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
The Framework:
ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2020/23 (July 2020)

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.
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.
Regional Collaborative Platforms: 13 Key Functions*

*As established in the Management and Accountability Framework

Regional Collaborative Platform LAC
Chair: DSG
Vice-Chairs: ECLAC, UNDP

- Support linkages between humanitarian and development programming
- Foster collaboration on sustainable development
- Promote joint actions to address gaps in SDG implementation
- Discuss regional strategic developments and issues, pathways to addressing them and align regional and global agendas
- Promote regional coherence with the policies agreed at global level, including UNSDG
- 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
- Foster cooperation/collaboration on SD for implementation of internationally and regionally agreed frameworks, norms and standards.

*Provision of criteria and guidelines to prepare the System-Wide Results Report

Facilitate effective and efficient management at the regional level on the basis of the global project document

Coordinate and transparently share policy-relevant tools and knowledge products

Promote change management process to consolidate existing capacities for data and statistics

Facilitate demand-driven integrated policy advice, normative support and technical capacity

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CONSOLIDATING THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL’S REFORMS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL
In 2022, the RCP LAC providing targeted support to RCs and UNCTs across the region.

### Implementation of the reform in Latin America and the Caribbean

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OVERVIEW OF KEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES
Low growth, inflation, and rising global borrowing costs have pressured governments to increase fiscal constraints and curtail public spending in areas related to the SDGs.

Vulnerable populations are suffering disproportionately. 13.1% of the population lives in extreme poverty.

Structural weaknesses, including high labour market informality and weak, fragmented health and social security systems limits comprehensive access to basic services and social protection to a significant proportion of the population. The region's current political and governance systems have been challenged to effectively respond to the needs and expectations of the population.

Socioeconomic challenges are compounded by vulnerability towards disasters and the impacts of climate change (i.e. rising sea levels, increasing temperatures, and changes in rainfall patterns).
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM-WIDE RESULTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL
Regional Collaborative Platform: Structure

The system-wide report is structured around the areas of focus of the Issue-based Coalitions and Thematic Working Groups.

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+ Other
Education
Health
Food Systems
Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through the RCP LAC’s **Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs) and thematic Working Groups (WGs)**

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

Capacity-building initiatives on topics related to **climate action and disaster risk reduction**, including on **wildfires**.

Organization of **Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2022** and the **LAC Regional Consultation on Sustainable Infrastructure**.

Policy briefs on **trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants**; presentation on the **statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killings of women and girls**; and development of an **online laboratory (LabCC)**.

Community of practice to strengthen capacities and collaboration; collaboration with the RCO in Jamaica to discuss **economic transformation initiatives for the blue economy**; organization of webinars to ensure that **extractive industries contribute to sustainable and inclusive development**.
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**IBC Thematic areas**

- **Financing for Development**
- **Governance and Institutions**
- **Human Mobility**

Webinars on *financing for gender equality, health financing, resilience and innovative financial instruments.*

Virtual dialogues on *civic space, preventive audit and the efficiency of public spending* for just, peaceful and inclusive societies, and youth, peace and security. *Guidance note on “Good practices on the generation of data related to the SDGs”.*

Regional dialogue platform to facilitate coordinated approaches to address the challenges posed by mixed movements. Support to UNCTs: advocacy messages, regional goods, including data and information to support the response to prioritized human mobility situations.
Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through the RCP LAC’s **Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs) and thematic Working Groups (WGs)**

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

**Mainstreaming of gender** in country programming processes.

Supporting the **gender-responsive implementation** of the SDGs.

Enhanced capacities of **national gender theme groups**; and strengthened joint communication and advocacy campaigns.

Provision of data and evidence on the **situation of adolescents and youth** in the region.

Established a network for communication, coordination, technical support, knowledge and experience exchange on youth issues.

Organized a regional webinar on youth, peace and security.
Regional level system-wide results achieved through inter-agency initiatives

- Education
- Health
- Food Systems

Report Two Years After: Saving a Generation, which called for action to mitigate the ongoing learning crisis; took stock of the implementation of SDGs in LAC through the report Education in Latin America at the Caribbean at a crossroads: regional monitoring report SDG4-Education 2030.

Developed and collected innovative tools and resources to reduce equity gaps in the health sector through the "Every Woman Every Child Latin America and the Caribbean" initiative; publication of the report Health Inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Sustainable Development Goal baseline assessment for women, children, and adolescents.

Supported countries in transforming local, regional and global food systems via a regional task force providing coordinated support to countries implementing national pathways; supported governmental and non-governmental actors implementing policies and investments to foster efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agrifood systems.
Results were achieved through the IBCs and working groups in response to RCs and UNCTs requests for support.

Types of support provided in 2022

- Providing cross-border, subregional, and regional support through integrated analysis and policy advice, and normative guidance.
- Providing regional common goods through evidence-based policy guidance, knowledge resources, and capacity building.
- Foster regional coherence by facilitating alignment with global agendas.
- Promoting public awareness through communications and joint positioning and advocacy.
- Facilitating multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development.
Regional level **system-wide results**

**Support to UNCTs**

**System-wide quality assurance:** The Peer Support Group (PSG) provided guidance and quality assurance support on the various stages of designing CCs and CFs.
- Training workshops completed for eight countries implementing their CFs in 2023.
- PSG members from 30 entities facilitated workshops and consultations between governments, UNCTs, and other stakeholders.

**Cross-regional coherence:** Two cross-regional dialogues held with PSGs from Africa, Europe and Central Asia to share country experiences, lessons learned, and good practices in CF processes.

**Increased efficiency:** Efficiency reporting via the Business Operations Strategy (BOS) 2.0 platform began — regional cost avoidance estimates increased from US$ 15.8 million in 2021 to US$ 25.3 million in 2022 for five years.
The RCP LAC has engaged with a series of key stakeholders at the regional level to better support Member States in advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

- Established a Partnership Task Force to scale up regional partnerships — particularly on emerging issues such as food systems, energy transition, and digitalization.
- Strengthened multi-stakeholder networks and participation in intergovernmental meetings, such as the fifth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.
- Participation in existing subsidiary bodies and intergovernmental of the Regional Commission jointly organized with other UN entities to reflect on the progress made and challenges faced in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in synergy with regional agendas.
A WAY FORWARD
2023 marks the mid-point in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The RCP LAC will step up efforts to provide integrated and coordinated support from the United Nations to countries of the region to achieve the 2030 Agenda. An enhanced RCP LAC — “RCP LAC 2.0” — will facilitate timely and targeted responses.

2023 Strategic Priorities

- Simplified operating procedures
- Sharpened thematic focus
- Updated working mechanisms

RCP LAC 2.0
Launching April 2023

Promote regional coherence regarding global priorities, including:
- Food systems
- Energy transitions
- Digital transformation
- Care and social protection systems
- Education

Support RCs and UNCTs in addressing SDG gaps at the subregional level and in cross-border contexts, focusing on:
- Human mobility
- Climate change
- Biodiversity protection

Build partnerships with regional partners, international finance institutions and other subregional development actors

“No one left behind”
Substantive Mechanisms

- Climate Change and Resilience
- Equitable Growth and Financing for Development
- Governance for Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- Human Mobility
- Gender Equality & Empowerment of Women and Girls
- Populations Left Behind
- Youth

Issue-based Coalitions

Operational and Programmatic Working Groups

- SDG Data & Statistics
- Peer Support Group
- Knowledge Management Hub Steering Committee
- Partnerships & Communication
- Regional OMT
- Advisory Board CDP
- Evaluation Working Group
THANK YOU