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and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 26 April

12.30 – 1.45 p.m. **Opening ceremony of the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries
of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development**

(Palacio Nacional)

Remarks:

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
 - Luis Videgaray Caso, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
 - Enrique Peña Nieto, President of the United Mexican States
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(Room 1)

3.30 – 3.35 p.m. Adoption of the agenda

- Chair: Luis Videgaray Caso, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

3.35 – 3.40 p.m. Remarks by Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (by videolink)

3.40 – 3.50 p.m. Remarks by Dessima Williams, Ambassador and Special Adviser to the President of the General Assembly for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals



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3.50 – 4.25 p.m. Presentation of the annual report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

(Under agenda item 2, the Executive Secretary will give an annual progress report, pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 700(XXXVI))

4.25 – 5.15 p.m. Comments

5.15 – 6.15 p.m. Dialogue on the contribution of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and relevant intergovernmental mechanisms to the 2030 Agenda

Moderator: Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

(In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4(a) of resolution 700(XXXVI), the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC will report on relevant contributions made by those bodies to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional level. Each speaker will have 5 minutes.)

First round:

- Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, by Mario Palma, Vice-President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico
- Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Lorena Cruz Sánchez, Chair of the National Institute of Women (INMUJERES) of Mexico
- Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC, by Marcelo Jenkins, Minister of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica
- Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, by Mark Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Javier Abugattás, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN) of Peru
- Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Margarita Cedeño, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic

Second round:

- Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), by Miguel Ángel Moir, Secretary for Planning and Programming of the Office of the President of Guatemala
- Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Patricia Chemor, Secretary-General of the National Council for Population (CONAPO) of Mexico
- Committee on South-South Cooperation, by Noel González, Coordinator of Multilateral and Regional Forums for International Development Cooperation of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)

- Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, by Carlos Alberto Botero, Deputy Minister for the Environment of Colombia
- Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, by Alejandra Lagunes, Coordinator of the National Digital Strategy of Mexico

Special statement: Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), by Jaime Miranda, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador

6.15 – 7 p.m.

- (i) United Nations Development Group – Latin America and the Caribbean (UNDG-LAC)

(As a contribution to the discussions at the Forum, the United Nations Development Group-Latin America and the Caribbean (UNDG-LAC) will present a document highlighting challenges and best practices from an integrated perspective, in order to convey the particular themes and interests and refer to the specific practices of the different agencies of the United Nations system making up UNDG-LAC.)

Moderator: Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

- “Leaving no one behind in Latin America and the Caribbean: overcoming inequality to eradicate poverty”, presentation by George Gray Molina, Chief Economist at the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- “A comprehensive perspective: the approach of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) to provide Member States with support through United Nations country teams”, presentation by Jessica Faieta, Chair of UNDG-LAC and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- “The life cycle underpinned by a gender perspective”, presentation by María Cristina Perceval, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- “Social inclusion and equity in health”, presentation by Carissa Etienne, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- “Building resilience: food security and sustainable production systems”, presentation by Miguel Barreto, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Food Programme (WFP)
- Final remarks by Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

7 – 8 p.m.

Presentation of other reports

(ii) International agencies and financial institutions

(iii) Civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders

(In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4(b), (c) and (d) of resolution 700(XXXVI) and in keeping with the inclusive nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which encourages participation by all relevant stakeholders, these stakeholders are expected to report at the meeting of the Forum. Each speaker will have 5 minutes.)

8 p.m.

Reception hosted by the Government of Mexico (second floor dining area)

**Thursday, 27 April
(Room 1)**

Chair: Mexico

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Peer learning on voluntary national reviews of the member countries of the Forum

(Under agenda item 5, member countries of the Forum will report on and share their experiences, progress and challenges in preparing their voluntary national reviews. The session will take the form of three panel discussions. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico will be invited to lead these discussions, given their experience in the preparation of voluntary national reviews for presentation at the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2016.)

Discussion topics: national institutional arrangements, national measurement and national challenges and priorities

Panel 1

Moderator: Carlos Pérez Verdía, Coordinator of Advisors to Enrique Peña Nieto, President of Mexico

- Gabriela Agosto, Executive Secretary of the National Council for Social Policy Coordination of Argentina
- Enid Rocha Andrade da Silva, Planning and Research Specialist, Social Policy Department of the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) of Brazil
- Marcos Barraza, Minister of Social Development of Chile
- Javier Abugattás, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN) of Peru

Panel 2

Moderator: Carlos Felipe Prada, Deputy Director of the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia

- Claudia Aguilar, Technical Delegate for the Implementation of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador
- Miguel Angel Moir, Secretary for Planning and Programming of the office of the President (SEGEPLAN) of Guatemala
- Efraín Corea, Presidential Director of Strategic Planning, the Budget and Public Investment of Honduras
- Cosme Moreno, Vice-Minister responsible for the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) of Panama

1 – 2.30 p.m.

Recess

2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Peer learning on voluntary national reviews of the member countries of the Forum (continued)

Panel 3

Moderator: Rubén Darío Molina, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Integration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

- Víctor Alegría, Director of the Sustainable Development Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry the Environment and Sustainable Development of Belize
- Olga Sánchez, Minister of National Planning and Political Economy of Costa Rica
- Álvaro García, Director of the Office of Planning and the Budget of Uruguay

4.30 – 6 p.m.

Special session on artificial intelligence

(Under agenda item 6, an opportunity will be offered to consider how to address technology challenges for sustainable development.)

Moderator: Miguel Ruiz Cabañas Izquierdo, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Remarks:

- Marcelo Jenkins, Minister of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica
- José Ramón López Portillo, Professor, Founder and Coordinator of the Centre for Mexican Studies at Oxford University
- Paulo Gadelha, President of Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz) of Brazil
- Sergio Alcocer Martínez de Castro, President of México Exponencial
- Margarita Cedeño, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic

**Friday, 28 April
(Room 1)**

Chair: Mexico

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dialogues on eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world in the framework of sustainable development

Moderator: Cristián Barros Melet, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Presentation “The challenges of integrating the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development”, by Ambassador Juan Somavía, Director of the Andrés Bello Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and former President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (10 minutes)

(Under agenda item 7, Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14 will be addressed at three round tables devoted to the three dimensions of sustainable development; round table 1: the economic dimension; round table 2: the social dimension and round table 3: the environmental dimension.)

Round table 1: The economic dimension

Introduction to the economic dimension, by Hugué Beteta, Chief of the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico (3 minutes)

- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General of the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB)
- Ileana Núñez Mordoche, Vice-Minister of Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba
- Peter David Phillips, former Minister of Finance and President of the People's National Party of Jamaica
- Edison Alleyne, Permanent Secretary, Special Assignments-Sustainable Development, Barbados
- Miguel Rincón Arredondo, CEO of Bio-PAPPEL, Mexico
- Pablo Sanguinetti, Chief Economist of the Development Bank of Latin America-CAF

Round table 2: The social dimension

Introductory remarks by Laís Abramo, Chief of the Social Development Division of ECLAC (3 minutes)

- Marcos Barraza, Minister of Social Development of Chile
- Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Rafael Freire, Representative of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)
- María Antonieta Alcalde Castro, Advocacy Director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- Max Trejo Cervantes, Secretary-General of the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America (OIJ)

Round table 3: The environmental dimension

Introductory remarks by Joseluis Samaniego, Chief of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC (3 minutes)

- E. Alistair Edwards, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Cooperatives of Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Boris Graizbord, Coordinator of the Advanced Studies Programme in Sustainable Development and Environment of Colegio de México
- Leo Heileman, Regional Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Rubens Born, expert of the Grupo Esquel Brasil Foundation (FGEB) of Brazil
- Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Special session on the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(Under agenda item 8, and as a complement to the regional discussions, a special session will be held on the means of implementation of and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.)

Moderator: Daniel Titelman, Chief of the Economic Development Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Remarks:

- Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
- Marisol Argueta de Barillas, Head of the Latin America Section of the World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Ulises Canchola Gutiérrez, Director-General for Cooperation and Bilateral Economic Relations of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)
- Rodolfo Bejarano, Research Coordinator of the Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights (LATINDAAD)
- Philipp Schönrock, Director of the Centre for International Strategic Thinking (CEPEI)
- Jessica Faieta, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

4.30 – 6 p.m. Conclusions regarding the regional challenges to implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(Under agenda item 9, the first meeting of the Forum will close with a general summary of the main conclusions that emerged during the discussions.)

Conclusions and recommendations

Closing session

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Luis Videgaray Caso, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico