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FORUM OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 2030 2024 EDITION

The Forum of Children and Youth of Latin America and the Caribbean 2030 (C&Y Forum) is a youth-driven initiative aimed at fostering active participation among young individuals in the region. It operates within the framework of reviewing and monitoring progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin American and the Caribbean. This platform offers an opportunity for children and youth to engage with their communities, providing invaluable insights, contributions, and recommendations on the challenges faced by young people in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The Forum is an integral component of the activities orchestrated by the LAC Children and Youth Regional Caucus MEsLAC - MGCY, alongside its affiliated organizations and members, in collaboration with key partners such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Youth Working Group of the Regional Collaboration Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean. Additionally, it receives support from the Regional Agencies of the United Nations and the Working Group on Youth of the Regional Collaboration Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The context of the Children and Youth Engagement Process

In May 2016, during the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Mexico City, a pivotal resolution was passed to establish the Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development. This forum serves as a regional mechanism for monitoring progress towards the 2030 Agenda. Subsequently, at the 1st Meeting held in Mexico City a





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year later, it was decided to formalize a Civil Society mechanism. Finally, in 2018, during the 2nd Meeting in Santiago de Chile, the Transitional Commission for the Operationalization of the Mechanism was established, along with the format of the Participation Mechanism.

LAC Children and Youth Regional Caucus MEsLAC - MGCY is one of the representation groups that is part of the Regional Mechanism, and since its beginnings in 2019, it has been actively working to fulfil its mandate to include children, adolescents and youth of the region in the monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As a natural progression of its mandate, in 2020, the Regional Coordination for the LAC region of the Major Group on Children and Youth (MGCY) intensified its efforts, becoming an integral part of the monitoring process. Subsequently, since 2021, the Constituency has been represented by the Regional Coordination of the Major Group on Children and Youth (MGCY). This evolution facilitated the implementation of regional initiatives, such as the organization of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum 2030 and consultation processes. These endeavors succeeded in amplifying the voices of over 500 children and youth from the region in the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda before the United Nations in 2023. These efforts were conducted in close coordination with ECLAC and the Regional Interagency Working Group on Youth of the United Nations.

Engaging Children and Youth in Monitoring the Agenda 2030: Understanding the Process

Annually, the monitoring process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development incorporates both regional and youth preparatory processes, facilitating the integration of diverse perspectives into the United Nations High-Level Political Forum and, this year, the SDG Summit. Therefore, the C&Y LAC Group - MGCY invites organizations led by and/or focused on children and youth to participate in the review process centred on the five Sustainable Development Goals under review, namely SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 13: Climate Action, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals.





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The activities encompassed within the Engagement Process include:

1. Launch of the call for proposals: 12 February, 2024
2. Presentation webinar: 16 February 2024 ([available on the Group's Youtube Channel](#))
3. Capacity building webinars: 19 February and 4 March 2024 ([available on the Group's Youtube Channel](#))
4. Children & Youth Local dialogues 2030 and On-line Survey
5. Regional Virtual Consultation Session: 4 April 2024
6. Children & Youth Forum 2030 - Latin America and the Caribbean
 - a. Workshop Day: 14 April 2024
 - b. **Children and Youth Forum at UN Forum of LAC Countries for Sustainable Development: 15 April 2024**
7. Forum of Countries of Latin American and Caribbean on Sustainable Development 2024: from 15-18 April 2024
8. ECOSOC Youth Forum: 16-18 April 2024
9. United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF 2024): 8-18 July 2024

Framework of the Latin American and the Caribbean Children & Youth Forum 2030 – 2024 edition

Children and Youth from Latin America and the Caribbean play crucial roles in the advancement of the 2030 Agenda. Their current contributions, transformative energy, and commitment hold the potential to realize the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 while upholding the Human Rights of young people and embracing an intergenerational justice approach.

The primary objective of this Forum is to provide an inclusive platform for official and direct participation of children and youth from the region within the framework of the VII Forum of the Countries of Latin American and Caribbean on Sustainable Development and the ECOSOC Youth Forum. By doing so, the voices of children and youth from the region can be effectively represented in these esteemed gatherings, aligning with the prioritized SDGs for the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2024. Additionally, this forum aims to enable more children and youth to articulate, propose, and institutionalize their actions, projects, and initiatives as





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meaningful contributions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. This endeavor is in line with the mandate of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and echoes the Rio+20 Declaration, which emphasizes the necessity of creating avenues for youth participation.

Their engagement will encompass participation in plenary sessions, thematic discussions, interactive dialogues, and feedback sessions addressing recommendations generated throughout the process and during the event itself. The LAC Children & Youth Forum will serve as a pivotal milestone within the Children & Youth Engagement Process for reviewing the SDGs this year. Insights gathered during the process and at the Forum will contribute to crafting a LAC Children & Youth Statement, to be shared with the United Nations and regional state representatives at forums such as the Forum of the Countries of Latin American and Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the ECOSOC Youth Forum, and the High-Level Political Forum, among others.

The Forum will feature the involvement of children and youth from the region, experts in SDG-related issues, representatives from youth organizations, UN agencies, and government authorities. Its primary aim is to cultivate a significant platform for dialogue, actively involving children and youth in fostering opportunities for expediting action towards achieving the 2030 Agenda in their respective countries.





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AGENDA

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MONDAY, 15 APRIL

CEPAL, Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477. Vitacura, Santiago de Chile

Session with interpretation in English and Spanish, and international sign language

Session will feature Child Protection Officers¹

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00-09:00	Reception of participants
09:00-09:15	Welcome address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentina Paz Carrasco Soto, IPPF Alberto Arenas de Mesa, Directr de la División de Desarrollo Social, Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs (video)
09:15-09:30	Presentation of Youth regional processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jemiah Prince, Caribbean Regional Youth Council, Trinidad and Tobago Tally Arriagada, Red Latinoamericana de Egresados de Residencias de Protección
09:30-10:15	Interactive Plenary on SDG 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raquel Santos Garcia, ECLAC Anaís and Bryan, MMI-LAC Representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean Movement for Children Danielle Mullings, Project Manager UNICEF Jamaica Kirstie Lopez, GIZ <p>Moderator: Valentina Paz Carrasco Soto, IPPF</p>

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10:15-10:55	<p>Youth of the region towards the Summit of the Future</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christy Wong, The Millennials Movement Jemiah Prince, Caribbean Regional Youth Council, Trinidad and Tobago <p><i>Digital tools will be used in this session</i></p>
10:55-11:20	Coffee Break
11:20-11:30	Official Photo
11:30-13:30	<p>UN HIGH-LEVEL INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE</p> <p>Young Leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Maria Sujkowska, Global Focal Point, Children and Youth LAC Group, Corporación de Estudios y Desarrollo Norte Grande <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leticia Leobet, Geledes, Brazil Jose Gudiño, Indigenous Youth Network, Venezuela Genaro Godoy, Global Youth Coalition, Chile Jemiah Prince, Caribbean Regional Youth Council, Trinidad and Tobago Rosario Diaz Garavito, The Millennials Movement, Perú Staycey Laicha, ERITAJ, Haiti Anielka Palma Rugama, IDA, Nicaragua <p>I. Youth Driving Global Transformations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary, ECLAC <p>II. Youth Perspectives on Regional Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Najat Maalla M'jid, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (online)





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Muschett, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNDP Susana Sottoli, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNFPA, representing the Regional Interagency Working Group on Youth of the United Nations Mario Lubetkin, Assistant Director-General and FAO Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	<p>Conclusions of Youth Participatory Process <u>Presentation of recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five young participants in person at the Forum, speakers to be defined the day before at the Workshop. <p><u>Authorities' reactions to recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eduardo González, Director of Social and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru Daniela Trucco, Senior Social Affairs Officer, ECLAC Gloria Ordoñez, Specialist in Environmental Education and Sustainable Lifestyles PNUMA Valentina Morales, Expert in Rural Youth, FAO Representative of UNDP <p>Moderator: Francisca López Navarro, Children and Youth LAC Group, Norte Grande Studies and Development Corporation</p>
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-17:30	Civil Society Mechanism Forum
17:45-18:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raquel Santos Garcia, Social Affairs Office, ECLAC Maria Sujkowska, Global Focal Point, Corporación de Estudios y Desarrollo Norte Grande

