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ON PEACE.**



Editor's note

Dear reader,

We are pleased to share the January–June 2025 edition of the “United Actions” Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC). **This year is marked by important milestones for multilateralism**, with a series of major global events - such as COP30, the UN Ocean Conference, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Regional Conference on Women, and the Second World Summit for Social Development - offering strategic opportunities for countries in our region to shape global outcomes.

In this context, the RCP LAC is reinforcing its role in supporting a coordinated regional voice to ensure that the perspectives and priorities of Latin American and Caribbean countries are reflected in these high-level forums. Through joint analysis, thematic expertise, and collaboration with Resident

Coordinators and UN Country Teams, the efforts of the Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs) and Working Groups (WGs) focus on aligning UN regional support with Member States’ needs.

This edition includes updates from the IBCs and WGs, showcasing the collective work to foster regional collaboration across key thematic areas. It also presents the RCP LAC’s priorities for 2025 and the highlights from recent meetings, including discussions held during the VIII Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

The United Actions Bulletin is prepared by the RCP LAC Partnerships and Communications Working Group. Previous editions are available on the RCP LAC website.

“ We hope you find this edition insightful and encourage you to share it widely within your networks. ”

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Strengthening Biodiversity Strategies at COP16

At **COP16 in Colombia**, the IBC on Climate Change and Resilience led critical discussions on integrating resilience into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). The IBC convened over 165 participants across two high-impact side events, fostering cross-sectoral collaboration between governments, UN entities, and civil society. To learn more about “Biodiversity Blueprints: Collaborative Strategies for Effective NBSAPs”, check: [COP16 Side Events: Biodiversity Blueprints](#).

Advancing Climate Resilience for Caribbean SIDS (ABAS)

The IBC aligned its efforts with the [Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS \(ABAS\)](#), mapping 132 UN-led initiatives across the Caribbean to strengthen economic resilience, environmental sustainability, and disaster risk governance. With SIDS facing 91% of tropical storm-related economic losses, these initiatives provide a roadmap for sustainable, inclusive, and **climate-resilient development** in the region. For more information, check: [From Vision to Action: UN Contributions to the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS](#).

Innovating Climate and Carbon Finance

Through a regional webinar series, the IBC facilitated knowledge exchange on **climate finance solutions** tailored to Latin America and the Caribbean. These sessions explored innovative financial instruments, including carbon markets and risk-informed investment strategies, equipping countries with the tools to scale up adaptation and resilience financing. Learn more: [UNEP Webinar Series](#).

Towards COP30: A Roadmap for Regional Action

The IBC has defined a roadmap **towards COP30**, centered around a series of thematic seminars that will form the backbone of the 29 activities planned for 2025. The first in the series was the webinar “Recording and Monitoring Loss and Damage in Latin America and the Caribbean: The Role of Historical Data in Shaping Climate Resilience,” which took place on 13 May 2025. The event explored how historical data can inform efforts to address loss and damage and enhance climate resilience in the region. Learn more about the event [here](#).



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Populations Left Behind

WEBINAR UNLOCKING SOCIAL PROTECTION for populations left behind

The
Working Group on Populations Left Behind and the Issue-Based Coalition on Equitable Growth and Financing for Development

held a regional webinar on
“Unlocking Social Protection for Populations Left Behind.”

The session explored strategies to include marginalized groups, such as people living with HIV, LGBTQI+ individuals, persons with disabilities, older persons, and children, in national social protection systems. UN Country Teams and Resident Coordinators Offices joined to exchange experiences and learn from case studies and policy recommendations focused on reducing inequalities and advancing the SDGs. An excellent example on the inclusion of Persons living with HIV and other key populations was shared by the Single System of Beneficiaries (Sistema Único de Beneficiarios - SIUBEN) from the Dominican Republic.

The webinar was also the opportunity for participants to learn about available technical support from the Working Group on Populations Left Behind and the Issue-Based Coalition on Equitable Growth and Financing for Development, and to connect with peers across the region. ■



Addressing Incarceration Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean

The IBC on Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions has issued a Note on Incarceration in Latin America and the Caribbean for UN Resident Coordinators, which aims to promote the implementation of the UN System Common Position on Incarceration in our region.

The note offers an overview of key data, trends, challenges and opportunities in the region, as well as suggested practical steps for UN action at the field level to address the prison crisis and advance prison reform in the region.

It also includes information on key UN and other actors in the region, a list of UN resources and tools, as well as information on data sources and regional estimates. The note is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. For more information and guidance, please contact antonino.deleo@un.org ■



Retreat of the National Gender Thematic Groups in Panama

On 5 and 6 February 2025, the Retreat of the National Thematic Gender Groups and the RCP LAC Working Group on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls took place in Panama City, a key space for strengthening inter-agency coordination on gender equality in the Americas and the Caribbean.

This gathering reaffirmed the importance of the inter-agency work carried out by the Thematic Gender Groups and RCOs in aligning on national priorities for gender equality and women's empowerment in the region.

The event brought together representatives from 16 Thematic Gender Groups in the region, 18 Resident Coordinator Offices (RCOs) – from Argentina, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica MCO, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay – as well as UN agencies, funds, and programmes participating in the regional Working Group. ■





WEBINAR

“Connecting Human Rights, the SDGs and Leave No One Behind” for UNCTs

The Working Group conducted a capacity-building webinar on “Connecting Human Rights, the SDGs and Leave No One Behind (LNOB)” with UN country teams. The webinar focused on the normative and programmatic principles of human rights and LNOB for their integration into actions at the country level.

53 participants from UNCTs across the region benefited from a technical session on the connection between human rights, the SDGs, and the Leave No One Behind principles. They were introduced to the Universal Human Rights Index Tool (UHRI), which assists States in implementing UN Committee recommendations and facilitates

the work of national stakeholders. A practical application of the tool was presented by the UN Development Coordination Office in Panama, proving how the human rights approach can be integrated into the SDGs and Leave No One Behind in the programming framework of a country team.

The webinar was held in response to the outcomes of the survey conducted with UNCTs to foster the integration of the guiding principles on Leave No One Behind and Human Rights Approach in their programming, in alignment with the normative and programmatic principles adopted by Member States. ■





New tips to bridge communication gaps in the Caribbean

The working group on Partnerships and Communication published a set of **tailored tips to enhance the UN's connection with the Caribbean**. Recognizing the region's unique cultural, social, economic, linguistic, and governance characteristics, the initiative aims to support communication practices that resonate across all Caribbean countries. ■

“ *These tips provide a practical, easy-to-follow tool to make communication more relevant, engaging, and impactful within the Caribbean context, with infographic illustrating key points.* ”

TIPS to communicate in the CARIBBEAN

1 Focus for communications **with and for the Caribbean.**

2 **Adapt and don't just translate.**

3 **Garner and share knowledge and best practices from the region on effective communication.**

4 **Always consult with colleagues that are either from or working in the region for advice and guidance.**

5 **Create more spaces and opportunities to feature narratives and stories from the Caribbean.**

6 **Identify the stories that resonate most effectively with people's interests and that have an emotive impact.**

7 **Understand the audience, the different social and economic contexts, and political and cultural sensitivities.**

8 **Use photos that represent the diversity of the region in people, in fauna and flora, in landscapes and cultures.**

9 **Include backgrounders and or fact sheets for media personnel in communication campaigns.**





Targeted Capacity-Building to Strengthen UN Cooperation Frameworks in Cuba and Panama

UN entities in Cuba have bolstered capacity-building with three targeted training sessions in 2024 —two face-to-face and one virtual— covering results-based management, gender and human rights, and environmental sustainability. Facilitators tailored the sessions to address the Cuban context, earning strong praise from UN participants for their responsive and adaptive approach.

A strategic prioritization workshop held on February 6–7 further united around 100 representatives from over 40 national institutions. Expert recommendations, sensitive to Cuba’s unique development challenges and political dynamics, have been instrumental in shaping a new Cooperation Framework that has received positive feedback from both UN entities and local authorities.

In Panama, members of the Peer Support Group played a crucial role in shaping the new Cooperation Framework by contributing to workshops on Gender, Human Rights, and Leaving No One Behind (LNOB), Environment and Risks, and the Multidimensional Risk Analysis Workshop, while a session delivered to the Common Country Analysis (CCA) group on Human Rights and LNOB proved highly effective. Their involvement in the CCA document primarily focused on quality control, though there was interest in more interactive engagements, such as brainstorming sessions, to further enhance the collaborative process. ■





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Finalization of the R-BOS LAC Biennial Review

According to the Supplemental Guidance for Regional Business Operation Strategies (RBOS) developed in 2023, all [Regional Operations Management Teams \(ROMT\)](#) are required to prepare a biennial report that focuses on narrative reporting as part of the RCP's regular reporting. To this end, the ROMT conducted a survey to gather information from its members and working groups, collecting 23 responses from ROMT members, ROMT working group members, and ROMT working group chairs.

The development of this RBOS Biennial Report and survey was an opportunity to be realistic in identifying and implementing services that will continue to support UN country teams in achieving a more efficient and effective United Nations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For the next cycle, ROMT will focus on developing a second long-term agreement for air ticketing, establishing a **bilateral agreement with Copa Airlines** and improving communication and knowledge channels with the Country Offices. ■





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SDG Data and Statistics

Regional cooperation reinforced during the V World Data Forum

The RCP LAC working group on SDG Data and Statistics reinforced regional statistical cooperation during the V World Data Forum in Medellín from 12 to 15 November 2024.

Representatives from UN entities convened to discuss the role of data in global development and strengthen collaboration in producing SDG indicators. The meeting facilitated knowledge exchange among experts, policymakers, and data professionals, reinforcing joint planning efforts.

The Working Group on SDG Data and Statistics emphasized the importance of coordinated technical cooperation, improved data ecosystems, and the strengthening of national statistical systems to support Member States. Its members reaffirmed their commitment to the regional workplan to advance statistical capacities through international cooperation and recurring meetings.

For more details,

[Read the full article](#)



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RCP LAC priorities for 2025

In 2025, the RCP LAC continues to serve as a space for dialogue on strategic regional developments and shared challenges, aligning efforts with global priorities, through three main focus areas:

1

Promoting regional coherence around global priorities and initiatives, such as the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations.

2

Enhancing regional support for the acceleration of SDG achievement at the subregional level and in cross-border and transboundary contexts, including areas for acceleration identified by Member States through the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development;

3

Building partnerships with regional stakeholders, international financial institutions, and other subregional development actors to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the region, prioritizing human mobility and transnational organized crime as key areas for partnership building.

2025 features major international events. The RCP LAC will support Member States in preparing for these high-level forums, fostering regional analysis and consensus in key priorities to leverage the unique political positioning of LAC:

- Develop joint roadmaps for Member States engagement. ► Provide content, data and thematic expertise.
- Align UN regional positioning and messaging. ► Map initiatives, best practices and tools for outcome implementation

3rd UN Ocean Conference
9 – 13 June
Nice, France

4th International Conference on Financing for Development
30 June – 3 July
Seville, Spain

XVI Regional Conference on Women
12 – 15 August
Mexico City, Mexico

2nd World Summit for Social Development
4 – 6 November
Doha, Qatar

COP30
10 – 21 November
Belém, Brazil

UNGA High-level meeting on Beijing+30
22 September
New York, USA



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Highlights from recent RCP LAC meetings

► RCP LAC Meeting with Resident Coordinators in the region (3 February 2025)

RCP LAC members and Resident Coordinators convened to analyze the impacts of recent geopolitical developments on migration, economic growth, and peace and security in the region. The Vice-Chairs presented the RCP LAC's 2025 priorities, emphasizing regional alignment with global initiatives, SDG acceleration, and strengthened partnerships. Discussions highlighted regional challenges, the need for an integrated UN approach, strategic engagement in key events, and enhanced collaboration through RCP LAC mechanisms.

► 8th Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (31 March – 4 April 2025)

The RCP LAC convened three meetings on 31 March, including with the Resident Coordinators in the region and the UNCT in Chile. Discussions focused on 2025 priorities, the implementation of the Pact for the Future and preparations for major global events such as the 30th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30), the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), the Second World Summit for Social Development, and the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+30).



To prepare for these events, RCP LAC members, Resident Coordinators and UNCTs will conduct joint activities and prioritize impactful support tailored to Member States' needs in the region. The RCP LAC 2024 system-wide results report was presented on 2 April, with Member States sharing insightful experiences about the United Nations' support across the region.



New RCP LAC members and Resident Coordinators



Ms. Laura Melo

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Ecuador



Mr. Igor Garafulic

United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i. in Paraguay



Mr. Olivier Inizan

Regional Representative a.i. for Andean countries and Southern Cone, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)



Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen

Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean a.i., Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)



Mr. Roberto Benes

Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



Mr. Matthias Behnke

Chief a.i., Americas, Europe and Central Asia Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



Events, meetings & webinars

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Next RCP LAC Meetings

- **22 July 2025**, 12:30-14:30 NYT (virtual)
Meeting of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **13 November 2025**, 14:00-16:00 NYT (virtual)
Stocktaking of the RCP LAC 2025 results and planning for 2026

Key Global and regional events

- **27-30 May**, 22nd session of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation (New York, USA)
- **9-13 June**, 2025 UN Ocean Conference (Nice, France)
- **17-18 June**, 2nd Meeting of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation (Santiago, Chile)
- **30 June-3 July**, 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (Sevilla, Spain)
- **2-4 September**, Sixth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and XVII Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, Brazil)

IBCs and WGs events

- **27 June, 10:00-11:30**, (Panama) Meeting of the IBC on Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions with the Resident Coordinator Office Partnerships and Development Finance Officers Network.
- **1 July, 13:00-14:00**, (Panama) Meeting of the IBC on Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions with Resident Coordinators in the Caribbean





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International Days

- **29 May** International Day of UN Peacekeepers
- **5 June** World Environment Day
- **8 June** World Oceans Day
- **12 June** World Day Against Child Labour
- **16 June** International Day of Family Remittances
- **17 June** World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- **18 June** International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- **19 June** International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **20 June** World Refugee Day
- **23 June** United Nations Public Service Day
- **24 June** International Day of Women in Diplomacy
- **26 June** International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- **27 June** Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day
- **29 June** International Day of the Tropics
- **30 June** International Day of Parliamentarism





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