



From Rhetoric to Action: Policies to Combat Inequality and Exclusion

When: Wednesday March 9, 14h30 - 15h30

Where: Crowne Plaza, Sala Cahuita 2 - San José, Costa Rica
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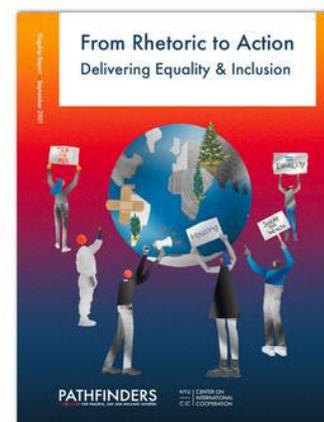
The [Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies](#), the Government of Costa Rica and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, are convening a high-level event focused on practical policies and actions that can be taken to deliver equality and inclusion in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Background

Inequality and exclusion sit at the heart of today's global challenges. Whether political instability or the climate crisis, we simply cannot move forward in a sustainable way without addressing the huge disparities and grievances between rich and poor, ethnic groups, or men and women. COVID-19 has further underlined the need for greater action on gaps and divisions between the rich and poor and those with and without opportunities. The question is not *if* we should focus on tackling inequality and exclusion, but *what* action we can take. Drawing on lessons from around the world, as well as best practice in the LAC region, this session will provide insights on the strategies that can be used to renew social contracts and address growing divisions.

This event will

- Identify the opportunities to build more inclusive societies and tackle rising inequality
- Highlight features of inequality and exclusion in the region, and its linkages with other challenges in achieving the 2030 Agenda and forging a renewed social contract
- Present practical and politically viable policy recommendations for dealing with the growing problems of inequality and exclusion within and between countries, based on the findings of the Pathfinders flagship report, [“From Rhetoric to Action: Delivering Equality and Inclusion”](#)
- Highlight steps that governments have instituted towards inclusive recovery from COVID-19



Agenda

Themes	Speakers
Welcome Remarks	
From Rhetoric to Action: Delivering Equality and Inclusion <i>Overview of key findings & recommendations of the Pathfinders flagship report, "From Rhetoric to Action: Delivering Equality and Inclusion"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faiza Shaheen, Inequality & Exclusion Program Lead, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
Policies for Equality and Inclusion in LAC <i>Reflection on inequality and exclusion in the region and the policies implemented in the context of the pandemic.</i> <i>Discussion on the application of the flagship report recommendations to the region.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniel Titelman, Director of the Economic Development Division, ECLAC• Charles Hernandez, Director of Foreign Policy, Government of Costa Rica
Q&A and Discussion	All are invited to participate
Concluding remarks	