SYSTEM-WIDE RESULTS REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM

Latin America and the Caribbean

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BACKGROUND: THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REFORM AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL
Following its 2020 Operational Activities Segment, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted resolution E/RES/2020/23 in July 2020, endorsed in General Assembly Resolution 74/297, which, inter alia:

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to conduct and rely on, in the course of the implementation process, transparent and inclusive United Nations consultations with all countries concerned at all levels, in particular the countries of the region through further deliberations of the ECOSOC with input from existing processes within regional economic commissions and other United Nations regional assets to ensure that the longer-term reprofiling and restructuring of the regional assets of the United Nations be addressed on a region-by-region basis and in accordance with the region’s specific needs and priorities.

2. Reaffirms that the regional repositioning be conducted with the support of regional economic commissions, specialized agencies, funds, programmes, and regional offices of the Development Coordination Office, while preserving and reaffirming their respective roles and mandates.

3. Looks forward to further deliberations in the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment, and requests the Secretary-General to continue regular follow-up, monitoring and reporting, including to the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment.
The Secretary-General’s five recommendations to guide the restructuring of United Nations development system

I. Creation of United Nations *regional collaborative platforms* that would absorb existing duplicative coordination mechanisms and foster collaboration on sustainable development among United Nations development system entities operating at the regional level.

II. Establishment of strong *knowledge management hubs* in each region by pooling policy expertise currently scattered across various entities.

III. Enhance *transparency and results-based management* at the regional level, including through annual reporting on United Nations system-wide results at the regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda.

IV. Launch of a region-by-region *change management process* to consolidate existing capacities with regard to data and statistics.

V. Identification of *administrative services that could be provided more efficiently to regional offices* through common back offices, similar to efforts that have been made at the country level.
Background on the 2021 system-wide results report

- Developed in response to recommendation three of the United Nations Secretary-General on the reform of the UN development system.
  - Aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and results-based management at the regional level.
- Lays out the UN system’s direct contribution to the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts in closing the gaps in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development.
  - Reflects the results of the work conducted by the Issue-Based Coalitions and Working Groups and by other joint inter-agency initiatives.
  - Highlights system-wide results at the regional level, support provided to United Nations country teams and Resident Coordinators.
Regional Collaborative Platforms: 13 Key Functions*

- Support linkages between humanitarian and development programming
- Foster cooperation/collaboration on SD for implementation of internationally and regionally agreed frameworks, norms and standards.
- Provide criteria and guidelines to prepare the System-Wide Results Report
- Foster collaboration on sustainable development
- Facilitate effective and efficient management at the regional level on the basis of the global project document
- Promote joint actions to address gaps in SDG implementation
- Coordinate and transparently share policy-relevant tools and knowledge products
- Discuss regional strategic developments and issues, pathways to addressing them and align regional and global agendas
- Promote change management process to consolidate existing capacities for data and statistics
- Promote regional coherence with the policies agreed at global level, including UNSDG
- Facilitate demand-driven integrated policy advice, normative support and technical capacity
- Promote joint actions, strategies in support of regional integration and collaboration (including sub-regional and transboundary issues)
- Promote coherent regional policy dialogues and responses to respond to challenges related to SDG achievement

*As established in the Management and Accountability Framework
Regional Collaborative Platform: Structure

“Maximizing the capacities, and assets in support to RCs, UNCTs, and Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.”

+ Other
Food systems
Disaster risk management
Urbanization
HIV/AIDS
ADVANCING THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REFORM AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL
The RCP LAC has made progress in implementing the five recommendations of the United Nations Secretary-General related to the reform of the UNDS at the regional level.

- Develop **regional vision and elaborate of common positions on strategic emerging priorities**: connectivity and digital inclusion, energy transition and food security, and consolidated its working mechanism.

- **Substantive policy discussions on regional priorities** to enhance synergies between the regional and national levels, both on cross-border issues and on focused responses based on country-level priorities, and increased engagement with RCs.

- Completion and rolling-out of the Knowledge Management Hub (SDG Gateway) and support linkages between the RC Offices and the Conference of Statistics of the Americas and specific technical assistance.

- Increased transparency on regional **system-wide results (2020-2021)** through presentations to Member states during the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

- ECLAC revamped **CEPALSTAT Portal** as a regional public good with an interface between statistics and geospatial information including the interoperability of information through open data with the UN System.

- Establish the **Regional Operations Management Team (ROMT)** to develop the Regional Business Operations Strategy (R-BOS) and support the implementation of efficiency initiatives in the region.
OVERVIEW OF KEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES
The LAC region is currently in the midst of a large-scale social and economic crisis borne from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- Exacerbated structural inequalities across social, economic, environmental dimensions and overwhelmed weak governance models.
- Disproportionately affected populations: women, youth, migrants, refugees, people of African descent have suffered the brunt of the pandemic and subsequent socio-economic crisis.
- The Threat of a Lost Decade: despite unprecedented emergency measures by governments, and the resumption of economic growth in 2021, existing structural inequalities need to be addressed urgently to preserve past developmental gains and accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM-WIDE RESULTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL
Results were achieved through RCP LAC IBCs/thematic groups targeted support as well as inter-agency initiatives.

Types of support provided in 2021:

- Initiated integrated analysis and policy advice, and normative support to RCs and UNCTs, including cross-border, subregional, and regional support.
- Developing evidence-based policy guidance, and regional common goods to promote policy coherence.
- Facilitate joint actions to foster regional coherence in alignment with global agendas.
- Promoting public awareness, communications and joint positioning and advocacy.
- Fostering capacity building and knowledge sharing.
- Fostering cooperation and leveraging partnerships.
Regional level system-wide results achieved through the RCP LAC’s Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs)

- Climate change and Resilience
- Crime and Violence
- Equitable Growth

Joint inter-agency efforts on disaster risk management, including regional level guidance on DRR, policy and programmatic work fostering Paris Agreement implementation.

Strengthening data and knowledge management; regional Spotlight initiative.

Advancing policy work in key areas such as employment, social protection systems, and care systems and their impact on women’s empowerment.
Regional level system-wide results achieved through the RCP LAC’s Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs)

- Financing for Development
- Governance and Institutions
- Human Mobility

Establishment of IBC on FFD with workplan focusing on actionable policy measures that offer practical policy proposals for UNCTs to support SDG financing efforts at the country level.

Technical support to advance the work on anti-corruption to the government of Haiti.

Advocacy support to UNCTs on migration-related issues: rights, access to basic services, children, xenophobia, COVID-19, misinformation, temporary protection mechanisms, return and sustainable reintegration.

Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
Regional level system-wide results achieved through the RCP LAC thematic Working Groups (WGs)

- Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls
- Youth

Policy and programmatic work to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment (e.g. comprehensive care systems, elimination of child marriage and early unions and expansion of essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health services).

Engagement with youth was facilitated, through regional dialogue spaces and capacity building opportunities, to position the voice of young people as part of SGD advocacy and implementation.
Regional level system-wide results achieved through inter-agency initiatives

- Food Systems
- Urbanization
- HIV/AIDS

Promoting dialogue and knowledge exchange on the transformation of food systems, including supporting national dialogues. ‘Anticipatory Action in the Central American Dry Corridor: A Joint FAO-WFP Strategy’ to increase resilience in vulnerable populations against disasters and crises.

Compiling urban information and indicators, news and knowledge about policies, frameworks, mechanisms, and good practices that support countries and cities in implementing the New Urban Agenda; preparing the ‘Regional Plan for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Central America and the Dominican Republic’.

Supporting four countries in taking action to eliminate stigma and discrimination in health, education, labour, community, justice and humanitarian settings; assisting community-led initiatives targeting people living with or affected by HIV and COVID-19.
A WAY FORWARD: REGIONAL VISION AND PRIORITIES FOR THE RCP LAC
Implement transformative policy and programming in key areas to leave no one behind:

- **Addressing social inequalities**: transforming health systems, promoting universal, inclusive, fiscally sustainable, and resilient social protection and care systems, scaling up investments in education for increased quality and access;
- **Addressing economic inequalities**: transforming the production matrix for sustainable economies, enhancing financing for development;
- **Addressing environmental challenges**: addressing the triple planetary crisis;
- **Addressing weak governance systems**: promoting new governance models that facilitate transparency, accountability, and equal access to justice;
- **Supporting key transitions in connectivity, energy use and food systems.**
The role of the RCP LAC in supporting the accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

RCP LAC will accelerate efforts to provide greater support to RCs and UNCTs:

- Provision of demand-driven support, with special focus on Caribbean and Haiti
- Identify specific actions to provide technical support to cross-border/subregional initiatives
- Promotion of common positioning and messages on key regional priorities
- Engagement in regional and global inter-governmental fora
- Serving a bridge between global and national levels
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