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

Santiago, 19 June 2024

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and was established pursuant to resolution 752(PLEN.36) adopted by the member countries of ECLAC at the thirty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC, in December 2021.

The first meeting of the Presiding Officers will be held in person on 19 June 2024.

The currently serving Presiding Officers were elected at the first session of the Regional Conference, held in May 2023, and comprise Argentina as Chair and Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Spain and Uruguay as Vice-Chairs.

At that session, resolution 1(I) was adopted, in which the Presiding Officers and the member countries of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean were requested to promote the strengthening of synergies and partnerships with other stakeholders such as development banks, the private sector and regional and subregional integration mechanisms, as well as multi-stakeholder partnerships with civil society, local governments and academia in matters related to international development cooperation.

They were also urged to identify common criteria to guide evaluation and assessment of these cooperation modalities and their impacts, and that take into account the conceptual framework for the measurement of South-South cooperation.

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Assessment and evaluation of South-South and triangular cooperation.
4. Consideration and adoption of agreements.
5. Other matters.

2. Assessment and evaluation of South-South and triangular cooperation

Under this agenda item, assessment and evaluation of South-South and triangular cooperation will be discussed, particularly with regard to the identification of common criteria to guide evaluation of the impact of these cooperation modalities in the region.

A crucial focus of the discussion will be prioritizing the quality variables of projects and programmes over their quantity when measuring South-South cooperation, in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
This agenda item will also include discussion of the consideration of monitoring and evaluation costs in the design phase of programmes and projects, in the understanding that, in the context of cooperation, accountability in processes must come before results and impacts.

**Reference documents:**

- Camino hacia la evaluación de impacto de la cooperación en el marco de las reuniones intergubernamentales sobre cooperación Sur-Sur de la Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL) (LC/MDSS.1/DDR/1)
- Progress and challenges of South-South cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (LC/CCSS.1/3)
- Evaluating South-South cooperation in six Latin American and Caribbean countries: shared challenges for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (LC/TS.2021/121)

3. **Multi-stakeholder strategies: opportunities for international development cooperation**

Under this agenda item, the Presiding Officers will review the status of multi-stakeholder partnerships and synergies in South-South and triangular cooperation in the region, and reflect on the relationship between States and other stakeholders such as development banks, the private sector, civil society, local governments, academia and non-governmental organizations.

Multi-stakeholder participation will be analysed with a view to identifying experiences and ways of fostering innovative and diverse forms of dialogue and understanding between non-State actors and the State in Latin America and the Caribbean.

It is hoped that the discussion will encourage mutually agreed multi-stakeholder action at a local, national and regional scale, with regard to building knowledge networks, sharing experiences and lessons learned, technical advice, and implementation of specific projects, for example.

**Reference documents:**

- Progress and challenges of South-South cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (LC/CCSS.1/3)

4. **Consideration and adoption of agreements**

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean will adopt the agreements they deem appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

5. **Other matters**

Under this agenda item, the delegations may raise any other matters they wish to examine.