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Innovation in Motion: A New Era for the Region

Editor's note

Dear reader,

We are pleased to share the first edition of 2026 of the “United Actions” Bulletin of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCP LAC).

At a time of evolving global challenges and ongoing UN system transformation under the UN80 Initiative, the RCP LAC continues to strengthen coherence, coordination, and integrated regional support to Resident Coordinators and UN country teams. In this spirit of renewal — reflected in this edition's theme, “Innovation in Motion: A New Era for the Region” — the RCP LAC is advancing more agile, forward-looking, and demand-driven approaches, consolidating regional expertise and fostering dialogue aligned with global priorities.

This bulletin highlights the collective efforts of issue-based coalitions (IBCs) and working groups (WGs) to accelerate the implementation of regional and global frameworks, strengthen SDG monitoring, promote scalable solutions, and enhance operational effectiveness. Together, these initiatives demonstrate how innovation, collaboration, and multilateral action are driving more integrated and impactful support across Latin America and the Caribbean.

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.

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

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on the RCP LAC website**



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Review of Nationally Determined Contributions in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Issue-Based Coalition on Climate Change and Resilience supported the preparation of an analytical report reviewing the latest Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) submitted by countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a specific focus on resilience and adaptation priorities.

The report consolidates technical inputs from multiple UN entities, including PAHO, IOM, UNEP, OHCHR, ILO, UNICEF, UNDRR, UNFCCC, UN Women, among others, reflecting a coordinated, system-wide contribution.

Responding to the Secretary-General's call for strengthened UN coordination on NDC implementation following COP30, this publication is being finalized and is expected to be published shortly. It is designed as a collective IBC deliverable to inform and strengthen joint UN support to Resident Coordinators, UN Country Teams, and Member States in 2026, particularly on risk-informed, inclusive, and resilient climate action. ■





HUMAN MOBILITY TRENDS IN THE REGION

The Issue-based Coalition met with Resident Coordinators on 18 March to discuss evolving human mobility trends and related challenges and opportunities. The IBC Co-Chairs presented a regional overview, highlighting emerging situations and operational realities, and reaffirmed their support to UN country teams.

The discussion presented an opportunity for Resident Coordinators to link context-specific dynamics with political and socioeconomic developments affecting human mobility. Key trends highlighted included shifting and less visible mobility patterns, increased returns and reverse flows, and growing vulnerabilities among stranded and at-risk populations.

Resident Coordinators underscored operational challenges, including funding constraints, gaps in reintegration support, and the need for more comprehensive approaches to displacement. The importance of contingency planning in light of changing political contexts and potential new displacements was also emphasized, alongside concerns related to insecurity and organized crime as drivers of mobility.

The presentation also covered third country national removal and asylum seeker transfer agreements, as well as updates on the IBC's work in support of UN country teams, including the development of tools to understand mobility dynamics and develop evidence-based responses, and collaboration with other IBCs. Discussions also highlighted the importance of integrated approaches across humanitarian and development pillars, particularly in relation to socioeconomic integration and longer-term responses to human mobility.





Regional SDG 16 Snapshot for Latin America and the Caribbean

Key findings

The Regional SDG 16 Snapshot for Latin America and the Caribbean presents a concise, evidencebased analysis of the region's progress and persistent challenges in the areas of peace, justice, citizen security, institutions, and human rights. The report outlines a landscape that combines advances in public integrity and political representation with ongoing concerns such as high levels of lethal violence, the influence of organized crime, gaps in access to justice, and low levels of institutional trust—underscoring the need for more integrated, effective, and peoplecentered public policies.



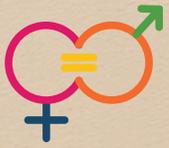
This initiative is a joint effort of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), to strengthen national and regional capacities to advance SDG 16 and to build more peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.

To learn more about the key findings, opportunities for action and solutions, join us on 1 April from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. PT. ■



[**Read the Regional Snapshot**](#)





Working Group Launches 2026 Agenda with Key Knowledge and Advocacy Initiatives

The working group on gender will convene its first meeting of the year in the coming weeks, marking the start of work on two major milestones of the 2026 workplan.



Update of the Regional Gender Equality Profile

This flagship interagency knowledge product was very well received upon its 2024 release and widely recognized for its added value in bringing together system-wide analysis, shared evidence, and coordinated perspectives on gender equality trends across the region. ■

Gender and human rights arguments to address gender backlash

Building on previous updates produced since 2021, this new resource will take a more innovative and forward-looking approach, responding to an increasingly complex multilateral landscape and aligning with the needs of the UN system in the current context. ■



REGIONAL YOUTH CONSULTATION ON THE STATUS OF THE YOUTH, PEACE, SECURITY AGENDA AND YOUTH'S POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE PROCESSES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

On 19 February 2026, the working group on Youth convened a consultation on the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, marking the 10th anniversary of UN Security Council resolutions 2250 and 1325. Organized with youth-led coalitions, the United Network of Young Peacebuilders, and regional youth activists, the consultation gathered over 90 young people to share their experiences and recommendations.

Participants highlighted progress, including action plans in Colombia and Honduras, while stressing the urgent need for implementation, financing, and inclusive participation through gender and intersectional approaches. In his opening remarks, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs Felipe Paullier emphasized the importance of sustaining spaces for youth engagement and recognizing young people's contributions to peace across all levels. ■

The YPS agenda links to key themes for Latin American and Caribbean youth such as decent work and access to education and health, protecting human rights defenders and climate activists, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence

Objectives

- Review progress and pending priorities in advancing the YPS agenda, including policies, financing, programming, and partnerships.
- Identify barriers to meaningful youth participation and gather youth perspectives on how to address them.
- Highlight youth leadership in promoting peace, with particular attention to young women's contributions.
- Strengthen existing alliances and foster new partnerships among youth engaged in peacebuilding.
- Collect good practices and recommendations to advance YPS implementation, building on the 2023 Bogotá Roadmap.

The consultation's results will feed into the Second Independent Progress Study (SIPS) on youth's positive contribution to peace processes and conflict resolution, called for by action point 20(c) of the Pact for the Future and updating the 2018 "The missing peace" study.

More information



PSG Support Strengthens Strategic Design of the Caribbean Cooperation Framework



From November 2025 to February 2026, the regional Peer Support Group (PSG) played a key role in supporting the strategic prioritization and Theory of Change process of the Caribbean Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (MSDCF), which covers 22 countries and territories.

Through sustained technical accompaniment, the PSG helped facilitate consultations and align diverse national perspectives around a shared regional vision. This resulted in a strategic framework focused on Economic and Ecosystem Resilience and Future-ready People and Resilient Communities, with strong emphasis on systemic enablers and emerging megatrends.

PSG support contributed to strengthening UN coherence, innovation, and capacity to respond to complex development challenges in line with UN 2.0 and the Pact for the Future. ■

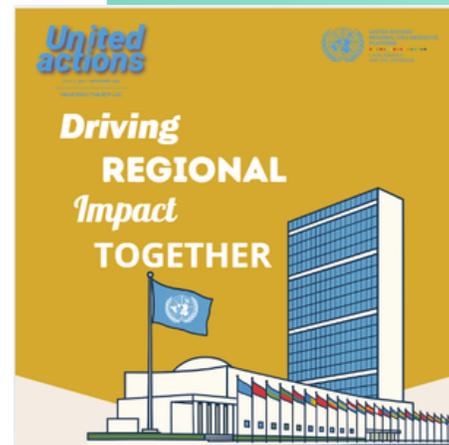


Strengthening Regional Visibility and Information Sharing

In 2025, the working group on Partnerships and Communication published three United Actions bulletins to strengthen information sharing across the United Nations system in Latin America and the Caribbean. The bulletins highlighted key initiatives, results, and good practices, contributing to greater visibility of collaborative efforts and lessons learned.

This work supports the exchange of experiences and promotes a shared understanding of regional priorities and progress, reinforcing the RCP LAC's role as a knowledge-sharing platform.

All United Actions editions are available on the RCP LAC website. ■





New Leadership for the Regional Operations Management Team

The Regional Operations Management Team (R-OMT) has assumed new leadership under UNESCO and UNODC, succeeding WFP in this role to reinforce collaboration, efficiency, and operational coherence across the region.

The new leadership will guide the R-OMT in strengthening shared services, including the development of long-term agreements, enhancing compliance, and supporting Resident Coordinators and UN country teams in delivering more effective and integrated operations.

This transition reflects a renewed commitment to innovation, efficiency, and system-wide coherence, in line with broader UN reform efforts to improve operational performance and support programmatic delivery. ■





Launch of the Regional Community of Practice on Children and Adolescent Statistics

The Working Group on SDG Data and Statistics contributed to the establishment of the Community of Practice on Statistics on Children and Adolescents, which will be launched on 25 February under the framework of the ECLAC Communities of Practice. This initiative responds to the need for stronger coordination and collaboration to improve the availability and use of data to monitor progress on children's and adolescents' rights and well-being in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Community of Practice will provide a dedicated platform for practitioners, experts, and institutions to exchange knowledge, experiences, and good practices, and to promote collaboration across countries and entities. It aims to strengthen the production, dissemination, and use of quality, timely, and disaggregated data, supporting evidence-based policymaking and more effective monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals related to children and adolescents.

By fostering regional cooperation and technical exchange, this initiative contributes to enhancing statistical capacities and ensuring that children and adolescents remain visible in data and in development priorities across the region. ■



2025 System-wide Results Report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean is currently finalizing its **2025 System-Wide Results Report**, which will be presented to Member States and shared with partners during the **9th Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development** (13–17 April 2026). The report provides an overview of the regional context and highlights the collective actions undertaken by the United Nations development system to support countries in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The report reflects contributions from **RCP LAC members**, including results achieved by Issue-Based Coalitions, working groups, and UN partners across the region.

As a regional knowledge product, the report strengthens transparency, accountability, and visibility of the United Nations' work, promoting broader awareness among Member States, UN country teams, and partners of the system's collective contribution to sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The report will be officially launched during a **public session on 14 April 2026**, presenting key results and strategic messages that demonstrate the UN system's joint impact.

Previous editions of the **RCP LAC System-Wide Results Report** can be accessed on the Resources page of the RCP LAC website.

Watch the report launch



RCP LAC Updates



Highlights from the RCP LAC meeting on 16 December 2025

The Vice-Chairs convened the RCP LAC to review key system-wide developments and regional priorities, including the UN80 reform process, outcomes of COP30 and the Second World Summit for Social Development, and progress on 2025 results and planning for 2026, including the 9th meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

Members agreed to strengthen regional coordination in support of the UN80 initiative, highlight the added value of RCP LAC mechanisms in responding to Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams, build on COP30 and social development outcomes through coordinated regional support, and contribute to the 2025 RCP LAC system-wide results report.

Highlights from the RCP LAC meeting with the UN country team in Cuba on 13 February 2026

The Vice-Chairs convened RCP LAC members at the request of the UNCT in Cuba to assess the country team's needs and identify specific areas of support from the regional level.

RCP LAC members and UNCT members agreed to closely monitor the situation and mobilize regional capacities to strengthen technical, operational, and logistical support to the country team, including staff well-being, operational continuity, and fuel supply options for humanitarian response.

Highlights from the RCP LAC meeting with Resident Coordinators on 22 January 2016

The Vice-Chairs convened RCP LAC members and Resident Coordinators to discuss evolving regional geopolitical dynamics and how to strengthen coordinated United Nations support to Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams.

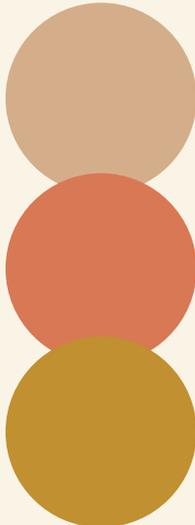
RCP LAC members and Resident Coordinators agreed to consolidate shared priorities in the region, prioritize technical cooperation with Member States on key development areas, explore coordination with international financial institutions and multilateral development banks, and strengthen outreach to highlight the value of UN support.

RCP LAC 2026 Priorities

In 2026, Latin America and the Caribbean continue to face **complex and interconnected challenges that require coordinated, innovative, and effective responses from across the UN system**. In this context, the RCP LAC is reinforcing its role as a key **mechanism for system-wide coherence, strengthened coordination, and integrated strategic support** to UN country teams.

Uniting stakeholders and facilitating meaningful dialogue remains at the core of the agenda, ensuring that **regional priorities are addressed in ways that complement and advance global agendas**. These efforts reinforce the importance of multilateral platforms in driving resilient sustainable development and fostering joint progress across the region, including through **promoting regional public goods and scalable regional solutions, strengthening coherence between global, regional and country-level action, and enhancing dialogue and integration between regional and country levels**.

PRIORITIES

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- i. Promoting **regional coherence regarding global priorities and initiatives**, such as the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, the Declaration on Future Generations, and the UN80 Initiative.
 - ii. Enhancing regional support to **accelerate SDG achievement at the subregional level and in cross-border and transboundary contexts**, including areas for acceleration identified by Member States in the region.
 - iii. **Building partnerships** with regional partners, international finance institutions and subregional development actors **to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs**.



2026 Calendar

13 February
RCP LAC ad hoc meeting
with the UNCT in Cuba
(virtual)

7 July
RCP LAC meeting: Mid-term
review of 2026 results
(virtual)

22 January
RCP LAC meeting
with Resident
Coordinators
(virtual)

13-17 April
9th Forum of the
Countries of Latin
America and the
Caribbean on
Sustainable
Development
(Santiago, Chile)

19 November
RCP LAC meeting:
Stocktaking of 2026
results and 2027
planning
(virtual)



New RCP LAC members as of 31 March 2026



Ms. Lena Savelli
Regional Director for Latin America
and the Caribbean
WFP



Ms. Paula Narvaez
Regional Director for Latin America
and the Caribbean
UNFPA



Mr. Juan Carlos Murillo
Regional Director a.i. for the
Americas Bureau
UNHCR



Mr. Diego Beltrand
Regional Director a.i. for the Americas
IOM



New Resident Coordinators as of 31 March 2026



Ms. Hanny Cueva-Beteta
Resident Coordinator in Paraguay



Ms. Allegra Baiocchi
Resident Coordinator in Mexico



Mr. Pablo Salazar
Resident Coordinator in Costa Rica



Events, meetings & webinars

Save the dates

RCP LAC meetings during the 9th Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC HQ, Santiago)

13 April 2026, 09:30-11:30. Meeting of the RCP LAC

13 April 2026, 13:30-14:30. Meeting of the RCP LAC with the UNCT in Chile

13 April 2026, 16:30-18:00. Meeting of the RCP LAC with the Resident Coordinators

14 April 2026, 17:00-18:00. Presentation of the RCP LAC system-wide results report

Key Global and regional events

13–16 April 2026. 9th Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Santiago)

14–16 April 2026. ECOSOC Youth Forum (New York)

21–24 April 2026. 4th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement (COP4) (Nassau)

11–15 May 2026. 21st session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (New York)

9–11 June 2026. 19th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York)

10–11 June 2026. ECOSOC Management Segment (New York)

IBC/WG events

IBC on Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

1 April 2026, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (Panama): Key Findings from the Regional SDG 16 Snapshot for Latin America and the Caribbean





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International days and weeks

6 April International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

7 April World Health Day

21 April World Creativity and Innovation Day

22 April International Mother Earth Day

24-30 April World Immunization Week

24 April International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

25 April World Malaria Day

25 April International Delegate's Day

28 April World Day for Safety and Health at Work

29 April International Day in Memory of the Victims of Earthquakes

3 May World Press Freedom Day

15 May International Day of Families

16 May International Day of Living Together in Peace

21 May World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

22 May International Day for Biological Diversity

25-31 May Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

29 May International Day of UN Peacekeepers





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