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Concept note
Panel 2
Statistical, quantitative and territorial monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals

Tuesday, 8 March, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
(Crowne Plaza San José Corobicí, Costa Rica time, GMT-6)

Guiding questions
The new interface for CEPALSTAT modernizes and innovates by including the fullest, most comparable, comprehensive and integral sociodemographic, economic and environmental statistical information at the regional level for Latin America and the Caribbean, with a geospatial dimension. What are the countries’ perspectives on the benefits of CEPALSTAT and what other dimensions do you think should be included?

The Regional Knowledge Platform on the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (SDG Gateway), has key innovations: (i) incorporation of the new regional architecture of the United Nations system; (ii) the SDG Geoportal that integrates statistical and geospatial information, enabling users to visualize the series of SDG indicators; (iii) the information system on the statistical capacities of the countries of the region to produce the indicators of the SDGs, which provides an online mapping of the region’s capacities to produce SDG indicators and integrate the different producers to update statistical information for each indicator, thus speeding up the collection of information, as well as indicating technical assistance needs in relation to the SDGs. These are in addition to any future innovations for monitoring and reporting on progress towards the 2030 Agenda in the countries by the end of 2022.

In view of these innovations, what actions do you think should be implemented regarding the SDG Gateway, for monitoring the 2030 Agenda and establishing and strengthening national statistical systems in the countries?

What key elements do countries require to produce statistical and geographic information, to contribute to decision-making on public policies for post-pandemic reconstruction?
Panel

Moderator: Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

See the full preliminary programme at https://foroalc2030.cepal.org/2022/en/programme

Panel format

This multi-stakeholder panel will bring together experts and representatives of governments and the United Nations system in the region. The session will be moderated by Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

The moderator will first invite Rolando Ocampo, Chief of the Statistics Division of ECLAC, to give a 13-minute presentation on CEPALSTAT and the SDG Gateway; the moderator will then invite the panellists to offer their reflections on statistical, quantitative and territorial monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, through an initial statement lasting 5–7 minutes.

Once the panellists have made their initial statements, the moderator will open the floor to statements of up to 3 minutes on the theme of the panel from members of the delegations of the participating countries. At the end of the statements from delegation members, the floor will be returned to the panellists for 3-minute closing statements.