What is the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development?

The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development is the regional mechanism established to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Established by the member countries at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in Mexico City in 2016, the Forum is open to all Latin American and Caribbean countries and is convened under the auspices of ECLAC.

Every year, the Forum brings together governments, United Nations agencies, regional and subregional integration blocs, development banks, civil society, academia and the private sector, in order to promote peer learning for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, through voluntary reviews, the sharing of good practices and discussion on shared targets.

The Forum’s conclusions and recommendations will be submitted to the United Nations’ High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development every year as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda.

During the third meeting of the Forum, which will be held in Santiago, Chile, on April 22-26, 2019, ECLAC will present the quadrennial progress report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On Tuesday, April 23 – prior to the official inauguration of the meeting – a gathering of civil society from Latin America and the Caribbean will take place.

At the first meeting of the Forum, held on April 26-28, 2017 in Mexico City, the region’s countries reaffirmed their collective commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, recognizing that governments hold primary responsibility for its achievement and acknowledging the need to foster the participation of all stakeholders in the process.

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