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NEWS FROM THE RCP LAC



Editor's note

Dear reader,

We want to thank you for all the positive feedback we received regarding the launch of the Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean United Actions (RCP LAC). We will continue publishing it on a bi-monthly basis to provide you a quick glance of the most relevant news from the RCP LAC and its Issue-based Coalitions (IBCs) and Working Groups (WGs).





In this second edition, we would like to highlight several initiatives of the IBCs on Climate change and resilience, Crime and violence, Financing for development and Human mobility, and from the Working Groups on Youth, SDG data and statistics and Peer support group. We have also included information on the most recent events, as well as details regarding the Regional Virtual Forum on Preventive Auditing and the Efficiency of Public Expenditure for Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held on November 2022.

United Actions is prepared by the RCP LAC Partnerships and Communications Working Group to enhance transparency and showcase UN system efforts and collective results at the regional level. We hope you find it useful.




Kindly distribute it widely within your networks.

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Webinar "Innovative Financial Instruments and Good Practices to achieve the SDGs and Paris Agreement in Latin America and the Caribbean".

On the 27 July 2022, in collaboration with the IBC on Finance for Development, the IBC on Climate Change and Resilience organized the webinar: **"Innovative Financial Instruments and Good Practices to achieve the SDGs and Paris Agreement in LAC"**.

78 members from the **United Nations System** participated connecting from 20 LAC countries with 16 countries represented by officers from the Resident Coordinator Offices and four from the DCO. In total, participants from **15 UNS agencies in LAC** attended the event: UNDRR, UNEP, ECLAC, UNDP, UNHCR, UNOPS, UNFPA, UNICEF, FAO, ILO, UNESCO, OCHA, IFAD, WB and ILO.

Other events:

Several IBC agencies actively participated in the LAC Climate Week, between July 18 - 22 in Dominican Republic. More information in: <https://unfccc.int/es/LACCW2022>

UNDESA and UNOPS also led a session on "Infrastructure asset management's role in a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19" during the High-Level Political Forum: <https://bit.ly/3xLOqPL>. ■



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IBC

Climate change and resilience

The region's actions for The Air We Share.

This year marked the third International Clean Air Day for Blue Skies with the theme "The Air We Share". The appeal focused on seeing the interconnection: to **acknowledge that any impact on air quality affects people all over the world.**

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the date also coincided with the launch of the Regional Action Plan on 2022-2025, developed by the Intergovernmental Network on Air

Pollution and PAHO's Air Quality and Health Programme, which highlights the experiences of countries that have addressed air pollution and safeguarded public health in the LAC region. A new collaboration between UNEP and the Environmental Defence Fund (EDF) was also presented.

We also had the opportunity to organise a joint event with the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization. In addition, we had media coverage. ■

<https://www.cleanairblueskies.org/es>



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Crime & Violence

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Recommendations for the UNCTs include to **strengthen prevention mechanisms and enhance legal, policy, and institutional frameworks** to better detect those crimes and support the victims through strengthened access to justice and humanitarian responses. ■

The policy briefs provide an **in-depth analysis of the current situation of migration** in the three countries and offer concrete recommendations for the UN System on how to prevent and respond to TiP and SoM.



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IBC Financing **for** development



The IBC on Financing for Development, at the initiative of the Pan American Health Organization, promoted the "Webinar Financing of health and resilience of health systems".

The purpose of the webinar was to **generate a space for reflection to understand the structural problems of financing of health in the region**, which expose LAC's vulnerability to public health emergencies and limit countries' capacities to address inequities and future achievement of the SDGs. ■

This event also made it possible to identify the main challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the lessons learned, good practices and the construction of an agenda to achieve universal health, with innovative financing alternatives consistent with the challenges posed by the 2030 Agenda.



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IBC

HUMAN MOBILITY

Mixed movements in the Americas.
Third report available now!

Increasing mixed and onward movements across the Americas are exposing those on the move to heightened risks along insecure routes and putting significant pressure on response capacities of local communities and border areas.

As part of its efforts to support a coordinated and collaborative response to the challenges of mixed movements in the Americas, the IBC on Human Mobility (IBC-HM) issues regular reports that compile and analyse key information from a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, UN, civil society sources, on the trends, profiles, routes, and the risks faced by persons on the move, as well as relevant policy responses.

The IBC-HM report represents a valuable tool to inform RCs, UNCTs and UN agencies evidence-based advocacy and response strategies. **The fourth report is already in preparation and expected to be available in October 2022.** ■



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Youth

Working Group



International Youth Day 2022. Promoting intergenerational solidarity: Young people in latin america and the caribbean building a more resilient region.

Within the framework of the International Youth Day 2022, whose theme was "Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages," sought to amplify the message that **action by all generations is needed** to achieve the SDGs and leave no one behind, the Working Group on Youth held an intergenerational webinar on August 16th with young leaders, government representatives and

academia, with the aim of creating an exchange of views on the results of the "Second United Nations Survey on Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic" from the approach of intergenerational solidarity, and in order to think of responses to ensure a sustainable, peaceful and inclusive recovery. The report of the survey results will be published at the end of September 2022. ■

International Youth Day 2022 also sought to raise awareness of certain barriers to **intergenerational solidarity**, in particular ageism, which affects young and old, while having detrimental effects on society as a whole.



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SDG

and Statistics Working Group



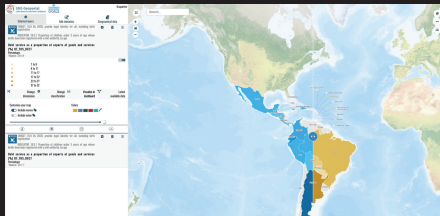
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Incorporating the geospatial dimension to monitor the SDGs in the territory.

In response to the second and fourth recommendation of the Secretary General to present transformative proposals for the establishment of **regional knowledge management hubs** to deliver on the heightened demands of the 2030 Agenda, the SDG Gateway is a reference entry point for regional information on the 2030 Agenda.

This platform includes now a statistical section, with geospatial resources related to the monitoring of the 2030 Agenda. This is in line with the efforts the specialized community has made to position geospatial information and earth observations as an official and essential input for calculation of SDG indicators. ■

The new SDG Geoportal enables the visualization of SDG indicators, facilitating the integration with statistical information relevant for the region.



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<https://statistics.cepal.org/geo/geo-cepalstat/?lang=en&context=sdg-gateway>





Peer Support Group (PSG)

Annual Capacity Building Session, 2022 Reflection and 2023 Work planning Retreat of the PSG LAC.

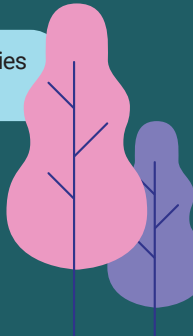
The **Peer Support Group (PSG) Retreat and Capacity Building Workshops** was held in Antigua Guatemala from 10-14 October 2022. The PSG Capacity Building Sessions on the Theory of Change and Results Based Management will seek to expand the cadre of PSG members available to support UNCTs in their design of Cooperation Frameworks (CFs).

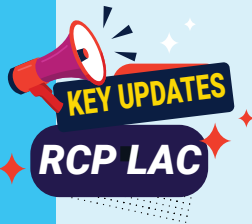
The annual reflection and workplanning retreat allowed the regional group to reflect on its support to countries in LAC for the design of the next cycle of Common Country Analyses and Cooperation Frameworks. ■

By the end of 2022 the PSG would have supported 41 countries and territories in LAC covered by all UNCTs to design CFs between 2019 and 2021.



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RCP LAC Advisory Board



In response to decision 2022/13 from the 22 March 2022 Executive Committee meeting, and in line with the mandate given to the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP-LAC), during its 15 June 2022 meeting, **the RCP-LAC agreed to establish an Advisory Board** to provide strategic support to the RCP LAC Vice-Chairs and the RCP members regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) for El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and South - Southeast Mexico, with specific emphasis on sub-regional and cross-border initiatives that support the priorities identified by Resident Coordinators (RCs) and UNCTs in the national implementation plans.

The advisory board, co-chaired by ECLAC and UNDP, was constituted and its terms of reference adopted on 5 August 2022. Its membership comprises the participation of 7 RCP LAC members at the level of Deputy Representative, **ensuring the thematic breadth of all IBCs is well represented**, as well as a representative from the Regional Development Cooperation Office (DCO) for Latin America and the Caribbean.

A total of five meetings have been held so far, including a dialogue with Resident Coordinators of the four CDP countries on 19 August and a presentation on progress made at the most recent RCP LAC retreat held from 24-26 August. ■



RCP LAC Retreat

During 24, 25, 26 August 2022 the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC) held its first retreat. On the basis of the 2022 workplan, the agreements reached during the annual meeting of the Chair with the RCP LAC membership (March 2022) and the areas of emphasis laid out by the Deputy Secretary General's

memos to the Vice-Chairs of the RCP LAC (31 December 2021 and 13 July 2022), the RCP members gathered in Panama to:

- Strengthen a common vision on policy advice on key global and regional priorities to accelerate SDG implementation in LAC, based on a contextual analysis and a reflection of results achieved to date.



- Take stock of the RCP LAC working mechanisms and functioning (IBCs and other regional groups) and **agree on necessary adjustments** to ensure an agile demand-driven support to country and sub-regional/cross-border needs (reference to the joint consolidated demand from RCs/UNCTs shared with the RCP LAC membership in May 2022).

- **Consolidate commitments** and collective ownership of the RCP LAC responsibilities and strengthen the cohesiveness of the RCP LAC membership.

As a result of the retreat participants consolidated a **collective vision** to facilitate targeted support at the subregional and country level; committed to related follow up activities and discussed and endorsed a set of principles of engagement for the work of the RCP LAC. ■



Events meetings & webinars



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Nurturing civic space in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

The IBC on Governance and Institutions, DPPA, OHCHR and UNDP organized a virtual dialogue entitled “Nurturing civic space in Latin America and the Caribbean” on 13 October to pursue a twofold objective: 1) **raise awareness**, among UN Country Teams, of key principles and recommended approaches outlined in the UN Guidance Note on Protection and Promotion of Civic Space and 2) **facilitate an exchange of experiences** and perspectives on ways to respond to shrinking civic space in the Latin America and Caribbean context. ■

The dialogue was geared towards Resident Coordinators, Resident Coordinators Offices staff members, Human Rights and Peace and Development Advisors, as well as country and regional staff of UN entities.

Regional Virtual Forum on Preventive Auditing and the Efficiency of Public Expenditure for Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in LAC.

UNDP and UNOPS, as part of the Governance and Institutions IBC, invite you to the Regional Virtual Forum on Preventive Auditing and the Efficiency of Public Expenditure for Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Latin America and the Caribbean. Talks and Experiences, which will take place on **November 23 at 10:00 AM Panama**.

Save
the date

November 23 at 10:00 AM Panama time.





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