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NEWS FROM THE RCP LAC

**Happy
holidays! ¡Felices
fiestas!
Boas
festas! Joyeuses
fêtes!**

Editor's note

Dear reader,

We want to thank you for all the positive feedback we continue to receive regarding the Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean United Actions (RCP LAC)*. It is encouraging to know that the Bulletin is helping you to understand better the UN system efforts and collective results at the regional level.

In this third edition, we would like to highlight several initiatives of the Issue-based Coalitions (IBCs) on Climate change and resilience, Crime and violence, Equitable growth, Governance and institutions, and Human mobility, and from the Working Groups (WGs) on Youth, and Partnerships and Communications. We have also included information on the 2022 Issue-based Coalitions and Working Groups Review, the 2022 System-wide Results Report, as well as information on the most recent changes on the RCP LAC composition, and the calendar of the RCP LAC meetings in 2023, which will include two meetings with the United Nations Resident Coordinators in the region (February and April).

In the coming year, we will continue publishing the Bulletin on a bi-monthly basis to provide you a quick glance of the most relevant news from the RCP LAC.

We would like to thank you for your support, and wish you happy holidays.

**United Actions is prepared by the RCP LAC Partnerships and Communications Working Group.*

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Capacity for Resilience and Regional Briefs.

Two workshops were successfully implemented by IBC members. The first one was aimed at journalists in Guatemala to train them on the Sendai framework and how to cover disasters by understanding the elements of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. This was led by UNDRR, OCHA and WFP.

The second one was a workshop for government officials on Infrastructure for climate action as part of the Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Leadership Program in Latin America. This was led by UNEP and UNOPS (link).

The IBC is currently preparing 3 regional briefs on gender and climate change, environmental displacement and energy transition. As a fundamental input for the latter, the report "Is Natural Gas a Good Investment for Latin America and the Caribbean?", prepared by UNEP and peer-reviewed by ECLAC, IDB and other experts, has recently been launched (link). ■





Presentation of the UN Statistical Framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls (also referred to as “femicide/feminicide”).

Beside from the definition of such killings, the framework identifies a typology of gender-related killings of women and girls and the list of variables that can be used to identify and count the various types of such killings. ■





IBC

EquitableGROWTH

Reflections on transforming extractive industries towards more sustainable development.

On 17 November 2022, as per request of the RCs and UNCTs in the Caribbean, the IBC on Equitable Growth held a webinar to **reflect on the need to support a positive change within the extractive industry** aiming for a responsible sector that contributes to inclusive and sustainable development.

Keynote speakers from ILO, ECLAC and UNDP addressed the challenges and way forward for decent work in the extractive industry, reflected on the fiscal frameworks for extractive industries to drive sustainable development in LAC, and presented the Development Minerals Programme as an example for transforming economic development, employment creation, especially for women and youth, and to boost local manufacturing and enterprise development. Finally, the webinar included a presentation of the impact of extractive industries on social cohesion in Central America and Dominican Republic. ■



Additional information on ongoing initiatives in the region looking at the extractive industries supported by UN partners was shared.



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High-level Forum "Preventive audit and the efficiency of public spending for just, peaceful and inclusive societies in Latin America and the Caribbean."

On 23 November 2022, the IBC on Governance and Institutions held a **virtual high-level forum on Preventive Audit and the #SDG16 in LAC** that was live broadcasted via UNDP's Youtube and social media channels and UN Paraguay's Youtube channel.

The forum had as one of its keynote speakers the Comptroller General of Paraguay and elected President of the Latin American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS) as well as other representatives from OLACEFS, the Comptroller General of Peru, UNDP and UNOPS.

Over 150 people watched the forum live, and more than 8 questions were raised by the audience. The video of the forum now has over 554 views from across LAC. If you missed it, you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VA2zRQMuh9A>. ■





IBG

Civil Society Mechanism: First in-person workshop in LAC strengthens civil society actors' engagement in GCM implementation.

From 22 to 23 of November 2022, the UN Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNNM-LAC), through its Working Group on Civil Society (WG-CS), organized the **first in-person workshop at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile**, bringing together over 20 people, mainly from the Permanent Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Human Mobility

The workshop focused on the manifold contributions of migrants to sustainable development and building compelling narratives to combat xenophobia and support balanced public policy dialogues on migration issues. It provided space to identify and share key challenges, good practices, lessons learned, opportunities and concrete steps to meaningfully advance GCM implementation.

This event was part of a wider effort of the UNNM-LAC to translate its commitment to the GCM's whole-of-society approach into concrete and tangible actions. The Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism was formalized in February 2022 through the UNNM-LAC and its WG-CS, in coordination with civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the region. ■



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Youth Working Group



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“Youth, Peace and Security in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

As per our 2022 workplan, the RCP LAC Youth Working Group and the Issue Based Coalition on Governance and Institutions jointly organized a webinar entitled “Youth, Peace and Security in Latin America and the Caribbean” on December 15 to commemorate the approval of UN security Council Resolution 2250.

The objective of the event was to **raise awareness among UN colleagues about the principles and approaches recommended in the Resolution 2250 Implementation Report**. The event also seek to generate an exchange of experiences and perspectives on ways to advance the implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The event was held virtually in the form of a webinar with interpretation in English and Spanish. ■



WG

Partnerships & Communications

In preparation for the International Human Rights Day, the Partnership and Communications Working Group, PCWG, prepared an interagency communication campaign with the aim of raising awareness and calling for significant action for human rights.

The social media campaign reached **15 million people** in the region thanks to the remarkable collaborative effort of the 24 entities of the UN system.

This campaign is part of the efforts of the RCP LAC to promote the 2030 Agenda, and position UN strategic priorities in the region.



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Follow the campaign on twitter: <https://bit.ly/3GcdsMs>



2022 Issue-based Coalitions and Working Groups Review

The main objective of the revision is to **assess the overall role and effectiveness of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC) working mechanisms**, and provide insights to ensure they are fit for purpose and optimally equipped to respond to the Resident Coordinators and UN country teams' needs. After the Issue-based Coalitions (IBCs) and Working Groups (WGs) self-evaluation and the RCP LAC survey, the second phase of the review has been completed with an online survey to RCs/UNCTs. This will be followed by a desk review, and a proposal for a reviewed working mechanism is expected to be discussed and endorsed by the RCP LAC in March 2023.

Across the three surveys, respondents coincided on 1) the need for a more nimble interaction between the regional and national levels; 2) the need to focus the work

of IBCs and WGs on country demands; 3) the need for a dedicated cross-border / subregional lens that complements the work of RCOs/UNCTs. The RCP LAC will also look how to streamline not only the structure but also the processes, and ensure that all IBCs and relevant WGs have clear lines of service.

A formal introduction to UNCTs on the work of the RCP LAC and IBCs/WGs is being planned for early 2023, and the RCP LAC Bulletin will continue to be used to keep UNCTs timely informed of the RCP LAC work. Other alternatives for and strengthened communication and engagement are planned in 2023 or are under consideration, including regular meetings with RCs, participation on UNCT retreats, launching in 2023 of the Communities of Practices to link national and regional levels at the technical level, and identifying RCP LAC focal points for each country. ■



2022 System-wide Results Report



The Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC) is **currently developing the 2022 System-wide Results Report**, which will be shared with Member States and other stakeholders ahead of the Sixth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of LAC on Sustainable Development (24-28 April 2023).

IBC/WGs will be considered as primary sources for the report. For the section on 'Highlights of system-wide results at the regional level', the selection of the initiatives submitted by Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs) or Working Groups (WGs) is based on the following

criteria: **i)** respond to the consolidated demand made by UNCTs; **ii)** demonstrate a clear contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda; **iii)** not be reported at national or agency level to avoid double reporting; **iv)** engage a critical mass of UN entities.

For reference you can see the 2021 system-wide results report of the United Nations development system in Latin America and the Caribbean in the following link:

<https://unsdg.un.org/resources/2021-system-wide-results-report-regional-collaborative-platform-latin-america-and> ■



New RCP LAC members



Mr. Jose Manuel Salazar

New Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Vice-Chair of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC).



Ms. Michelle Muschett

New Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Vice-Chair of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC).



Dr. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva

New Director of The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).



Mr. Juan Bello

New Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Ms. Susana Sottoli

New Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



Mr. Garry Conille

New Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



2023 RCP LAC Meetings



2 February 2023, 2pm PTY. Meeting of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean with the United Nations Resident Coordinators in the region (*virtual*).

16 March 2023, 2pm PTY. Review of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean working mechanisms and preparation of the Annual Meeting with the Deputy-Secretary General (*virtual*).

25 April 2023, 4.45pm Santiago de Chile. Annual Meeting of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean with the Deputy-Secretary General (*in person*).

22 June 2023, 3pm PTY. Mid-term Review of the implementation of the workplan of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (*virtual*).

9 November 2023, 2pm PTY. Stocktaking of 2023 results and planning for 2024 (*virtual*).

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the date





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