks | 2 |
| European Commission | 1 |
| Intergovernmental and other organizations | 0 |
| Total multilateral projects | 9 |
| Total projects signed | 42 |

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).



Activities implemented by ECLAC and funded by extrabudgetary resources were carried out in close cooperation with countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Implementation of multi-year projects initiated in previous years continued in 2024, and the Commission signed new projects with several national and subnational entities in Argentina, Aruba, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay.



Bilateral cooperation with governments outside the region also remained strong, and ECLAC signed important new cooperation agreements with long-standing partners, including Spain, Germany, the Republic of Korea and France. Building on a solid foundation of collaboration with Germany, ECLAC continued the implementation of several multi-year projects funded by BMZ, including the final phase of the project on smart, inclusive and sustainable cities and the project on regional cooperation for the sustainable management of mining resources in the Andean countries, with GIZ and the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of Germany. In addition, the six new cooperation projects launched in 2024 further expand the scope of collaboration between BMZ and ECLAC, focusing on just transitions, gender equality and the circular economy.



ECLAC signed a multi-year agreement with Spain to promote five workstreams, with thematic areas ranging from fiscal policy and social cohesion to gender equality and support for the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean. ECLAC further strengthened its cooperation with the Republic of Korea through a new annual agreement, facilitating joint initiatives on shared priorities such as digital and inclusive trade, the effects of climate change and the silver economy.

In 2024, ECLAC continued its collaboration with the French Development Agency, with a focus on modelling the impacts of climate change on development. In addition, the continued implementation of the ECLAC cooperation agreement with Expertise France supported Escazú Agreement implementation in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico and the Plurinational State of Bolivia. These initiatives are part of a broader partnership between ECLAC and France, which includes preparatory activities ahead of the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference.

ECLAC strengthened its strategic collaboration with the European Union through initiatives focused on climate, digital transformation and sustainable development financing. EUROCLIMA incorporated new areas, such as biodiversity, which involved ECLAC partnering with the Bank of Mexico on conservation financing and with the Central American Monetary Council on climate risk and financial stability. In November, the EU-LAC Digital Alliance high-level policy dialogues on connectivity and artificial intelligence, hosted by ECLAC and co-chaired by the European Commission and Chile, promoted biregional convergence and advanced joint deliverables ahead of the 2025 EU-CELAC Summit. The joint publication *Latin American Economic Outlook 2024: Financing Sustainable Development*, by OECD, CAF and the European Commission, focused on financing sustainable development and offered policy recommendations to mobilize resources, strengthen financial systems and promote investment through innovative instruments and partnerships.

ECLAC maintained close cooperation with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to enhance the impact and coherence of technical cooperation. New or extended agreements were signed with FAO, IFAD, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP. A key development highlighting the value of engagement with development banks was the signing of a framework agreement with CAF to support ECLAC assistance for the countries of the region in preparation for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, opening new avenues for technical cooperation.

ECLAC also continued its work on projects supported by United Nations trust funds, including a project financed by the United Nations peace and development trust fund to improve access to drinking water, sanitation and renewable energy in vulnerable municipalities in El Salvador, Mexico and Panama; the continued implementation of the United Nations Road Safety Fund project in Colombia; and a Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund project to support the development of an integrated national financing framework for the SDGs in Cuba.

In 2024, ECLAC deepened its engagement with the private sector, consolidating partnerships with long-standing supporters and attracting new donors. Notably, 3 of the top 10 ECLAC donors in 2024 were private foundations. In addition to funding a multi-year project on the future of work, the Ford Foundation continued to support civil society engagement in the implementation of the Escazú Agreement. Collaboration with the Wellspring Philanthropic Fund also expanded, with a project on women's rights and autonomy, concluding in late 2024, and the launch of two new projects, on transformative economic recovery and on education disparities in Guatemala and Mexico. ECLAC also received its first grant from the Waverley Street Foundation for a multi-year initiative to support national implementation plans and regional action strategies related to the Escazú Agreement, further reinforcing ECLAC leadership in environmental democracy.

Lastly, Open Society Foundations continued to fund the implementation of the project to support the Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition, which fosters a regional agenda on these matters and brings together parliamentarians from over 20 ECLAC member States and associate members.



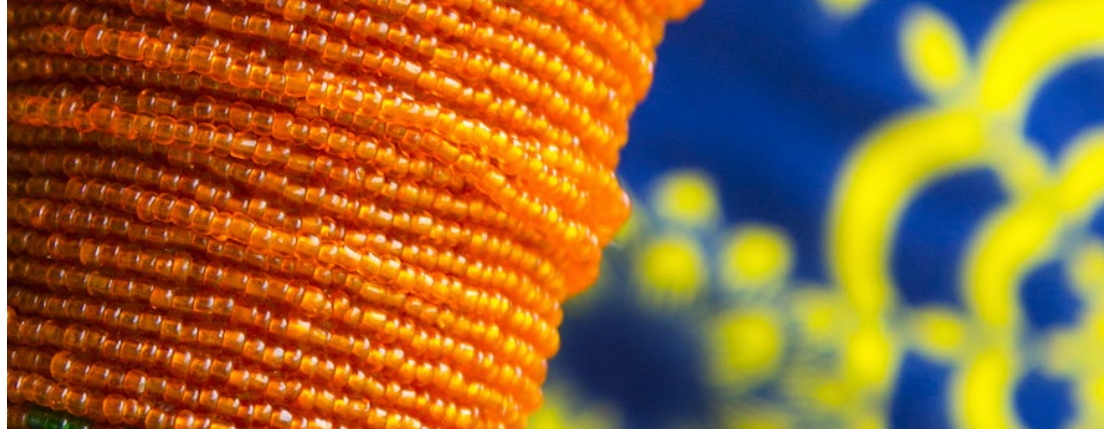
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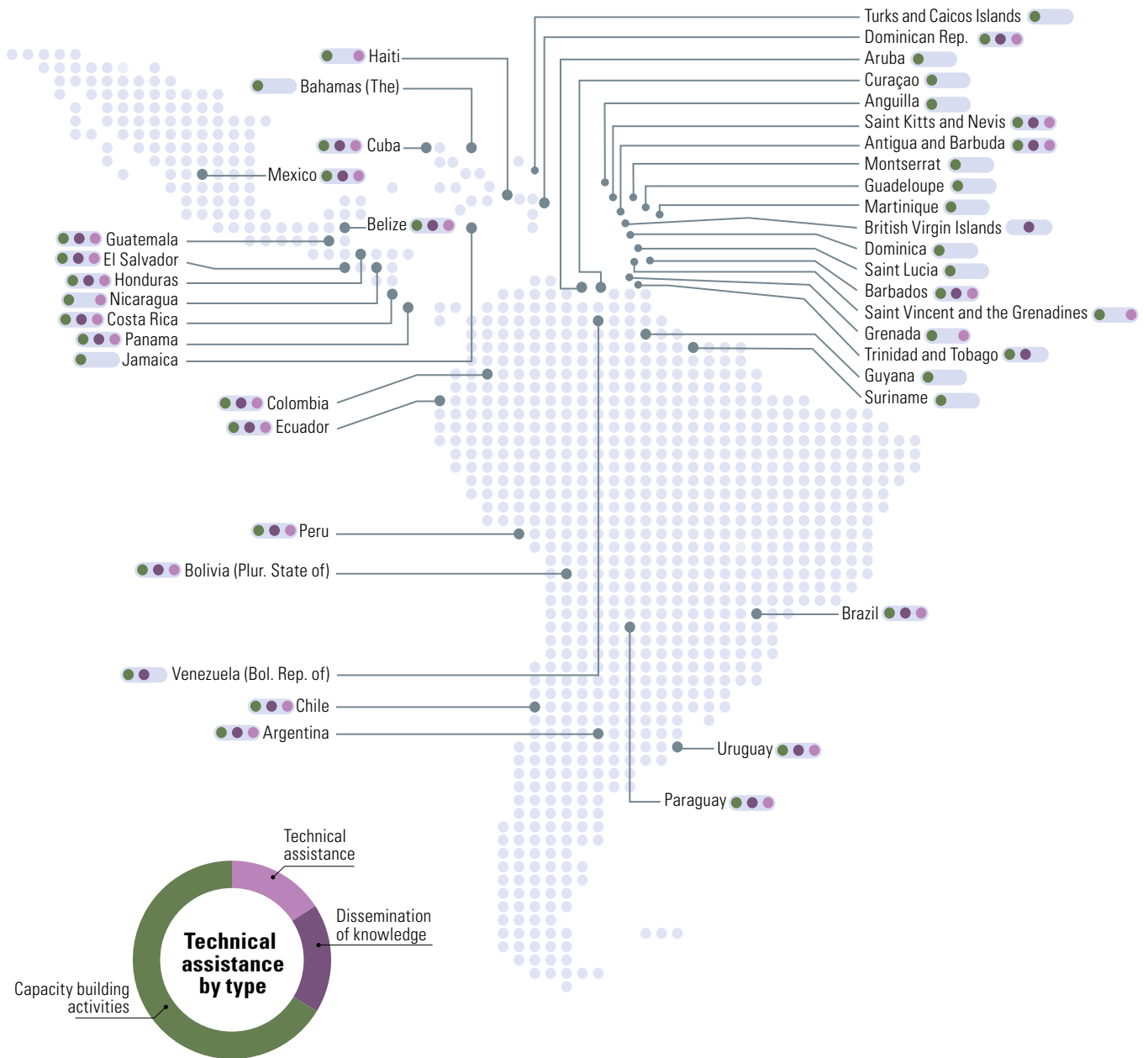
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Technical cooperation



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Note: The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



Results-based management and outreach

ECLAC is committed to implementing its mandates with transparency and accountability and has developed mechanisms to consistently report its results to member States. In 2024, ECLAC submitted the report on the activities of the Commission, 2023, for the consideration of member States at the fortieth session of the Commission, giving a detailed account of its work. For the first time, this report contained a specific section highlighting initiatives on cross-cutting issues, such as gender, disability inclusion and youth. At the same session, ECLAC submitted the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2026, including the strategy and proposed deliverables of each subprogramme. The programme of work, adopted by member States in Commission resolution 777(XL), served as the basis for the proposed programme budget for 2026 of ECLAC, to be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration in 2025.

The implementation of the programme of work was monitored by the Programme Planning and Operations Division of ECLAC and by all substantive divisions and offices. ECLAC delivered 402 outputs, for an overall implementation rate of 99% (see table 5). However, the liquidity situation of the Organization impacted implementation modalities for the planned activities. Trainings, seminars and workshops that had been planned to be delivered in-person were adapted to be delivered in virtual or hybrid modalities.

Table 5
Implementation of the programme of work, 2024
(Number of outputs)

| | Planned | Delivered |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Parliamentary documentation | 5 | 5 |
| Substantive services for meetings | 17 | 18 |
| Technical cooperation projects | 17 | 18 |
| Seminars, workshops, fellowships and training events | 95 | 95 |
| Publications | 118 | 114 |
| Technical materials | 43 | 42 |
| Consultation, advice and advocacy | 55 | 55 |
| Databases and substantive digital materials | 39 | 39 |
| Outreach programmes, special events and informative content | 7 | 7 |
| Communications content | 8 | 8 |

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

In 2024, ECLAC implemented its evaluation plan, including the evaluation of a Development Account project on climate change and disaster indicators for evidence-based policies in Caribbean small island developing States, and started the evaluation of several projects funded with extrabudgetary resources.

Library

Key figures: Hernán Santa Cruz Library, 2024



Digital repository

46 427

Total records

950

New records uploaded

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Library website

22 038

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Social Media

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Followers on X
(formerly known as Twitter)

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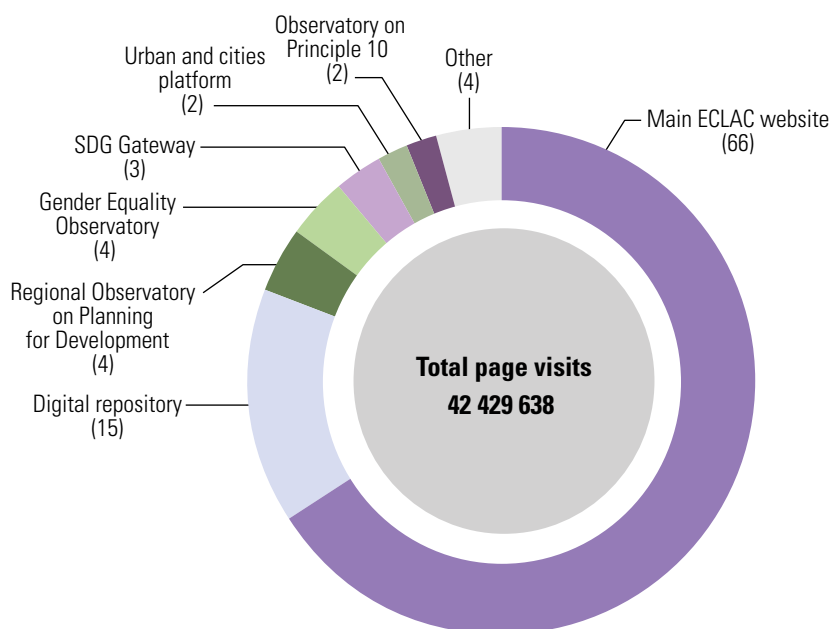
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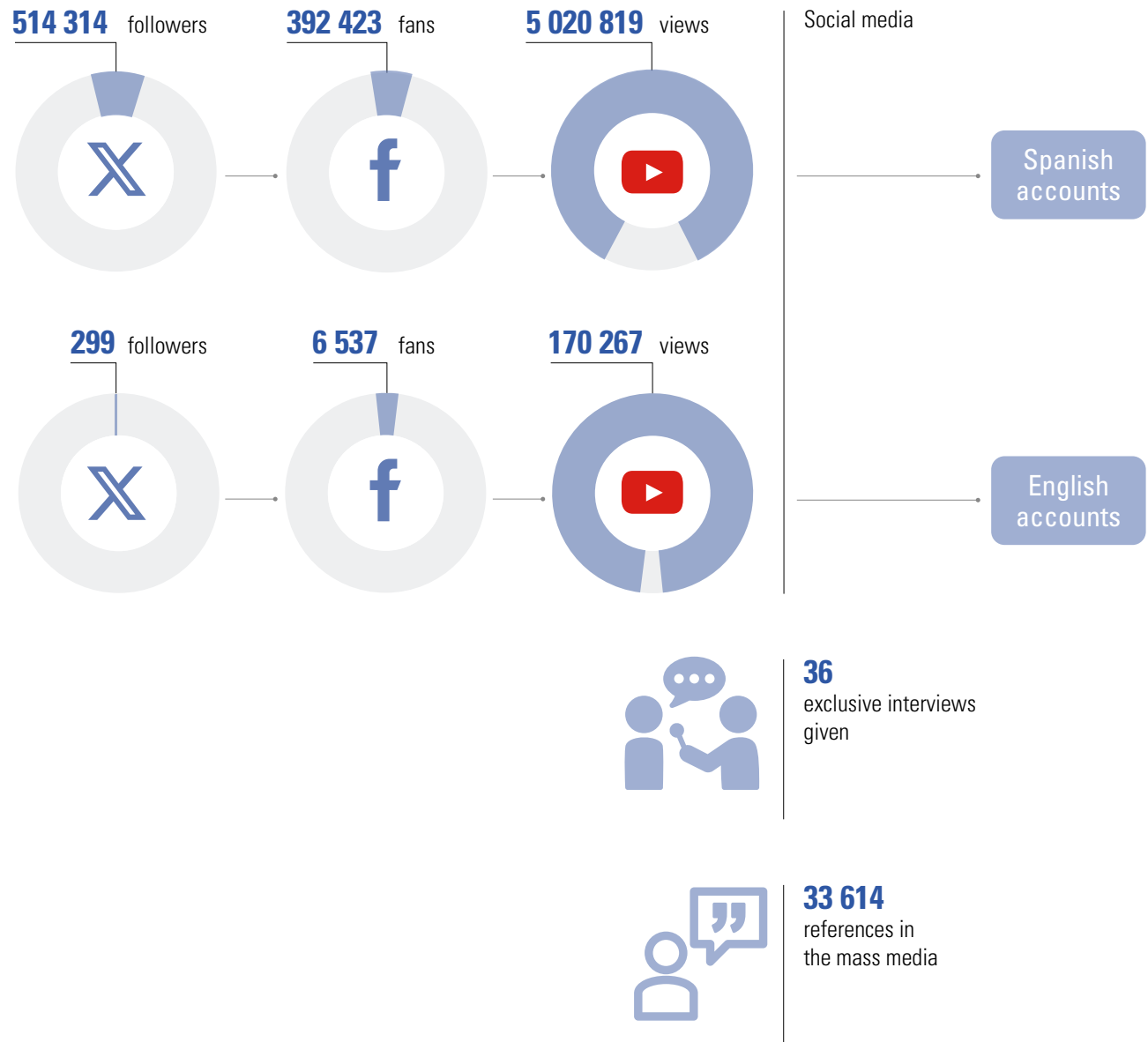
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(Percentages and number of visits)



Press and communication

Key figures: ECLAC press and communication, 2024





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