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Tenth meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Committee on South-South Cooperation

Virtual meeting, 18 March 2021

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Committee on South-South Cooperation is one of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Its main aim is to strengthen international cooperation for development in the region, including South-South, North-South and multilateral cooperation.

The tenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation will be held virtually on the afternoon of 18 March 2021, within the framework of the fourth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

The Presiding Officers elected at the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC, held in October 2020, are representatives of the following countries: Argentina (Chair), Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru (Vice-Chairs).

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have before them the following provisional agenda for consideration and adoption:¹

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Challenges and opportunities for South-South and triangular cooperation in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
3. A strategy for cooperation for middle-income countries
4. Action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2021–2022
5. Adoption of agreements

Representatives of member States may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

2. Challenges and opportunities for South-South and triangular cooperation in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Under this agenda item a discussion will be held on the role that South-South and triangular cooperation should play in implementing policies to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and, at the same time, bring about a sustainable and inclusive economic recovery, as set forth in the fourth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, *Building forward better: action to strengthen the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, and in the Political Declaration on a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean, adopted at the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC.

First, the discussion aims to encourage reflection on how South-South and triangular cooperation can support and ensure the sustainability of measures implemented by countries in the region to strengthen health systems and emergency social protection programmes, and how to address the challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean in the procurement, distribution and administration of vaccines.

¹ LC/MDSS.10/1/Rev.1.

Second, the role of South-South and triangular cooperation in the region's transformative recovery will be discussed. The discussion is expected to include issues such as the type of cooperation that will be required, the political alliances that will be necessary, the economic areas or sectors in which such cooperation will be needed and, above all, whether a regional narrative and shared practices will need to be consolidated to support or guide this new stage in the development of Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Reference documents:

- Building a New Future: Transformative Recovery with Equality and Sustainability (LC/SES.38/3-P/Rev.1)
- Political Declaration on a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean²
- Building forward better: action to strengthen the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (LC/FDS.4/3/Rev.1)
- Latin American Economic Outlook 2019: Development in Transition (LC/PUB.2019/14)
- Emerging challenges and shifting paradigms: new perspectives on international cooperation for development (LC/PUB.2018/16)
- Middle-income countries: a structural-gap approach (LC/G.2532/Rev.1)

3. A strategy for cooperation for middle-income countries

Under this agenda item, the Executive Secretary of ECLAC will present a document being prepared by the Commission at the request of Costa Rica, in its capacity as chair of the Committee, on middle-income and transition countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of the post-Covid-19 recovery. The document highlights the need to promote new forms of international cooperation that go beyond financial assistance and official development assistance (ODA). It also describes the challenges related to the graduation of middle-income countries and calls for the widening of the criteria on which cooperation is based beyond per capita GDP.

4. Action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2021–2022

Costa Rica, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation, will submit for consideration the action lines of the Committee on South-South Cooperation for the period 2021–2022, based on the agreements in resolution 749(XXXVIII), adopted at the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC, and on the work carried out by the Committee.

Following the presentation by the Chair, delegations will then be given the floor to offer their views and comments on the work of the Committee for the period 2021–2022.

² See [online] https://periododesesiones.cepal.org/38/sites/pses38/files/political_declaration_of_latina_america_and_the_caribbean_-_final_23.10_ing.pdf.

Reference documents:

- Report of the first working meeting of the Network for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/OR.2019/2)
- Report of the second working meeting of the Network for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/OR.2019/3)
- Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (A/CONF.235/3)
- Report on the South-South cooperation activities carried out since the thirty-seventh session of ECLAC. Note by the secretariat (LC/SES.38/10)
- Resolution 749(XXXVIII) on the Committee on South-South Cooperation (LC/SES.38/PINF)

5. Adoption of agreements

The Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation will adopt the agreements they deem appropriate in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.