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Editor's note

Dear reader,

We would like to thank you for the positive feedback received on the last “United Actions” Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC). The second edition of 2024 is now available! We hope the Bulletin will **continue to provide insights** into the UN system’s collective efforts and achievements at the regional level, highlighting the work of the RCP LAC Issue-based Coalitions (IBCs) and Working Groups (WGs).

This issue includes updates on initiatives from the IBCs on Climate Change and Resilience, Equitable Growth and Financing for Development, Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and Human Mobility. You will also find information on the activities of the Working Groups on Populations Left Behind, Youth, Partnerships and Communications, as well as the Comprehensive Development Plan. **Additionally**, we are pleased to share key updates, including recent changes in the RCP LAC membership and Resident Coordinators in the region, as well as upcoming events at the global and regional levels to mark on your calendar.

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We hope you find this issue both interesting and relevant and we encourage you to distribute it widely within your networks.

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IBC

Climate change & Resilience

Launch of the Regional Brief: Gender Mainstreaming in Climate Change, Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction

In a recent [online webinar](#) held on 25 June, stakeholders from nine UN agencies presented the publication [“Gender Mainstreaming in Climate Change, Resilience, and Disaster Risk Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean”](#). This collaborative effort, part of the [Issue-based Coalition for Climate Change and Resilience](#), aims to assist decision-makers and UN Country Teams in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By addressing challenges and identifying opportunities, the webinar facilitated discussions among UN practitioners on effectively mainstreaming gender in their initiatives.

Since 2020, the IBC has produced a series of regional briefs to support sustainable development, climate action, and disaster risk reduction across the region. The newly launched publication underscores the critical importance of integrating gender perspectives into these agendas. Its goal is to strengthen collective efforts towards inclusivity and resilience, ensuring that no one is left behind in the pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

IBC



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Survey launched to map UN initiatives on access to justice

The IBC on Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions is undertaking a comprehensive mapping of international, regional, and national initiatives currently led by United Nations Agencies, Funds, Offices, and Programmes on access to justice. As part of this effort, the IBC has developed a dedicated survey for regional and country offices to showcase their initiatives, including specific activities, proposed solutions, tools, and knowledge products.

Access to justice is at the core of the 2030 Agenda, as sustainable peace and development cannot be achieved without it. To ensure meaningful access to justice for all, mechanisms and systems must be available for the fair resolution of disputes, redress for human rights violations, and accountability for wrongdoings. People must be aware of their rights, empowered to claim them, and free to make their own choices throughout the process.

Through this survey, the IBC aims to identify opportunities for synergies, knowledge exchange, and collaborative implementation. Participants are invited to submit their contributions by Friday 6 September 2024.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)





Equitable Growth and Financing for Development

IBC



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New tool to advance inclusive growth in Latin America and the Caribbean

The IBC on Equitable Growth and Financing for Development is preparing the launch of the **regional Inclusive Growth Tracker** in the last quarter of 2024. This collaborative initiative will feature interactive maps showcasing the outcomes of a comprehensive meta-analysis of Active Labor Market Policies (ALMPs) in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The new tool focuses on five key interventions: Training Programmes, Public Employment Services (PES), Wage Subsidies, Public Employment Programmes (PEP), and Self-Employment. It aims to assess the effectiveness of these policies, facilitating evidence-based policy formulation and promoting inclusive economic growth.

“Active Labor Market Policies play a crucial role in addressing regional labor market challenges, enhancing employability, and promoting economic inclusion.”

Despite their potential, their full impact remains to be fully realized in Latin America and the Caribbean. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between policy implementation and outcomes by providing a data-driven and user-friendly platform that enhances informed decision-making and supports stakeholders in the design and scaling of successful programmes.



New UN-coordinated approach to human mobility and displacement

Over the past three months, the Issue-based Coalition on Human Mobility **has created a Task Force of agencies**, funds and programmes and has organized several meetings to respond to a request from the RCP LAC Vice-Chairs to draft a proposal for a new UN-coordinated approach to migration and displacement integrating both humanitarian and development perspectives. This initiative follows the Secretary General's decision 2024/6, issued in February 2024, which tasks ECLAC, in coordination with UNDP, DCO, the Issue-based Coalition on Human Mobility, and Resident Coordinators within the RCP LAC framework, to lead the preparation of:

1. A plan to sunset the CDP, with ongoing projects to be embedded in UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks or national development plans, as appropriate.
2. A new UN-coordinated approach to migration and displacement, which expands to a broader set of relevant countries and focuses on an integrated analysis of structural causes and policies related to migration and protection.

The Task Force has held a series of meetings to discuss key elements for this new coordinated approach at both regional and country levels. On June 28th, a consultation with Resident Coordinators in the region was conducted to ensure their views and insights inform the proposal development, thus ensuring a whole-of-UN approach.

A group of agencies, funds, and programmes have agreed to co-penhold the drafting process of this new approach throughout July. The proposal will be presented to the Vice-Chairs of the RCP LAC for consideration. A thorough discussion is envisioned with Regional Directors at the upcoming RCP LAC retreat in August, before the proposal is submitted to the Executive Committee in September 2024.





WG

Populations Left Behind



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Call for RCs and UNCTs' input on regional priorities

The Working Group on Populations Left Behind has launched a questionnaire aimed at United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs) and Resident Coordinators (RCs) in Latin America and the Caribbean to gather insights and identify regional priorities for the "leaving no one behind" (LNOB) approach.

Stakeholder input is crucial in guiding initiatives aimed at leaving no one behind. Responses received will contribute to shaping the Working Group's workplan for the period from June 2024 to June 2025, ensuring it effectively addresses issues of concern to guide the work of RCs and UNCTs.

The Working Group was established in response to the demand from RCs and UNCTs to address specific issues affecting vulnerable groups and populations at risk of marginalization. Its objective is to support approaches that tackle entrenched inequalities and human rights violations in the region, aligning with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.





YOUTH

WG



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Empowering youth voices: digital dialogue and global engagement at the Youth20 Summit and the Summit of the Future

In preparation for the upcoming Youth20 Summit and Summit of the Future, the Working Group on Youth is organizing an online discussion to enhance youth participation through innovative approaches.

The Digital Dialogue, taking place on 3 August, will provide a safe space for young voices from the region. Leveraging an AI-based platform, it aims to gather insights and opinions from adolescents and young people aged 15 to 29 on critical issues established for the Summit of the Future and aligned with G20 priorities. These include combating hunger, poverty and inequality; addressing climate change, energy transition and sustainable development;



reforming global governance; promoting inclusion and diversity; shaping innovation and the future of work, and advancing the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda. A technical team will moderate the session to ensure confidentiality.

This initiative provides adolescents and youth from the region an opportunity to express and share opinions, hopes, and points of view on critical topics, contributing to building a more egalitarian and inclusive society.

The outcomes of the dialogue will be published on the RCP LAC website and showcased at the Youth20 Summit, alongside a comprehensive International Youth Day communications package. They will also be featured during the Summit of the Future.



Advisory Board on the Comprehensive Development Plan for El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and the south and southeast of Mexico

“ Since the launch of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), the context in the subregion has significantly changed, with events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and shifting government priorities and evolving migration patterns. ”

In response to the shifting landscape, a new approach to Human Mobility that is framed on Los Angeles and Palenque processes is needed. In this regard, under the leadership of ECLAC and UNDP, the Advisory Board on the Comprehensive Development Plan for El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and the south and southeast of Mexico **is in consultation with the Resident Coordinators** of the four participating countries, is working in ensuring that ongoing projects are fully integrated into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks or national plans, and the United Nations is focusing on a new UN coordinated approach for a more effective response in a rapidly changing context, which is currently being developed by the IBC on Human Mobility.

Next steps include preparing the draft proposal for a sunset plan, which will be discussed with the Resident Coordinators on Friday, 26 June 2024, and subsequently shared with the RCP LAC Vice-Chairs before the end of July. The RCP LAC will discuss the proposed plan during its Annual Retreat in August 2024.



Partnerships & Communications

WG



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Key messaging to Support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The RCP LAC's Partnerships and Communications Working Group (PCWG) is developing a set of key strategic messages to be used by RCs and UNCTs to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These messages aim to counter the misinformation and criticism to the Agenda and the SDGs in the current political and social landscape of the region.

Latin America and the Caribbean has registered an increase in opposition to and actions aimed at discrediting the SDGs. Recognizing the need to address these challenges, the PCWG is working on developing clear, impactful messages that reinforce the importance of the 2030 Agenda.

At the core of this initiative is the understanding that effective communication is crucial for advocacy and the promotion of sustainable development. The messages are being developed by a Task Force that involves the co-chairs of every IBC and WG in the RCP LAC, as well as focal points of the PCWG. These arguments are designed to be adaptable, allowing them to be tailored to specific contexts within the LAC region.

The final document will be presented before the Summit of the Future, so it can be socialized with all UNCTs in the region and help foster and galvanize a positive discourse that supports the 2030 Agenda's commitments and goals.

The PCWG's initiative is timely, given the recent political shifts and social movements within the region.





Results of the RCP LAC meeting on 3 July 2024

The recent meeting of the RCP LAC focused on critical issues, including updates from the Resident Coordinator in Argentina, follow-up actions from the Seventh Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, preparation for the RCP LAC annual retreat, updates on the new UN-coordinated approach to human mobility, and discussions on youth engagement with the Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs.

Key discussion points:

- RCP LAC members expressed the need for improved information sharing and crisis management at the regional level to support UNCT programming in polarized country contexts characterized by high levels of misinformation and disinformation.

- The Vice-Chairs invited RCP LAC members to continue discussions held during the Forum regarding system-wide approaches: 1) tackling SDG financing gaps, including collaboration with IFIs and reforming the international financial architecture; 2) creating a shared understanding of country support needs; 3) shifting from a project-oriented approach towards integrated policy advice.

- RCP LAC annual retreat discussions will include repositioning the UN system in the region amidst weakened multilateralism, a coordinated approach to address the root causes of human mobility, and rethinking the Forum on the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

- RCP LAC members highlighted the importance of incorporating youth in mandate implementation, particularly in preparation for the upcoming Summit of the Future.

- The next steps in sunsetting the Comprehensive Development Plan and developing a new UN-coordinated approach to migration and displacement, including by strengthening the IBC on Human Mobility, increasing collaboration with Resident Coordinators, and incorporating human mobility into Cooperation Frameworks, were addressed.

- Considering Hurricane Beryl, RCP LAC members emphasized the necessity of a regional approach to effective coordination during the hurricane season.



RCP LAC Key updates

RCP LAC Retreat 20-21 August 2024

The RCP LAC will be hosting its Annual Retreat on 20 and 21 of August in Panama.

The retreat will be the opportunity to further promote the support provided to Resident Coordinators and UNCTs, particularly on regional and cross-border joint analysis and initiatives in support of transformative programming of the United Nations development system. Key objectives include:

- **Consolidate** commitments and collective ownership of the RCP LAC responsibilities.
- **Review** advancement on the reform implementation in the region and take stock on the implementation of 2024 RCP LAC priorities and its workplan.
- **Strengthen** common vision on RCP support to LAC leadership and coherence on critical global priorities, including multilateralism, the Summit of the Future, the COPs on Biodiversity and Climate Change, G-20, the Second World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.
- **Rethink** the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.
- **Consolidate** commitments and collective ownership of the RCP LAC responsibilities.
- **Reflect** on how to strengthen synergies among Issue-based Coalitions and Working Groups and country and subregional coordination groups.





RCP LAC **Key updates**

New RCP LAC members and Resident Coordinators



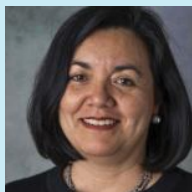
Ms. Karine Hulshof

Regional Director a.i. for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – Since 1 July 2024.



M. Simon Springett

United Nations **Resident Coordinator** in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean – Since 3 June 2024.



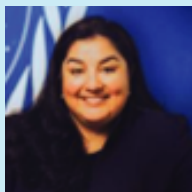
Ms. Julia Sanchez

United Nations **Resident Coordinator** in Dominican Republic – From 1 September 2024.



Ms. Anna Marttinen Pont

United Nations **Resident Coordinator** in Bolivia – From 1 September 2024.



Ms. Rossana Dudziak

United Nations **Resident Coordinator** in Peru – From 4 October 2024.



Events, meetings & webinars

Save

the dates

Next RCP LAC Meetings

- **20-21 August (PTY):** Annual Retreat of the RCP LAC (in person)
- **Mid-November (virtual): RCP LAC Meeting:** Stocktaking of 2024 results and planning for 2025

Key Global and regional events

- **22-23 September** (UNHQ New York): Summit of the Future
- **24 September** (UNHQ New York): UNGA High-Level Week
- **21 October to 1 November** (Cali, Colombia): Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- **30-31 October & 1 November** (Bridgetown, Barbados): Sixteenth Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- **12-15 November** (Medellin, Colombia): Fifth UN World Data Forum
- **18-19 November** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): Nineteenth G20 Leaders' Summit

International days

- **12 August:** International Youth Day
- **19 August:** World Humanitarian Day
- **21 September:** International Day of Peace
- **7 October:** World Habitat Day
- **17 October:** International day of the eradication of poverty
- **24 October:** UN Day
- **31 October:** World Cities Day





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