2023 system-wide results report of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Overview of the RCP LAC and its working mechanisms

Key challenges at the regional level

Highlights of system-wide results at the regional level

A way forward
Overview of the RCP LAC and its working arrangements
The Framework
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• Established 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.
• Responds to the Secretary-General’s five recommendations to guide the restructuring of the United Nations development system at the regional level.
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13 Key Functions*

*As established in the Management and Accountability Framework
Regional Collaborative Platform 2.0.

Working Mechanisms

SUBSTANTIVE MECHANISMS

- CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE
- EQUITABLE GROWTH AND FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
- GOVERNANCE FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
- HUMAN MOBILITY
- GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS
- YOUTH
- POPULATIONS LEFT BEHIND

OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC WORKING GROUPS

- Knowledge Management Hub Steering Committee
- Evaluation Working Group
- Partnerships and Communication
- Peer Support Group
- Regional Operations Management Team
- SDS Data and Statistics
- Advisory Board CDP

Issue-based Coalitions
Thematic Working Groups
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Annual system-wide results reports

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Key challenges at the regional level
Six Transitions in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Transform food systems
   - Nearly 33% of the population is living in poverty
   - 42.5% of children and adolescents are living in poverty
   - 180 million people do not have sufficient income to meet their basic needs
   - 70 million people lack the means to buy a basic food basket

2. Transform energy systems
   - 69% of the primary energy supply is fossil
   - 39% of energy is consumed by the transport sector and 27% by the manufacturing sector
   - 85 million people lack access to clean cooking fuels

3. Foster the digital transition
   - Less than 20% of the population has access to fixed broadband
   - Approximately 33% of the population does not use the Internet
   - 60% of children and adolescents living in poverty have no Internet connection in their homes
Six Transitions in Latin America and the Caribbean

4. Strengthen education systems
- 9.6 million children are out of school
- In 16 countries an average of 40% of third grade students lack basic competencies in reading and mathematics

5. Ensure social protection
- Women’s labour participation rate is 23% lower than of men
- Labour participation rate of persons with disabilities is 50% lower than that of the rest of the population
- The informality rate is 48%, and as high as 70% among older persons and rural populations

6. Address climate change, biodiversity and pollution
- The region accounts for only 10% of global emissions
- 50% of emissions are generated by land use change, forestry and agriculture
- Half of the countries have committed to carbon neutrality by 2050
Highlights of system-wide results at the regional level
2023 Key Achievements

Highlights on the implementation of the regional review

Knowledge Management Hub
Access to assets and knowledge
- GIS-based mapping application for SDGs
- Data for monitoring 2030 Agenda
- RCP LAC website launched with community pages
- Rosters of expertise for thematic priorities
- COPs on data, gender and partnerships

Enhance transparency and results-based management on results and impact achieved
- 2023 system-wide results report drafted
- Reporting session conducted at the Sixth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development
- RCP LAC partnerships strategy
- Partnerships and communication officers networks
- United actions bulletin
- Advocacy inter-agency campaigns

Data and statistics
Consolidation of capacities
- Updated technical assistance database
- System to assess government capacities
- Collaboration with SDG coordination group
- Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC
- Data management officers network

Regional efficiencies
Common services & premises
- Regional business operations strategy (RBO 2.3) finalized
- 18 common services
- 24 business operations strategy annual reviews finalized
- 2019/2021 Latin America and the Caribbean cost avoidance: US $34.5M
- 2022/2024 Latin America and the Caribbean cost avoidance: US $44M
2023 Key Achievements
Issue-based Coalitions

Climate Change and Resilience
- Road to COP 28: 6 regional dialogues engaging 5,800 participants and influencing discussions at the XXIII Forum of Ministers of Environment
- Brief on Energy Transitions and virtual dialogue on green economic transformations
- Webinar and summary on the economic and political impact of El Niño

Equitable Growth and Financing for Development
- Merging of the IBC on equitable growth with the IBC on financing for development
- Collaboration with the network of economists of the Resident Coordinator Offices
2023 Key Achievements
Issue-based Coalitions

Governance for Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
• Merging of the IBC on crime and violence with the IBC on governance and institutions
• 2 regional briefs on governance challenges and anti-corruption standards
• 2 guidance notes on incarceration and drugs, and a webpage on the UN's position on drugs
• Mapping of UNDS initiatives on access to justice
• Reference guide for the collection, monitoring and reporting of SDG 16 indicators
• United Nations Laboratory on Crime and Corruption (LabCC)

Human Mobility
• Quarterly reports and online dashboard on regional mixed movements
• UN joint analysis, technical support, strategic framework and communication plan on the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti
• Forums for government and civil society dialogue on migration
2023 Key Achievements

**Thematic Working Groups**

**Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls**
- Regional Gender Equality Profile
- Campaigns to address digital violence, cyberbullying and online violence

**Youth**
- International Youth Day communication package
- Technical support to the ECOSOC Youth Forum and the Youth Forum at the VI Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- Regional Intergenerational Meeting on Youth, Peace, and Security

**Populations Left Behind**
- Webinar on Indigenous Peoples at the Centre of Sustainable Development
- Inter-agency roundtable on the discriminatory use of criminal laws
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2023 Key Achievements
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2023 Key Achievements – Other regional priorities

**Education**
Following-up on the 2022 Transforming education summit: Ministerial meeting on education, Declaration of Santiago, and document on the challenges to the financial sustainability of education in the region

**Health**
Inter-agency movement Every Woman Every Child LAC: tools to address social inequities affecting the health and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents

**Food systems**
Inter-agency food systems task force: support to food systems transformation in 16 countries

2023 joint regional overview of food security and nutrition
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2023 Key Achievements – Operational and programmatic support

Peer Support Group (PSG)
- Expertise for Cooperation Framework planning in Colombia, Cuba, and Paraguay
- Cooperation Framework roadmap quality assurance and results matrix design in Colombia
- Forward-looking common country analysis support in Paraguay

SDG Data and Statistics Working Group
- 2030 Agenda monitoring and data capacities strengthening
- Funding for a data collection system on national statistical capacities for SDG indicators

UNELAC
- Technical advice for evaluations of outgoing Cooperation Frameworks
- Coordination among UN entities for UNSDCF and Country Programme evaluation in Paraguay
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2023 Key Achievements – Operational and programmatic support

Regional Efficiencies
• Regional Business Operations Strategy (R-BOS) 2.0: 400+ collaboration opportunities
• Estimated cost avoidance US$ 4 million (2022-2024)
• Estimated efficiencies US$ 40.2 million (2019-2028)
• Ongoing 2024 annual review of the R-BOS

Engagement with key regional stakeholders
• Partnerships and communication working group: strategy and dialogue with RCO partnership and communication officers
• VI Forum of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development: 2022 system-wide results presentation to the region
• Convening of existing subsidiary bodies and intergovernmental meetings of ECLAC with other UN entities to foster regional consensus, policy dialogue and exchange of experiences to implement the 2030 Agenda
A way forward
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2024 Key Priorities

1. Promoting **regional coherence** regarding global priorities, particularly in support system-wide efforts on the **six transitions**, with an integrated approach based on the principle of **leaving no one behind**

2. Supporting **RCs and UNCTs** in addressing SDG gaps in **transboundary** and **subregional contexts**

3. Building **partnerships** with regional stakeholders such as **international financial institutions** and **subregional development actors**
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2024 Key Priorities

➢ Leverage the unique political positioning of Latin American and Caribbean countries to promote regional leadership in international fora and advance the implementation of the SDGs

➢ Actively contribute to global events like the Summit of the Future and support Member States in aligning global and national priorities, including commitments from the 2023 SDG Summit

➢ Foster regional conversations on the SDG Stimulus and build partnerships with international financial institutions and other key stakeholders

➢ Provide strategic direction and support in promoting regional coherence with global priorities, focusing on system-wide efforts on the six transitions and adhering to the principle of leaving no one behind

➢ Support RCs and UNCTs in addressing SDG gaps in transboundary and subregional contexts

➢ Build partnerships with regional stakeholders, including international financial institutions and subregional development actors, to bolster regional development

➢ Enhance accelerating actions at the regional level, ensuring responses to RC and UNCT requests are targeted, responsive, agile, and demand-oriented

➢ Align initiatives promoted by IBCs and working groups with the six transitions and investment pathways identified by the UN to ensure an integrated approach that amplifies impact across all SDGs
Thank you!