2021 SYSTEM-WIDE RESULTS REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM

Latin America and the Caribbean

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The Framework:
ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2020/23 (July 2020)

Following its 2020 Operational Activities Segment, the **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** adopted resolution E/RES/2020/23 in July 2020, endorsed in General Assembly Resolution 74/297, which, inter alia:
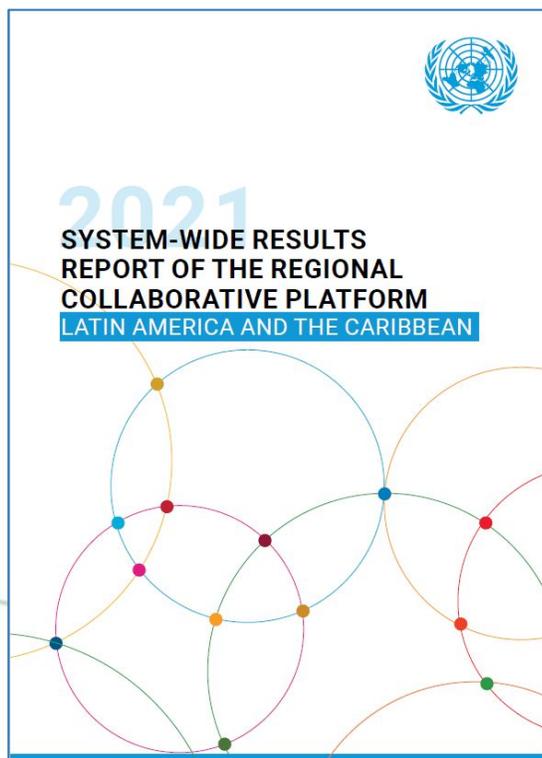
1. *Requests the Secretary-General to continue to conduct and rely on, in the course of the implementation process, transparent and inclusive United Nations consultations with all countries concerned at all levels, in particular the countries of the region through further deliberations of the ECOSOC with input from existing processes within regional economic commissions and other United Nations regional assets to ensure that the longer-term reprofiling and restructuring of the regional assets of the United Nations be addressed on a region-by-region basis and in accordance with the region's specific needs and priorities.*

2. *Reaffirms that the regional repositioning be conducted with the support of regional economic commissions, specialized agencies, funds, programmes, and regional offices of the Development Coordination Office, while preserving and reaffirming their respective roles and mandates.*

3. *Looks forward to further deliberations in the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment, and requests the Secretary-General to continue regular follow-up, monitoring and reporting, including to the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment.*

The Secretary-General's five recommendations to guide the restructuring of United Nations development system

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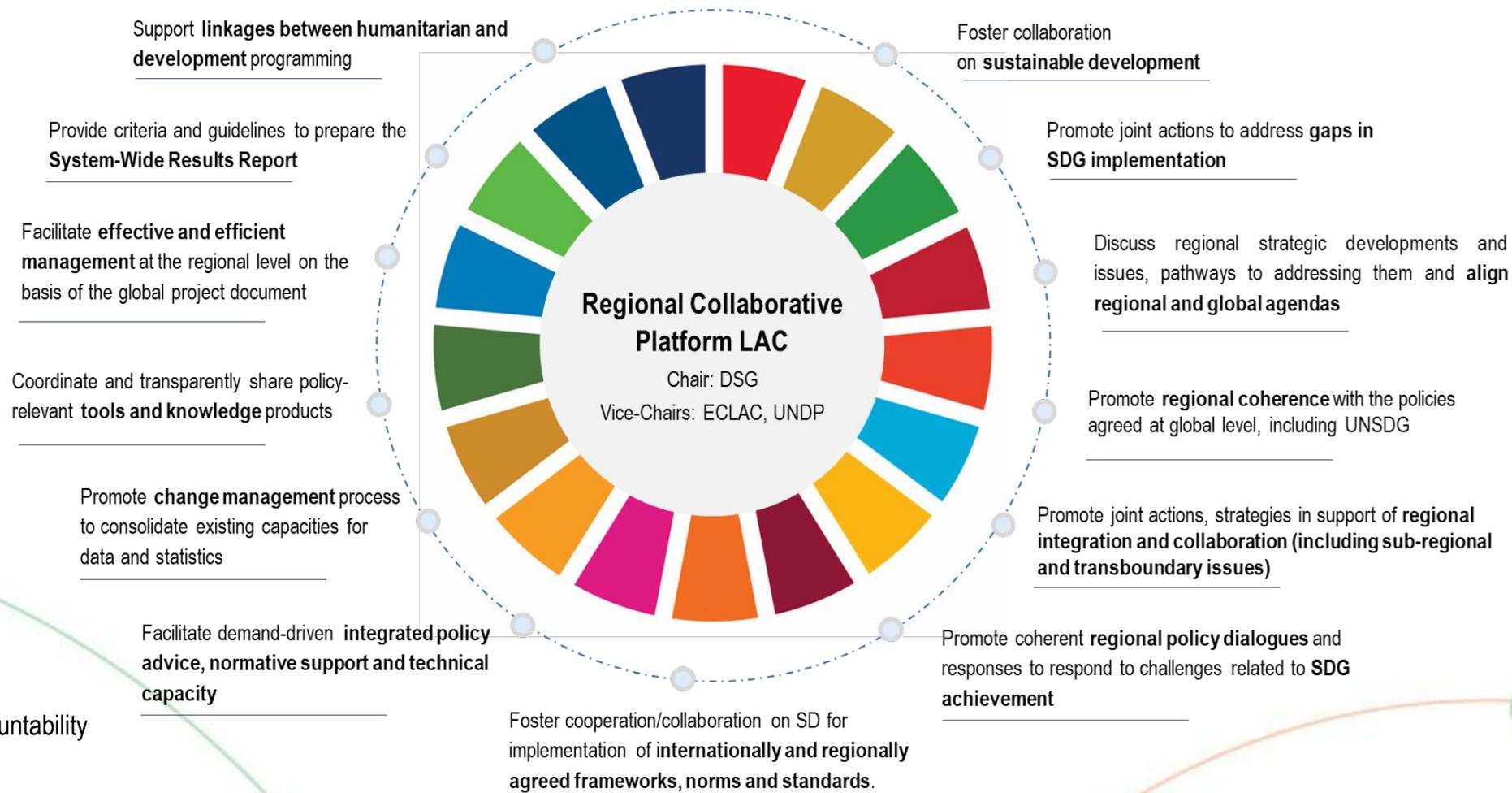COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM
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I. *Creation of United Nations **regional collaborative platforms** that would absorb existing duplicative coordination mechanisms and foster collaboration on sustainable development among United Nations development system entities operating at the regional level.*

II. *Establishment of strong **knowledge management hubs** in each region by pooling policy expertise currently scattered across various entities.*

III. *Enhance **transparency and results-based management** at the regional level, including through annual reporting on United Nations system-wide results at the regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda.*

IV. *Launch of a region-by-region **change management process** to consolidate existing capacities with regard to data and statistics.*

V. *Identification of **administrative services that could be provided more efficiently to regional offices** through common back offices, similar to efforts that have been made at the country level.*

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- Developed in response to **recommendation three of the United Nations Secretary-General** on the reform of the UN development system.

  - Aims to **enhance transparency, accountability, and results-based management** at the regional level.

- Lays out the **UN system´s direct contribution to the recovery** of the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts in **closing the gaps** in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development.

  - Reflects the results of the work conducted by the **Issue-Based Coalitions and Working Groups** and by other **joint inter-agency initiatives.**

  - Highlights **system-wide results** at the regional level, support provided to United Nations country teams and Resident Coordinators.

Regional Collaborative Platforms:
13 Key Functions*

Support **linkages between humanitarian and development** programming

Provide criteria and guidelines to prepare the **System-Wide Results Report**

Facilitate **effective and efficient management** at the regional level on the basis of the global project document

Coordinate and transparently share policy-relevant **tools and knowledge** products

Promote **change management** process to consolidate existing capacities for data and statistics

Facilitate demand-driven **integrated policy advice, normative support and technical capacity**

Regional Collaborative Platform LAC
Chair: DSG
Vice-Chairs: ECLAC, UNDP

Foster collaboration on **sustainable development**

Promote joint actions to address **gaps in SDG implementation**

Discuss regional strategic developments and issues, pathways to addressing them and **align regional and global agendas**

Promote **regional coherence** with the policies agreed at global level, including UNSDG

Promote joint actions, strategies in support of **regional integration and collaboration (including sub-regional and transboundary issues)**

Promote coherent **regional policy dialogues** and responses to respond to challenges related to **SDG achievement**

Foster cooperation/collaboration on SD for implementation of **internationally and regionally agreed frameworks, norms and standards**.

*As established in the Management and Accountability Framework

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Regional Collaborative Platform: Structure

"Maximizing the capacities, and assets in support to RCs, UNCTs, and Member States in the **implementation of the 2030 Agenda**."

+ Other
Food systems
Disaster risk management
Urbanization
HIV/AIDS

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1 Establishment of the RCP

2 Knowledge Management Hubs

3 Enhance transparency

4 Data and statistics

5 Regional Efficiencies

The RCP LAC has made progress in implementing the **five recommendations of the United Nations Secretary-General** related to the reform of the UNDS at the regional level.

❑ Develop **regional vision and elaborate of common positions on strategic emerging priorities**: connectivity and digital inclusion, energy transition and food security, and consolidated its working mechanism.

❑ **Substantive policy discussions on regional priorities** to enhance synergies between the regional and national levels, both on cross-border issues and on focused responses based on country-level priorities, and i**ncreased engagement with RCs.**

❑ Completion and rolling-out of the Knowledge Management Hub (SDG Gateway) and support linkages between the **RC Offices and the Conference of Statistics of the Americas and specific technical assistance.**

❑ Increased transparency on regional **system-wide results (2020-2021) through presentations to Member states during the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.**

❑ ECLAC **revamped CEPALSTAT Portal** as a regional public good with an interface between **statistics and geospatial information** including the interoperability of information through open data with the UN System.

❑ Establish the **Regional Operations Management Team (ROMT)** to develop the Regional Business Operations Strategy (R-BOS) and support the **implementation of efficiency initiatives in the region.**

OVERVIEW OF KEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

The LAC region is currently in the midst of **a large-scale social and economic crisis** borne from the ongoing **COVID-19 pandemic**.

- **Exacerbated structural inequalities across social, economic, environmental dimensions and overwhelmed weak governance models**.

- **Disproportionately affected populations:** women, youth, migrants, refugees, people of African descent have suffered the brunt of the pandemic and **subsequent socio-economic crisis**.

- **The Threat of a Lost Decade**: despite unprecedented emergency measures by governments, and the resumption of economic growth in 2021, existing structural inequalities need to be addressed urgently to **preserve past developmental gains** and **accelerate the implementation of the SDGs**.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM-WIDE RESULTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

Results were achieved through RCP LAC **IBCs/thematic groups** targeted support as well as **inter-agency initiatives**

Types of support provided in 2021

❑ Initiated integrated analysis and policy advice, and normative **support to RCs and UNCTs**, including **cross-border, subregional, and regional support**.

❑ Developing **evidence-based policy guidance**, and **regional common goods** to **promote policy coherence**.

❑ Facilitate **joint actions to foster regional coherence** In **alignment with global agendas**.

❑ Promoting **public awareness, communications and joint positioning and advocacy**.

❑ Fostering **capacity building and knowledge sharing.**

❑ Fostering **cooperation and leveraging partnerships**.

Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through the RCP LAC's **Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs)**

IBC Thematic areas

- Climate change and Resilience

  ➡️ **Joint inter-agency efforts** on **disaster risk management**, including **regional level guidance on DRR**, policy and programmatic work fostering **Paris Agreement** implementation.

- Crime and Violence

  ➡️ Strengthening **data and knowledge management**; regional **Spotlight initiative**.
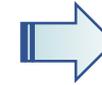
- Equitable Growth

  ➡️ **Advancing policy work** in key areas such as **employment, social protection systems, and care systems** and their impact on **women's empowerment**.

Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through the RCP LAC's **Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs)**

IBC Thematic areas

- Financing for Development

  Establishment of IBC on FFD with workplan focusing on **actionable policy measures** that offer practical policy proposals for UNCTs to **support SDG financing efforts at the country level**.

- Governance and Institutions

  Technical support to advance the work on **anti-corruption** to the government of **Haiti**.

- Human Mobility

  Advocacy support to UNCTs on **migration-related issues: rights, access to basic services, children, xenophobia, COVID-19, misinformation**, temporary protection mechanisms, return and sustainable reintegration.

  Regional Review of the **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.**

Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through the RCP LAC **thematic Working Groups (WGs)**

Cross-cutting areas

- Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls

Policy and programmatic work to promote **gender equality and women's empowerment** (e.g. comprehensive care systems, elimination of child marriage and early unions and expansion of essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health services).

- Youth

Engagement with youth was facilitated, through **regional dialogue spaces** and capacity building opportunities, to position the **voice of young people as part of SGD advocacy and implementation.**

Regional level
system-wide results
achieved through
inter-agency initiatives

Additional priority areas

- Food Systems

  Promoting dialogue and knowledge exchange on the **transformation of food systems**, including supporting national dialogues. '**Anticipatory Action in the Central American Dry Corridor: A Joint FAO-WFP Strategy**' to increase resilience in vulnerable populations against disasters and crises.

- Urbanization

  Compiling urban information and indicators, news and knowledge about policies, frameworks, mechanisms, and good practices that support countries and cities in implementing the New Urban Agenda; preparing the '**Regional Plan for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Central America and the Dominican Republic**'.

- HIV/AIDS

  Supporting four countries in taking action to eliminate stigma and discrimination in health, education, labour, community, justice and humanitarian settings; assisting community-led initiatives targeting **people living with or affected by HIV and COVID-19**.

A WAY FORWARD: REGIONAL VISION AND PRIORITIES FOR THE RCP LAC

Safeguarding past progress towards **achieving the SDGs** and **accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Implement **transformative policy and programming** in key areas to **leave no one behind**:

- **Addressing social inequalities**: transforming health systems, promoting universal, inclusive, fiscally sustainable, and resilient social protection and care systems, scaling up investments in education for increased quality and access;

- **Addressing economic inequalities:** transforming the production matrix for sustainabke economies, enhancing financing for development;

- **Addressing environmental challenges:** addressing the triple planetary crisis;

- **Addressing weak governance systems:** promoting new governance models that facilitate transparency, accountability, and equal access to justice;

- Supporting **key transitions in connectivity, energy use and food systems.**

The role of the RCP LAC in supporting the

accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

RCP LAC will accelerate efforts to **provide greater support to RCs and UNCTs**:

- Provision of **demand-driven support**, with special focus on Caribbean and Haiti

- Identify specific actions to **provide technical support to cross-border/subregional initiatives**

- Promotion of **common positioning and messages** on key regional priorities

- Engagement in **regional and global inter-governmental fora**

- Serving a **bridge between global and national levels**

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