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Side event

Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean

The key for recovery and achievement of 2030 Agenda

Organizers: Youth Working Group – United Nations Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean

Agencies: UNHCR, ECLAC, FAO, UN WOMEN, UNAIDS, PAHO, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNV.

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Background

The United Nations Group for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Inter-Agency Youth Task Force members for Latin America and the Caribbean are committed to the goals enshrined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the United Nations Youth Strategy. Therefore, respect for human rights - including economic, social, and cultural rights and civil and political rights - is fundamental to the success of public health responses and recovery from the pandemic.

The Youth Task Force's work plan established as one of its activities the development of an inter-agency document on youth and the 2030 Agenda. Five years after adopting the 2030 Agenda, it is essential to



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generate evidence on the situation of Latin American and Caribbean youth and analyze to what extent the Agenda's implementation is improving the status of this population.

Within this framework, and to obtain evidence on adolescents and young people's situation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, The United Nations developed a survey on Youth and COVID-19 directed to adolescents and young people between 15 and 29 years of age in Latin America and the Caribbean. The survey results allowed us to know how adolescents and young people in the region are living the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as their current and future concerns. The survey was answered by 7,775 adolescents and young people from 39 countries in the region.

Among the survey findings was that there is a significant increase in the burden of unpaid domestic and care work among young people. The burden is more significant among young women and young people between 20 and 24 years of age. Nearly 6 out of 10 adolescents and young people in the region consider gender-based violence increased during the pandemic.

On the other hand, situations such as food shortages, effects on access to education in the context of confinement, worsening of the labor situation of young people and reduced access to free contraceptive methods, as well as access to antiretroviral treatment, in the case of young people living with HIV, became evident. These situations are even worse for indigenous, Afro-descendant, disabled, and LGBTI youth.

However, the survey also found that an increasing number of young people act proactively to reduce the spread of the virus and are working or volunteering to mitigate the pandemic and address its impact. In the region, 1 in 3 young people have been involved in or led actions in response to COVID-19.

The evolution of the pandemic at the global level and the increasingly evident impacts on the various spheres of development will require a comprehensive and multidimensional recovery that recognizes, includes, and prioritizes the diversity of young people living in and moving through the Latin American



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and Caribbean region. In this way, we will be able to advance towards a sustainable development that leaves no one behind and no one outside effectively.

In this regard, for the United Nations System in Latin America and the Caribbean, it is essential to have intergenerational and multisectoral spaces for dialogue and listening that allow sharing the current situation of adolescents and young people in the region in the context of the pandemic by COVID-19 and the challenges it poses to advance towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including and prioritizing adolescents and young people.

Objectives

1. Share evidence on the situation of adolescents and youth in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. To generate a space for dialogue and listening between young people, agencies of the United Nations System, and governments of the region on the challenges to advance in the development and guarantee of youth's rights in the region in the current context.
3. To highlight the importance of prioritizing youth in the post-COVID-19 response and recovery plans as a milestone for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Program

Moderator: Linda Maguire, Deputy Regional Director, PNUD Latin America and the Caribbean

AGENDA ITEM	PANELIST	TIME
1. Welcome message on behalf of the UNSDG LAC Task team on youth.	Harold Robinson, UNFPA Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean.	5 minutes



<p>2. Presentation: Latin American and Caribbean Youth and the 2030 Agenda; challenges in the current context.</p>	<p>Alberto Arenas, Director - Social Development Division, ECLAC</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>
<p>3. Mosaic of Youth Voices</p> <p>Guiding questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How should youth be included in the post-COVID-19 response and recovery? ● From your perspective, what are the most significant challenges in the region for achieving the 2030 agenda? 	<p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juan De La Mar, RED J+ LAC - Michelle Belfor, Women Deliver Young Leaders - Uriel Weicman, META Network of Youth with Disabilities - Renata Brasileiro, YA Brazil Youth, - Eliany Barralaga, Concausa Network - Yeisulli Tapias, Rural Youth Network of Colombia - Rosario Díaz Garavito, The Millennials Movement 	<p>25 minutes</p>
<p>5. The role of governments for the inclusion of youth in the Post-COVID-19 recovery and the achievement of the 2030 agenda.</p> <p>Comments/reactions to youth interventions</p> <p>Guiding questions for intervention:</p> <p>What kind of response should governments in the region provide to ensure an inclusive recovery that does not leave out young people? What are they doing to make it happen?</p>	<p>Epsy Campbell Barr, First Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica.</p>	<p>7 minutes.</p>



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4. Conclusions and closing remarks	Moderator: Linda Maguire, Deputy Regional Director, PNUD Latin America and the Caribbean	5 minutes
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