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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:

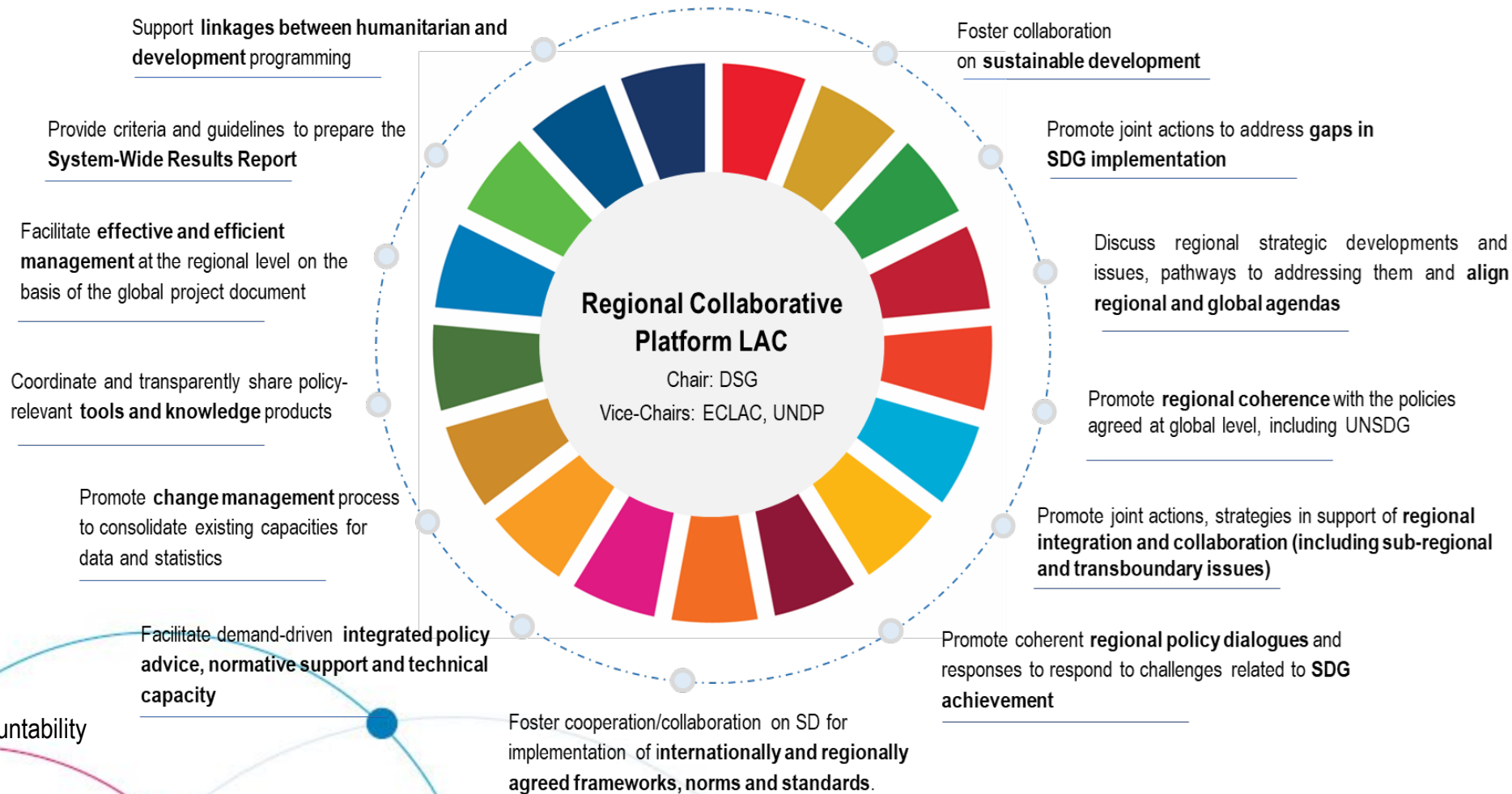
- 1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to conduct and rely on, in the course of the implementation process, transparent and inclusive United Nations consultations with all countries concerned at all levels, in particular the countries of the region through further deliberations of the ECOSOC 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.*

The Secretary-General's five recommendations to guide the restructuring of the 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.*


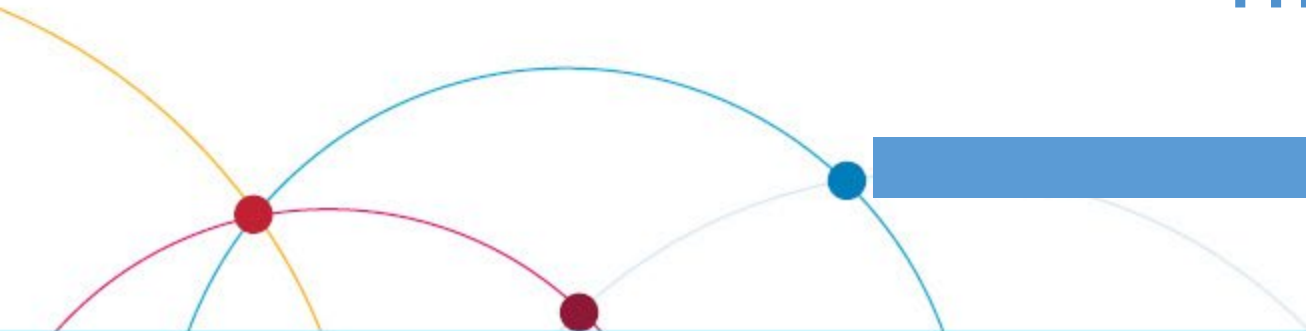
Regional Collaborative Platforms: 13 Key Functions*



*As established in the Management and Accountability Framework



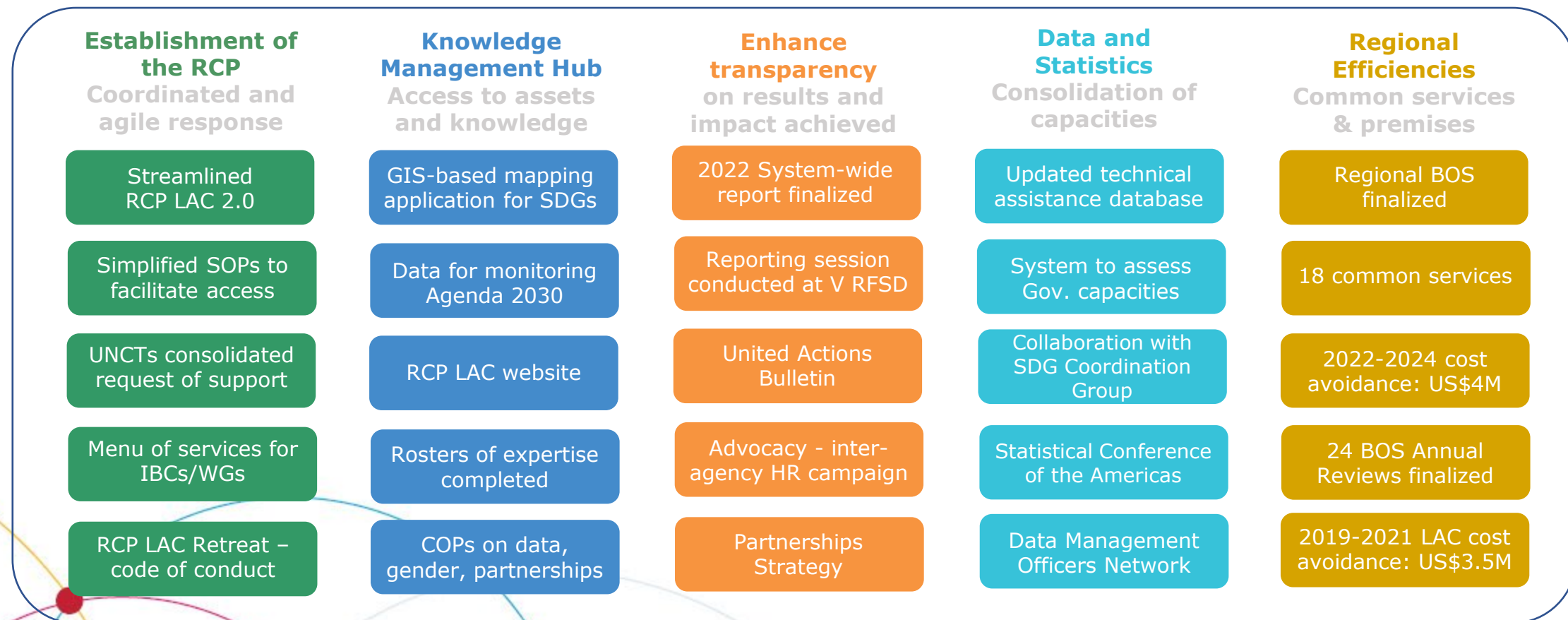
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Implementation of the reform in Latin America and the Caribbean



In 2022, the RCP LAC providing targeted support to RCs and UNCTs across the region.





OVERVIEW OF KEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES



Development challenges in 2023 were driven by a **significant slowing economic growth in most countries**

Drivers included **inflationary pressures**, tightening **financing conditions**, as well as legacy **structural weaknesses**.

- **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).

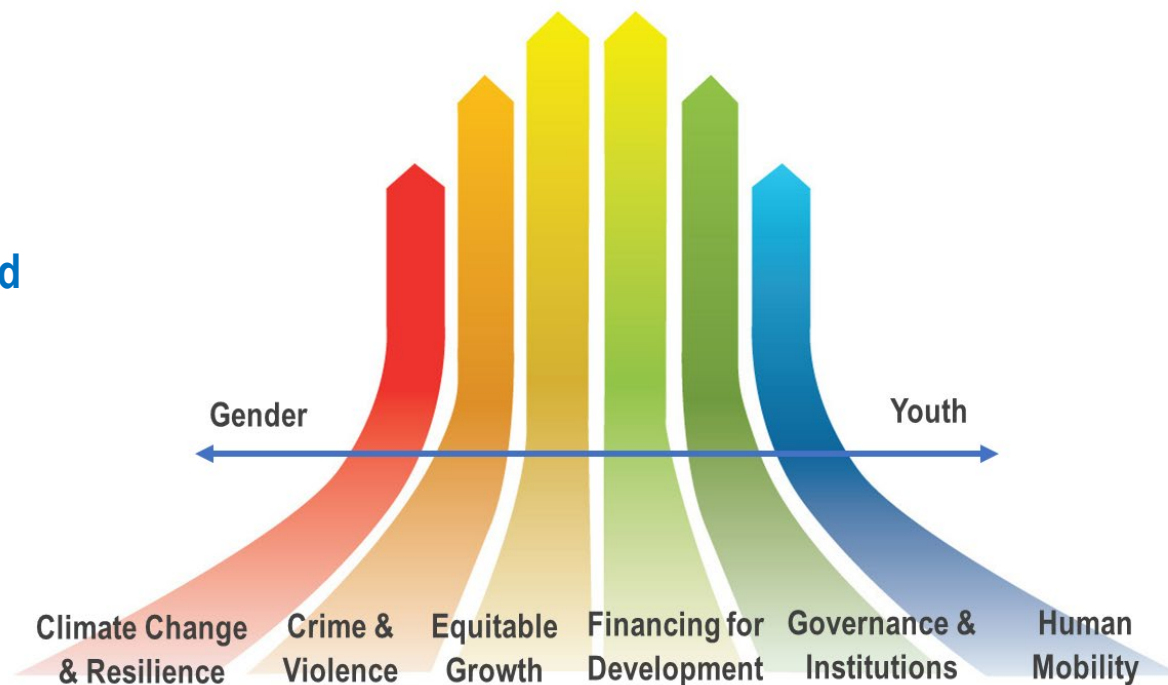


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM-WIDE RESULTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

Regional Collaborative Platform: Structure



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



+ Other
Education
Health
Food Systems

Chair: DSG
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AFPs





Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through the RCP LAC's **Issue-Based Coalitions (IBCs) and thematic Working Groups (WGs)**

IBC Thematic areas

- 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



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

- Governance and Institutions



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”.

- Human Mobility



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.



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Cross-cutting areas

- Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls



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.

- Youth





Regional level **system-wide results** achieved through **inter-agency initiatives**

Additional priority areas

- Education



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.

- Health



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**.

- Food Systems



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.

Regional level **system-wide results** **Engagement with Stakeholders**



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**.



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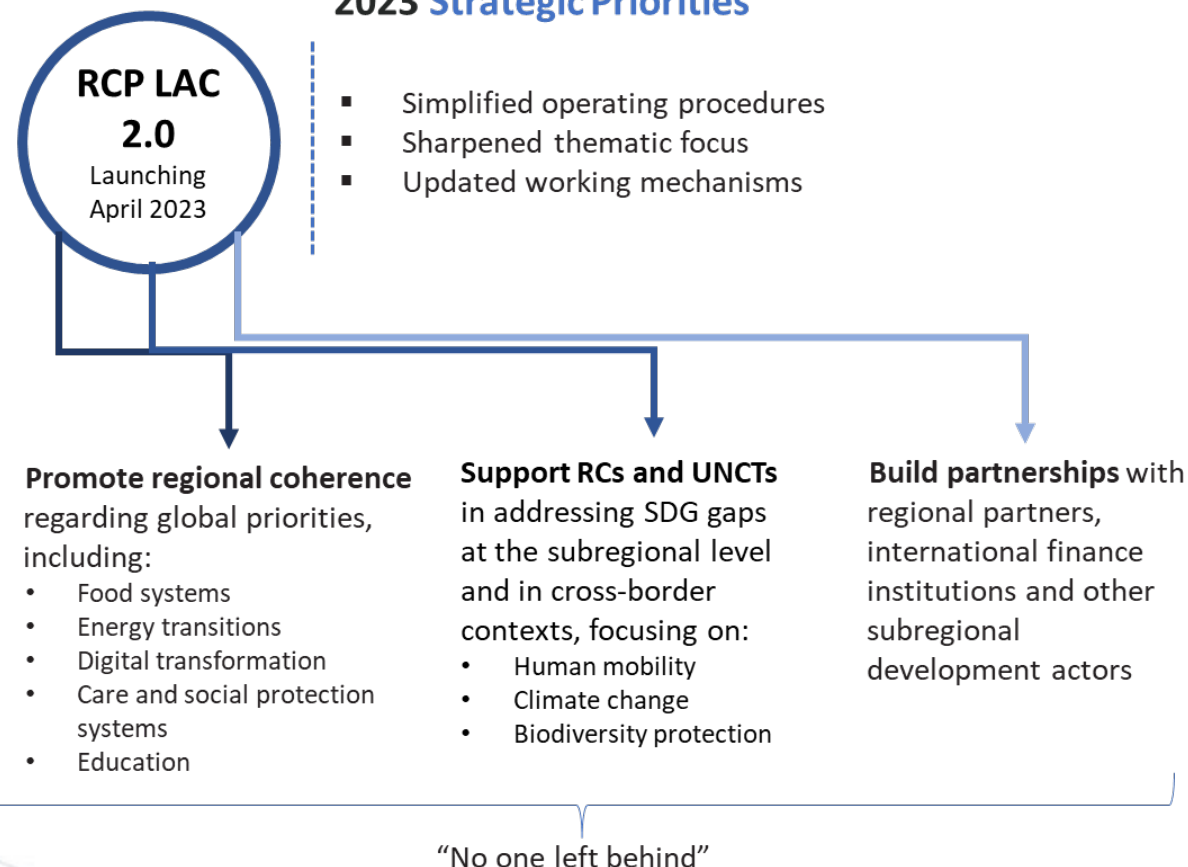


2023 RCP LAC Priorities

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.

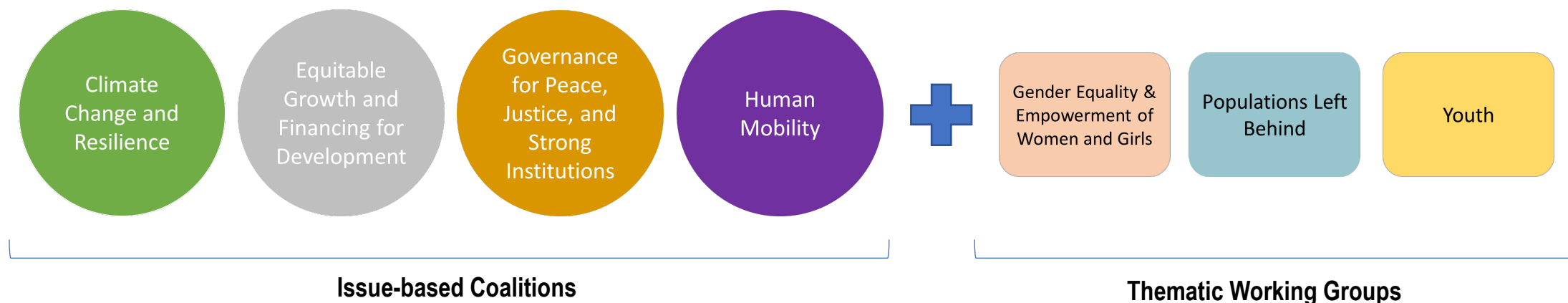
2023 Strategic Priorities





RCP LAC 2.0 Working Mechanisms

Substantive Mechanisms



Operational and Programmatic Working Groups





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