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Editor's note

Dear reader,

We are pleased to share the July-September 2025 edition of the "United Actions" Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC).

This period has been marked by important opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean to contribute to strengthening multilateralism and shaping the global agenda. Both, the Second World Summit for Social Development and COP30, offered a decisive moment to advance inclusive social development agendas focusing on equity, social protection, and the reduction of inequalities, as well as to accelerate climate action, enhance resilience, and ensure that the unique challenges and solutions of our region are reflected in these global processes.

The celebrations of the United Nations Day, were an opportunity to continue reinforcing the coordination role of the RCP LAC in supporting the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in multilateral discussions, guided by a shared regional perspective.

This edition includes updates from the IBCs on Climate change and resilience, Governance for peace, justice, and strong institutions, and Human mobility, as well as the Working Group on Youth and operational working groups, showcasing the collective work to foster regional collaboration and the support provided to UNCTs in the region across key thematic areas.

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Leveraging Data for Climate Resilience

Between May and July 2025, the <u>Issue-based Coalition on Climate Change and Resilience</u> intensified efforts to promote data-driven climate action across Latin America and the Caribbean

In the wake of the World Meteorological Organization's State of the Climate in LAC 2024 report, highlighting recordbreaking disasters and glacier loss, the coalition leveraged its regional platform to spotlight the importance of early warning systems and historical loss and damage data.

The IBC convened a regional webinar titled "Recording and Monitoring Loss and Damage in Latin America and Caribbean: The Role Historical Loss and Damage Data in Shaping Climate Resilience". The event showcased tools such as the **Disaster Tracking System (DTS)** and emphasized the value of systematic historical data to inform policy and support the Loss and Damage agenda in the lead-up to COP30.

In addition, the IBC facilitated the presentation of the Regional Environmental Information Network for Latin America and Caribbean (REIN), the reinforcing the importance of interoperable environmental data systems for integrated climate and disaster risk reduction strategies.





Launch of New UN iLabCC Policy Guidance on Drugs and Violence Against Children in Latin America and the Caribbean

The <u>Issue-Based Coalition</u> on <u>Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</u> is pleased to announce the <u>launch of two new thematic categories</u> on the <u>UN iLabCC</u> platform. These resources are designed to provide integrated policy advice to <u>UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams</u> across the region.

The <u>Drugs</u> category provides practical, region-specific guidance on drug production, trafficking, treatment, and justice responses. Grounded in the UN Common Position on Drugs, and it includes key legal frameworks, data trends, and UN programmatic services.

The Violence Against Children (VAC) category offers integrated policy advice on the scope, drivers, and impact of VAC in the region. It highlights key data and outlines UN strategic objectives and interventions aimed at preventing and responding to VAC.

New integrated policy advice on homicides, and on crime prevention and criminal justice will be made available on UN iLabCC by August 2025.





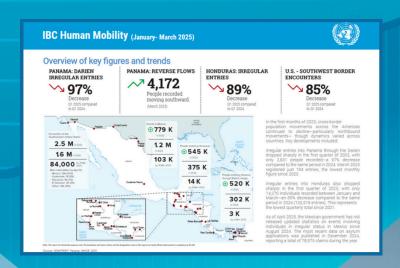
Infographic

Human Mobility Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean Q1 2025

The RCP LAC <u>Issue-Based Coalition on Human Mobility</u> has published a new infographic highlighting key trends, figures, and developments related to human mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean for the first quarter of 2025.

The publication provides a **visual snapshot of regional dynamics**, including displacement figures, response actions, and emerging challenges.

Access the infographic





World Youth Skills Day Sunternational Youth Day Regional highlights



On 15 July, <u>World Youth Skills Day</u>, the Latin American Network of Youth for Democracy, Youth, Politics and Development, Asuntos del Sur, and the Argentine Youth Network, with technical support from the <u>Regional Working Group on Youth</u> of the RCP LAC, held the panel forum "**Key recommendations from young people to transform the future of work**", with the aim of:

- Promoting the role of young people in strengthening key skills for decent work among their peers. Through the visibility of recommendations from young people working in key sectors such as digital companies, green jobs, art, culture, and communications, the event highlighted the importance of developing digital skills and the responsible use of technologies.
- Promoting equity and inclusion in youth employment. The event amplified the voices and trajectories of young people who have faced situations of vulnerability with the aim of inspiring and encouraging more young people in the region and fostering more inclusive work environments.
- Fostering regional dialogue and cooperation, the webinar created a space for exchange between young people and organizations to strengthen their networks, promote collaboration, and contribute to the formulation of policies that respond to the aspirations of young people in Latin America and the Caribbean.

215 young people from 19 countries participated in this exchange

Read more!

To mark International Youth Day on 12 August, the Working Group on Youth co-hosted the side event "UNimpeded: Strategic investments to reduce the impact of care burden in adolescent girls and young women" during the XVI Regional Conference on Women. The event was organized in collaboration with the Government of Mexico and the civil society organizations GirlUp, ANDHES and Ela. The intergenerational dialogue brought together authorities, civil society, and young leaders to shed light on the unpaid care work burden - including child domestic labour - and its impact on adolescent girls and young women. Discussions highlighted promising public policy measures and underscored

the catalytic potential of investing in girls and young women to advance care agendas across the region.







Strengthening UN Evaluation Quality Across Latin America and the Caribbean

Between June and August 2025, the <u>Working Group on Evaluation</u> advanced several initiatives to strengthen the quality of **United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework** (UNSDCF) evaluations across the region.

On 3 June, the working group also contributed to the **Glocal Week** with a panel on case studies of United Nations entities' evaluations in Latin America and the Caribbean. The session attracted around 80 online participants.

LinkedIn event

This space was an invaluable opportunity to share experiences, innovative methodologies, and key learnings on how evaluations are driving transformative change in our region

Recent activities included the quality assurance of the Uruguay (2021–2025) UNSDCF Evaluation Final Report, as well as the Terms of Reference for evaluations in Peru (2022–2026), the Caribbean (2023–2026), and Ecuador (2022–2026).

Looking ahead, the working group will conduct the quality assurance of the Mexico (2020–2025) UNSDCF Evaluation Final Report and of the El Salvador (2022–2026) Evaluation Terms of Reference.

The group is also preparing a metasynthesis report of UNSDCF evaluations in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will provide a consolidated view of regional progress and lessons learned.





Early engagement of regional Peer Support Group in Cooperation Framework design demonstrating added value

The United Nations Country Team in Mexico has made significant progress in the design of their second-generation United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework with the early and strategic engagement of a dedicated Country Support Team from the <u>Peer Support Group</u> (PSG) in Latin America and the Caribbean. This early engagement demonstrates the added value of early accompaniment by the Peer Support Group during the design process.

The Peer Support Group co-designed and facilitated the Strategic Prioritisation and workshops. Theory of Change collaboration with national counterparts. This support has helped to strengthen the Cooperation Framework's alignment with the National Development Plan and narrowly focuses on the areas with the greatest potential for unlocking systemic change across multiple Sustainable Development Goals. The Peer Support Group's support has also been critical in co-facilitating structured dialogues with national counterparts to valid the selection of Cooperation Framework indicators drawn from the UN Sustainable Development Goal Output Indicator Framework and national development indicators.

This highlights the added value of an earlier engagement at key milestones in the Cooperation Framework design process, and how it influences the final quality of Cooperation Frameworks.









Streamlining operations: survey and new agreements underway

The <u>Regional Operations Management Team</u> has launched a **survey** among the 26 Operations Management Teams in Latin America and the Caribbean to assess current needs and identify areas where additional support could be provided to help achieve the targets of the efficiency agenda.

As an example of such support, the Administration Working Group is developing two **new long-term agreements (LTAs)** - one for event organization and another for travel services - to replace the existing agreement set to expire in February 2026.

The introduction of two separate LTAs is expected to encourage broader vendor participation and streamline processes. Further information will be shared soon.





Highlights from the RCP LAC Meeting on 22 July 2025

On 22 July 2025, the Vice-Chairs of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean convened members to discuss the Secretary-General's UN80 reform process and strategies to uphold UN values in politically sensitive contexts.

The discussion outlined the UN80 Initiative's focus on improving efficiency, reviewing mandates, and realigning structures, while emphasizing the preservation of the development pillar and country-level impact. Members highlighted the importance of a unified voice, coherence in supporting UN Country Teams and Resident Coordinators, and communication with Member States.

The Vice-Chairs reaffirmed the RCP LAC's commitment to UN values and advancing the 2030 Agenda, calling for a clear and cohesive narrative to guide collective action.

New RCP LAC members as of 30 September 2025



Ms. Rocío Medina Bolivar
Regional Director for Latin
America and the Caribbean,
International Fund for Agricultural
Development (IFAD)



Ms. Bibiana Aído Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)





Events, meetings & webinars



RCP LAC meetings

25 November 2025, 14:00-16:00 NYT (virtual)

Stocktaking of the RCP LAC 2025 results and planning for 2026

Key Global and regional events

20-24 October: 27th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Panama City, Panama)

4-8 November: 2nd World Summit for Social Development (Doha, Qatar)

10-21 November: 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework

Convention on Climate Change (Belem, Brazil)

22-23 November: G20 (Johannesburg, South Africa)

25-27 November: 13th meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

(Santiago, Chile)

December: 10th Summit of the Americas (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic)

IBC/WG events

IBC on Climate Change and Resilience

18 September 2025 (virtual): Webinar <u>Connecting Agendas: Centering Gender in Climate Action and Resilience on the Road to COP3</u>0

29 September 2025: Regional Consultative Meeting for LAC Civil Society (Lima, Peru)

30 September 2025 (virtual): Webinar <u>Wildfires: A Regional Challenge in the Context of Climate Change</u>

1 October 2025 (virtual): Webinar <u>From Risk to Resilience: Towards a New Generation of Financing Strategies for Development</u>

15 October 2025 (virtual): Webinar on <u>Green Hydrogen, Renewable Energies, and Carbon Markets</u>



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International days and weeks

- 20 September World Cleanup Day
- 21 September International Day of Peace
- **25 Septembe**r World Maritime Day
- **27 September** World Tourism Day
- 28 September International Day for Universal Access to Information
- 29 September International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
- **30 September** International Translation Day
- **1 October** International Day of Older Persons
- 2 October International Day of Non-Violence
- **6 October** World Habitat Day
- 11 October International Day of the Girl Child
- **13 October** International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **15 October** International Day of Rural Womer
- **16 October** World Food Day
- 17 October International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 20 October World Statistics Day
- 24 October United Nations Day
- 24-30 October Disarmament Week
- **24 October** World Development Information Day
- **24-31 October** Global Media and Information Literacy Week
- 29 October International Day of Care and Support
- **31 October** World Cities Day





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