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## Editor's note

Dear reader,

We are pleased to share the final edition of 2025 of the “United Actions” Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC).

As we close the year, we would like to thank you for your continued engagement and contributions to this Bulletin. 2025 marked an important milestone for the RCP LAC, as we completed five years of joint work since its establishment and embarked on a renewed phase of reform to strengthen coherence, collective analysis, and strategic support to UN Country Teams in the region.

Throughout this period, the RCP LAC has evolved into a key mechanism for fostering dialogue, coordination, and shared action across the UN development system in Latin America and the Caribbean. The progress achieved reflects both the commitment of the regional entities involved and the growing demand for integrated responses to complex and interconnected challenges. As the global development agenda continues to shift, the RCP LAC remains focused on advancing collaborative approaches that enhance the region's voice and contribution in international processes.

This final edition of the year includes news from the Issue-Based Coalitions on Climate Change and Resilience, Governance for Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, and Human Mobility, as well as from the thematic Working Groups on Youth, Gender, and Populations Left Behind. It also features updates from operational working groups and the RCP LAC meeting calendar for 2026. Through this snapshot of recent achievements, we hope the Bulletin highlights the continued alignment across the regional system and the momentum that has shaped our collective work this year.

The “United Actions” Bulletin is prepared by the RCP LAC Partnerships and Communications Working Group.

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## Road to COP30 series Promoting regional coherence

### On the Road to COP30: UN System Perspectives from Latin America and the Caribbean

The session, organized in partnership with DCO, marked the closing of a **series of 14 regional webinars** reaching more than 600 participants. The event validated a set of consolidated **UN key messages for COP30**, reinforcing a coherent regional narrative and supporting UN Country Teams to integrate these messages into policy dialogues and national processes ahead of the COP30. It demonstrated the **value of the RCP LAC in fostering joint action and positioned the UN** to act with unity, evidence and shared priorities to elevate the region's leadership and unique climate challenges in the global negotiation arena.

### Green Hydrogen, Renewable Energy and Carbon Markets

This regional dialogue, COP30 series, examined how **Article 6 mechanisms and carbon markets** can mobilize cooperation and financing for renewable energy and low-emission hydrogen projects in the region. With **experts from Chile, Uruguay, Colombia** and UNEP, the discussion explored institutional lessons, regulatory needs and opportunities for a just energy transition. The session strengthened inter-agency collaboration and offered practical insights for UNCTs and governments seeking to **scale clean energy investments through innovative market mechanisms**.

### Migration and Displacement in the COP Agenda: Progress and Opportunities

**Jointly organized with the IBC on Human Mobility**, the webinar addressed the integration of human mobility—migration, displacement and relocation—into climate policy and negotiation processes. The session highlighted emerging **progress, gaps and opportunities for inclusive climate finance** while amplifying the perspectives of affected populations. By bringing together governments, development banks, civil society, academics and UN, it strengthened a comprehensive approach and reinforced the **need for coordinated solutions that protect rights, reduce risk and support dignified mobility in the context of climate change**.

### From Risk to Resilience: Towards a New Generation of Financing Strategies for Development

This session, **convened with the IBC on Equitable Growth and Financing for Development**, addressed the urgent need to shift from reactive spending to proactive investment in resilience. Drawing on regional evidence—including over USD 300 billion in disaster losses in two decades—the discussion promoted **innovative instruments and mechanisms to expand financing for DRR and climate adaptation**. The event generated **key messages for COP30 and actionable recommendations**.



## UN iLABCC: Turning Analysis into Action for SDG 16

The IBC has launched two new thematic categories to provide integrated policy advice to Resident Coordinators and UNCTs in the region, supporting integrated UN approaches to address complex threats in the pursuit of SDG 16 and the 2030 Agenda.

### **UN iLabCC Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.**

Offers tools to advance UN standards and support national reforms, including strategies to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors, with guidance on youth resilience, sport-based interventions, and community-based approaches to violence prevention. Additional materials cover the use of UN norms, model laws, programmatic offers, and digital learning via **SPARK**.

**UN iLabCC Homicide.** Provides a comprehensive overview of intentional homicide in LAC, including key drivers, risk factors, and data tools. It examines structural and emerging causes—such as organized crime, firearms proliferation, and weak justice systems—and highlights the heightened risks faced by young men, women, children, and other vulnerable groups.

Thematic content and guidance have been updated in the areas of **Corruption, Drugs, Prison reform, and Preventing and countering terrorism.**



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## Infographic Regional Movement Trends and Patterns LAC Q2 2025

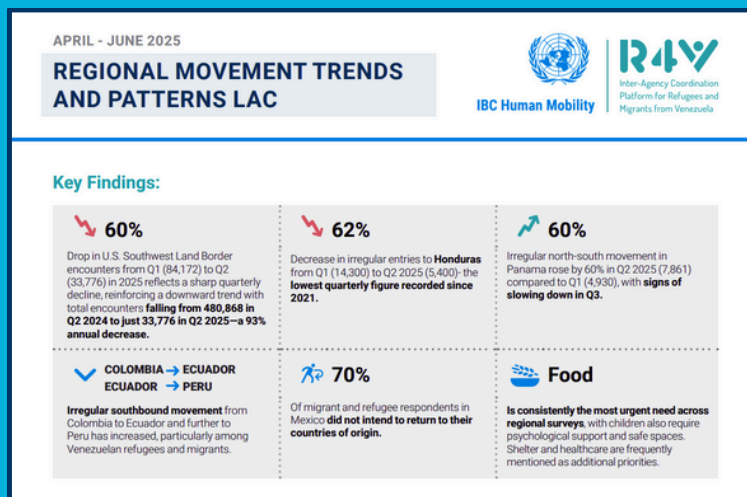
The RCP LAC Issue-Based Coalition on Human Mobility and the regional Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V) published in October 2025 an infographic merging the quarterly IBC-HM infographic and the R4V quarterly Movements Report, and includes data from April to June 2025.

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

Regional mobility patterns have undergone a structural shift. The report highlights a 93% year-on-year decline in encounters at the U.S. border, and the virtual discontinuation of the northbound route through the Darien jungle with 96 individuals having crossed in three months. Reverse southbound movements, albeit on a relatively modest scale, are recorded Central America and more markedly across South America. ■



Access the infographic





## New leadership for the working group on populations left behind



Since September 2025, the Working Group on Populations Left Behind is co-chaired by **UNESCO, the UNFPA, and the UN-Habitat**. This renewed co-chairing reinforces the United Nations's commitment to ensuring that no one is excluded from sustainable development efforts. The Working Group focuses on populations facing persistent inequality, marginalization, or limited access to essential services, and whose needs require coordinated, multisectoral action.

With their combined expertise, the three organizations bring a holistic approach to the Working Group's agenda. Their leadership will aim to deepen analysis, improve data for decision-making, and promote policies that address structural barriers affecting people left behind.

The new co-chairs will guide the implementation of the 2025-2026 workplan and the development of the 2026-2027 workplan, prioritizing inclusive strategies that ensure the most vulnerable populations are placed at the center of regional cooperation efforts. ■



## Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls

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### CAMPAIGN

## 16 Days of activism

During the 16 Days of Activism, the region advanced a strong agenda of high-level events, knowledge products and coordinated advocacy to address violence against women and girls, under the campaign message **#NoExcuse for online abuse**.

On 24 November, a **high-level hybrid event** in Washington, D.C. launched new **regional prevalence data**, bringing together regional and international institutions, civil society organizations, and representatives from Panama and the Dominican Republic, among others. This was followed by a full-day global event in New York on 25 November, and a **regional virtual event** on 26 November, focused on advancing strategies and commitments to address violence.



### #NoHayExcusa

The campaign released several key knowledge products, including an interagency **factsheet**, an interactive **legal panorama**, a regional femicide **bulletin**, a new technical document on femicide and related forms of violence, resources marking the 10th anniversary of the regional **Model Protocol**, and regional **prevalence surveys**. A joint video banner supported visibility and dissemination.

A **social media package** provided Spanish-language materials, helping partners amplify calls to action between 25 November and 10 December and increase engagement across digital platforms. ■





Youth

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## INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE MARKS 10 YEARS OF THE YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA

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On 9 December 2025, the Working Group on Youth, together with the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNYO) and the International Youth Organization (OIJ), hosted an **intergenerational dialogue to commemorate the tenth anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250**, the landmark resolution that recognized the vital role of young people in building peace and security. Held during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and ahead of International Human Rights Day, the event brought together youth leaders, authorities, and regional partners to **assess progress and challenges in advancing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in the region.**

**More than 125 participants, in their majority young people, participated in the dialogue** and engaged to reflect on key milestones including the **Intergenerational Regional Meeting held in Bogotá in 2023**, which with the leadership of more than 60 diverse youth, set the basis for a regional narrative and roadmap on Youth, Peace and Security.

The dialogue of December 9 is another step to keep the momentum going on the implementation of the **regional roadmap centered on meaningful youth participation, building collectively from a diversity of territories, perspectives, and lived experiences.** ■

**CONVERSATORIO SOBRE  
LA AGENDA DE JUVENTUD,  
PAZ Y SEGURIDAD EN  
AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE**


*a 10 años de la Resolución 2250 del  
Consejo de Seguridad de Naciones Unidas*


Fecha: **Martes 9 de diciembre de 2025**

Horario: **2 pm (hora Panamá)**


Convoca: **Grupo de Trabajo de Juventudes  
de Naciones Unidas en América Latina y el Caribe**

**Registro vía Zoom**

 **Naciones Unidas**

 **UNYO**

 **oij** organismo  
internacional  
de juventud

 **Juventud,  
Paz y  
Seguridad**







## How regional Peer Support technical expertise elevates Cooperation Framework design?

Timely and strategic engagement of the PSG played a central role in strengthening the quality and focus of the Cooperation Framework in **Panama and Peru**. By offering hands-on technical review, helping the UNCTs translate analysis into clear strategic choices, and bringing cross-regional expertise into the discussion, the PSG has helped shape more coherent frameworks.

In **Panama**, the PSG provided support on **human rights integration**, working closely with the UNCT to ensure that the Cooperation Framework became the principal instrument for monitoring human rights recommendations. The PSG began by reviewing existing recommendations, national priorities, and obligations across human rights mechanisms. Then helped the UNCT to craft a paragraph to anchor these commitments in the framework. This reflects a significant step forward in embedding human rights obligations at the core of UN development planning.

The Peer Support Group **supported both UNCTs in applying multidimensional risk lens to the design.**

In **Panama**, this translated into tangible improvements: **risks were integrated into the Theory of Change**, helped refine the selection of **strategic priorities**, and became part of the operational architecture through **joint workplans, monitoring frameworks, and adaptive management processes.**

In **Peru**, the PSG is accompanying the UNCT in conducting a similar **multidimensional risk analysis as part of the preparation of the Common Country Analysis**, helping to identify structural vulnerabilities and potential shocks that will inform the design of the Cooperation Framework and ensure a forward-looking, risk-informed approach from the start. ■



## Key regional reviews underway as ROMT prepares 2026 priorities

The Regional Operations Management Team (ROMT) continues supporting 26 Country Offices in Latin America and the Caribbean to advance the Efficiency Agenda.

The Common Premises Data Review 2025 is underway and expected to conclude by 31 December. Preparations are also in place for the Business Operations Strategy (BOS) Annual Review, launching in December and scheduled between January and March 2026.

Looking ahead, **ROMT's 2026 priorities** will emphasize operational efficiency and the UN 80 agenda. Plans include expanding BOS support to additional offices, integrating lessons learned into regional guidance, and promoting collaborative approaches to streamline processes.

These efforts aim to strengthen cost-effectiveness, improve service delivery, and foster greater inter-agency coordination across the region—ensuring that operational excellence remains at the core of ROMT's work. ■



## Working Group contributes to regional dialogue on SDG data and statistics at the XIII Statistical Conference of the Americas



### SDG Data and Statistics

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The RCP LAC Working Group on SDG Data and Statistics took part in the XIII Statistical Conference of the Americas, where United Nations entities reviewed ongoing collaboration on official statistics in the region. During its meeting on 26 November, the working group assessed progress in its work plan and discussed how to better align support for national statistical systems in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

Participants highlighted the value of expanding communication on technical assistance initiatives through official regional platforms, with the aim of enhancing coordination and planning on SDG indicators and related statistical activities.

The session also served to identify common methodological challenges across UN entities working in Latin America and the Caribbean, underscoring the need for shared approaches and knowledge exchange to strengthen statistical capacities.



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## RCP LAC Updates



### Highlights from the RCP LAC Ad hoc meeting on Hurricane Melissa on 25 November 2025

The Vice-Chairs of the RCP LAC convened the meeting of the ad hoc mechanism to exchange with the Resident Coordinators in **Jamaica, Cuba, Barbados and Haiti on the impact of Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean**, the United Nations coordinated regional response, and lessons learned for coordinated support to the region to better prepare for the next hurricane season.

**Resident Coordinators reported on the hurricane's impact**, national response efforts, and the main operational challenges, highlighting the importance of anticipatory action and long-term recovery financing.

**RCP LAC members called for enhanced preparedness**, stronger links between humanitarian and development tools, and a unified approach to guide resilient reconstruction ahead of the 2026 season.

### Highlights from the RCP LAC Ad hoc meeting on Nicaragua on 10 October 2025

The Vice-Chairs of the RCP LAC convened a meeting of the ad hoc mechanism at the request of the UN Country Team in Nicaragua to address the situation of the United Nations in the country and **assess possible regional support needs**.

The RCP LAC reaffirmed its support for the country team. Participants agreed on the need to give priority to Nicaragua within the United Nations system, **analyze the country team's requests, define follow-up mechanisms, and explore financing options for joint programmes**.



## RCP LAC Updates



### New RCP LAC members and Resident Coordinators as of 15 December 2025

#### RCP LAC members



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UNODC



**Mr. Rene Orellana Halkyer**  
Assistant Director-General and  
Regional Representative for Latin  
America and the Caribbean  
FAO

#### Resident Coordinator



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Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-  
General for the United Nations Integrated Office  
in Haiti (BINUH)  
Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Haiti



## Events, meetings & webinars

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### RCP LAC 2026 meeting calendar

- **January 2026 (virtual).** Meeting of the RCP LAC with the Resident Coordinators in the region
- **13 April 2026 (Santiago de Chile).** RCP LAC meetings with the Chair/DSG (TBC); the RCs; and the RC/UNCT in Chile
- **14 April 2026 (Santiago de Chile).** Presentation of the RCP LAC system-wide results report
- **7 July 2026 (virtual).** Mid-term review of the RCP LAC workplan implementation
- **19 November 2026 (virtual).** Stocktaking of 2026 results and planning for 2027

### Key Global and regional events

- **9 December 2025.** 10th anniversary of Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace & Security
- **10-11 December 2025.** Launch of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport
- **8-12 December 2025.** 7th UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) (Nairobi)
- **16-17 December 2025.** UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting (New York)
- **19-23 January 2026.** World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos)
- **23 January 2026.** ECOSOC at 80: Commemoration Event (New York)
- **27 January 2026.** ECOSOC Partnership Forum (New York)
- **28-29 January 2026.** ECOSOC Coordination Segment (New York)
- **28-29 January 2026.** International Economic Forum Latin America and the Caribbean 2026 (Panama)





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### International days and weeks

- 1 December World AIDS Day
- 2 December International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 4 December International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures
- 5 December International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
- 9 December International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 9 December International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10 December Human Rights Day
- 12 December International Universal Health Coverage Day
- 18 December International Migrants Day
- 20 December International Human Solidarity Day
- 27 December International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
- 24 January International Day of Education
- 26 January International Day of Clean Energy
- 28 January International Day of Peaceful Coexistence
- 04 February International Day of Human Fraternity
- 11 February International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12 February International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
- 20 February World Day of Social Justice







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