Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development

Virtual Meeting from 15 to 18 March 2021

Side event: Wednesday, March 17, 13:00-14:00 pm (Costa Rica Time)

Parallel Event Title:

Violence against children and adolescents under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Description:

During the “Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development” from 15 to 18 March 2021, ECLAC, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC) and UNICEF LACRO wish to provide an exchange space with public policy decision makers, civil society, and development actors in general, around the issue of violence against children in the region. They also want to emphasize the measurement of violence against children and the progress of the SDGs related to the issue.

Expected results:

The representatives from the governments of Jamaica and Paraguay, together with a representative of the children and adolescents and the heads of ECLAC and UNICEF LACRO and the SRSG VAC will contribute to the following results:

- To demonstrate why it is critical that on the region’s agenda work is strengthened to end violence against children and adolescents.
- To return to the call to action by the UN Under-Secretary-General in the fight against violence against children in December 2020 (Ending Violence against Children Requires Greater Global Leadership, Local Action, Deputy Secretary-General Says at Launch of Together to #EndViolence Event | Meetings Coverage and Press Releases)
- Share specific examples of the work on prevention and attention to violence against children and adolescents.

Participants:

- Co-leaders: ECLAC, SRSG VAC and UNICEF LACRO
- Representatives of Member States of Jamaica and Paraguay
- Children and adolescents
- Government delegations to the Latin American and Caribbean Forum
- United Nations Agencies
- Academy, private sector, etc.

Small call for the event:

During this event, panelists will tell us about the importance of addressing an issue as important as violence against children and adolescents. An invisible subject on many occasions that, on the event of the COVID-19 pandemic, has become even more invisible inside households. We will share new data on violence against children and adolescents in the region. And above all, we will reflect together on how to put an end to this scourge.