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The 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs

- Consensus **among 193 countries** to change the prevailing development paradigm.
- **A universal, indivisible, integrated and civilizer agenda:** it aims at reconciling poverty alleviation policies in favor of equality and environmental sustainability.
- Global asymmetries will only be addressed through **renewed multilateral cooperation**, which will set the stage for an open, stable and enabling international environment.
- It requires the **commitment of all actors in society** and its institutions at national, subregional, regional and global levels.

169 targets - 231 indicators

To leave no one behind and with equality at its center

The 2030 Agenda calls for a new multilateralism

- That builds confidence in international cooperation and collective action for the provision of **global and regional public goods**
- That enhances **resilience** to financial, trade and technology shocks
- That **universalizes** welfare States and protects the rights of disadvantaged minorities
- That champions the **broad interests of the many** above those of organized groups in which capital and technology are concentrated
- That strengthens deliberative capacities, transparency and **informed debate** among all citizens

Six pillars for action and cooperation

1. National, inter-agency and intersectoral architectures at the highest level.
2. Building SDGs into development plans, budgets, and investment.
3. Strengthening of statistical capacities.
4. Means of implementation: financing, technology, trade, accountability.
5. Strengthening of the regional architecture through observatories on gender, planning and energy, and through productive, technology, regulatory and trade integration.
6. Forums for dialogue between governments, businesses and citizens and with regional agencies of the United Nations and development banks.

National coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Country and coordination mechanism	Voluntary national reviews				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Antigua and Barbuda Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals, Office of the Prime Minister					
Argentina National Council for Social Policy Coordination		•			•
Bahamas Sustainable Development Goals Inter-Agency Technical Committee			•		
Belize Ministry of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce		•			
Brazil National Commission for the Sustainable Development Goals, Government Secretariat of the Office of the President		•		•	
Chile National Council for Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development		•		•	
Colombia High-level Inter-Agency Commission for the Preparation and Effective Implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals	•		•		
Costa Rica High-Level National Coordinating Committee for the Sustainable Development Goals		•			•
Cuba Ministry of Economy and Planning					
Dominica SDG National Committee					
Dominican Republic High-level Inter-Agency Commission for Sustainable Development			•		
Ecuador National Secretariat of Planning and Development (SENPLADES)			•		
El Salvador Technical and Planning Secretariat of the Office of the President and Ministry of Foreign Affairs		•		•	
Grenada Department of Economic and Technical Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economic Development and Physical Development					
Guatemala National Council for Urban and Rural Development (CONADUR)		•		•	
Guyana No coordination mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development				•	
Haiti Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation					
Honduras General Coordination Secretariat of Government, High-level Commission and Technical Committee for the SDGs		•			•
Jamaica National 2030 Agenda Oversight Committee (NAOC); Thematic Working Groups of Vision 2030 Jamaica; and 2030 Agenda SDGs Core Group			•		
Mexico National Council for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	•		•		
Panama Inter-Agency and Civil Society Commission for the Support and Follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals		•			
Paraguay Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee for the Implementation, Follow-up and Monitoring of the International Commitments Accepted by the Country in the Framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals			•		
Peru Centre for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN)		•			•
Saint Kitts and Nevis Ministry of Sustainable Development					
Saint Lucia Sustainable Development Goals National Coordinating Committee				•	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines No coordination mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development					•
Trinidad and Tobago High Level Ministerial Sub-Committee of Cabinet on Vision 2030 and SDGs, Ministry of Planning and Development					•
Uruguay Office of Planning and the Budget of the Office of the President		•	•		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) Inter-agency coordination group	•				

• Indicates years in which the respective country submitted its voluntary national review to the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Economic and Social County of the United Nations.
• Indicates countries that will present their voluntary national review in 2019 or 2020, on the basis of expressions of interest received by the secretariat of the high-level political forum (this information is subject to change).
First cycle of the high-level political forum.
Second cycle of the high-level political forum.

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Voluntary National Reviews (21 countries, 2016- 2019)
High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

2016	2017	2018	2019
1. Colombia 2. Mexico 3. Venezuela	1. Argentina **2. Belize** 3. Brazil 4. Chile 5. Costa Rica 6. El Salvador 7. Guatemala 8. Honduras 9. Panama 10. Peru 11. Uruguay	**1. Bahamas** **2. Dominican Republic** 3. Ecuador **4. Jamaica** 5. Paraguay **For the 2nd time:** 6. Colombia 7. Mexico 8. Uruguay	**1. Guyana** **2. St. Lucia** **For the 2nd time:** 4. Chile 5. El Salvador 6. Guatemala

Latin America and the Caribbean is a region committed to the 2030 Agenda

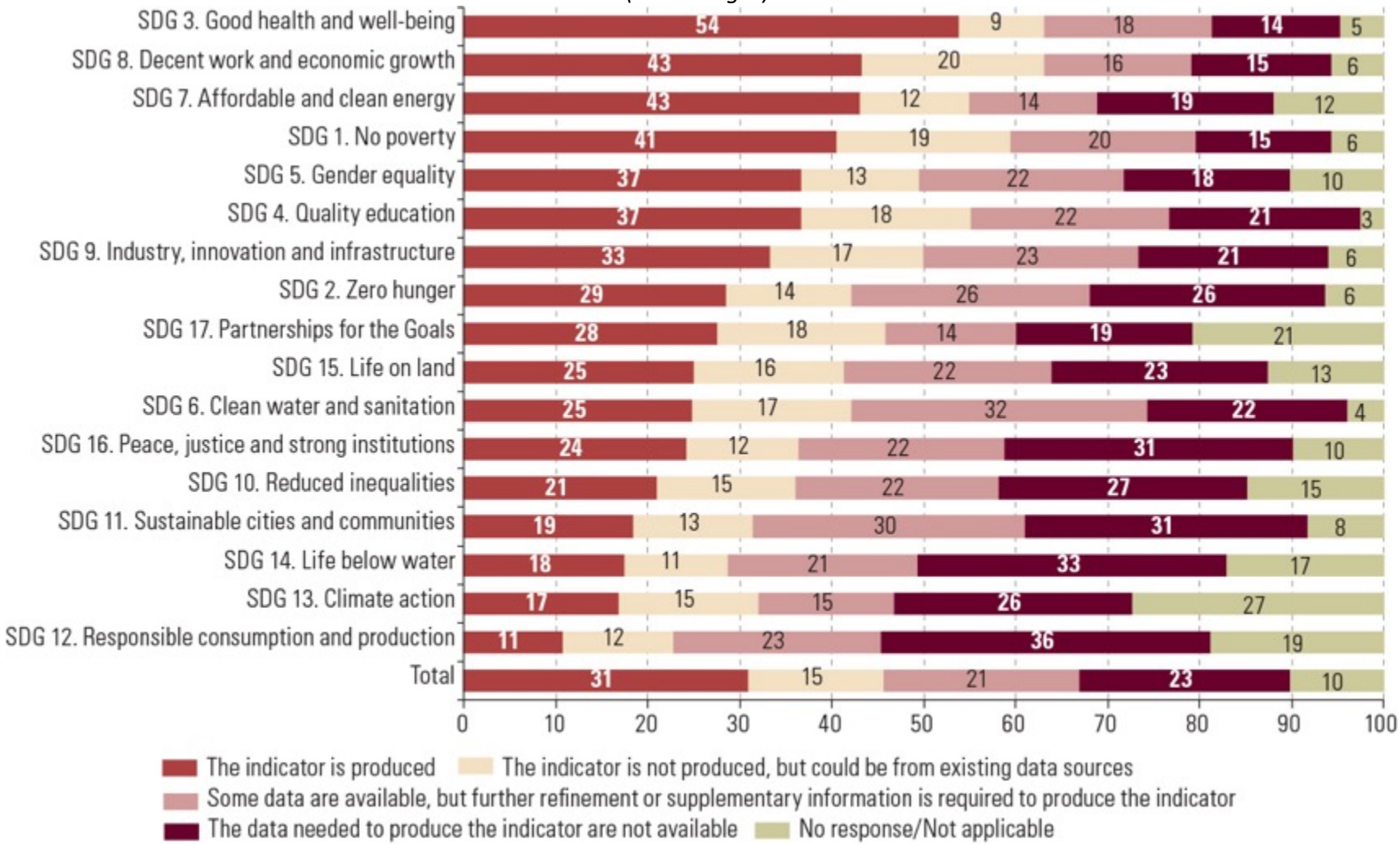
Integrating the 2030 Agenda in development plans

- Technical secretariats in charge of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the region are in ministries or entities of Planning in **16 of the 29** coordination mechanisms (**55%**).
- A wide variety of countries have conducted long term Planning exercises: **Barbados**, Bolivia, Paraguay, Costa Rica, **Dominican Republic**, **Grenada,** Guatemala, **Haiti**, Honduras, **Jamaica**, Panama, Peru, **Trinidad and Tobago** and **St Vincent and the Grenadines**.
- Close to **30** countries (**90%**) have at least one national planning instrument to guide development policy, according to ECLAC's Regional Planning for Development Observatory.
- Localizing the 2030 agenda is essential, but its implementation faces coordination gaps between levels of government, capacity gaps and issues with budgeting and autonomy in the decision making at local levels.
- Three essential aspects for the appropriation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels: **citizen participation, decentralization and budgeting for SDGs.**
- Initiatives to localize the 2030 Agenda have been identified by ECLAC in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, México and Paraguay, and some activities in Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, **Cuba, Dominican Republic**, Ecuador, El Salvador, **Grenada**, Guatemala, Honduras, **Jamaica**, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Different degrees of statistical development in sectors involved in the 2030 Agenda

Latin America and the Caribbean (25 countries): SDG indicators by level of production, 2018

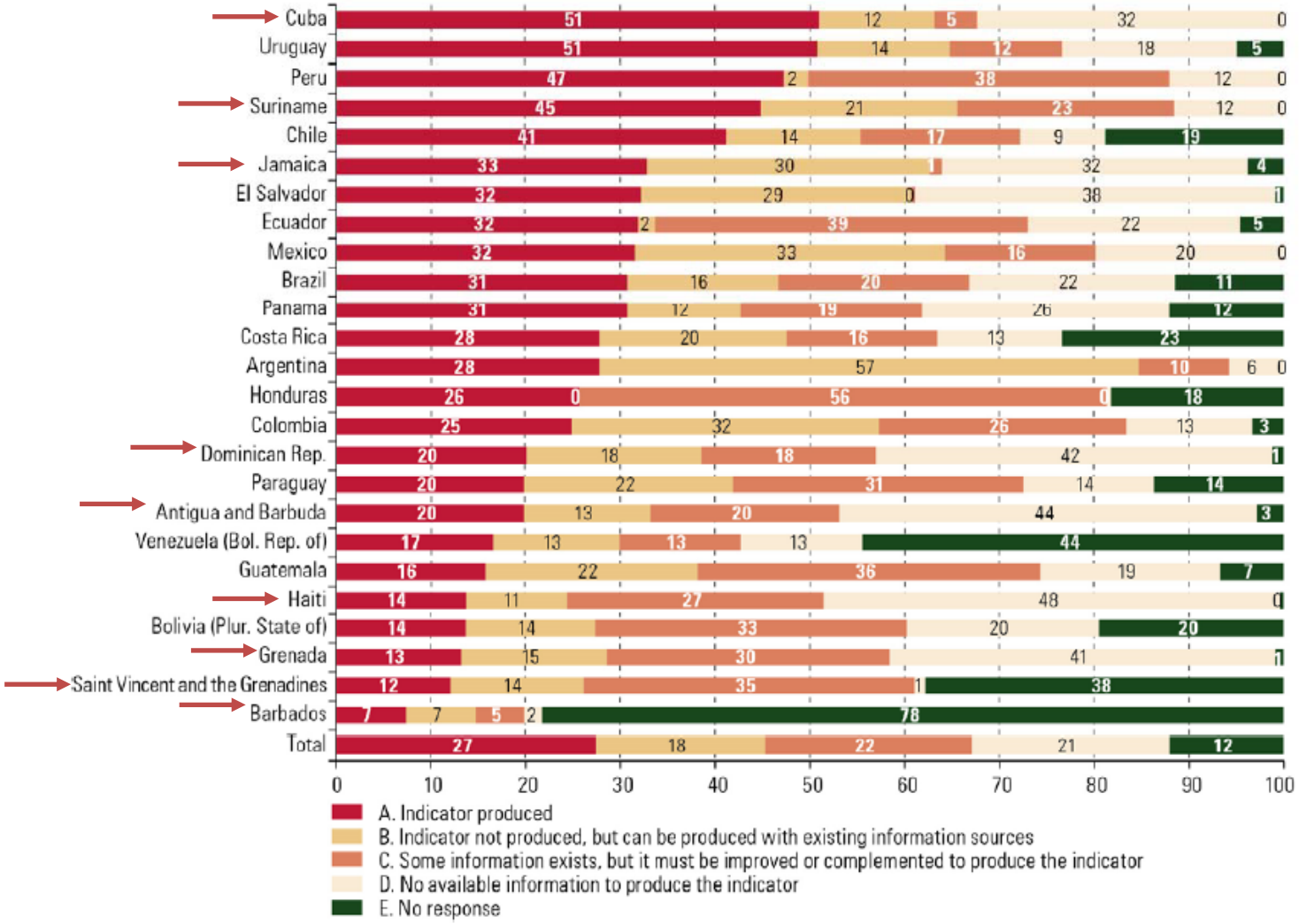
(Percentages)



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Production capacity indicators by country

(*Percentages*)



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- Created in May 2016 in Mexico, during ECLAC's Commission Session **by member States through resolution 700(XXXVI)**
- **Regional mechanism for follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda:** peer-learning platform to exchange good practices and lessons learned
- **State-led, and open to all stakeholders**
- **Integration of the 2030 Agenda in the work programs of ECLAC's subsidiary bodies** to ensure a holistic support to member States for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Coordination with **other entities of the United Nations in the region**, through the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM / UNDG-LAC), and the participation of all Resident Coordinators
- The **reports of the Forum serve as inputs to the High Level Political Forum** and the Chair of the Forum presents its results during the ministerial segment of the HLPF

A regional platform from the region and for the region

- The Forum's program **adapts each year** to the priorities and challenges faced by the region with regards to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- The Forum is an **open space for dialogue for all actors that promotes collaboration and partnerships**
- The Forum presents an opportunity for in-depth discussion on **development challenges specific to the region** (MICs, SIDS…)
- In the Forum becomes the annual meeting of a **regional network of actors committed to the 2030 Agenda** (consultations, side events…)
- The Forum is a platform **to highlight regional priorities and aspirations in global debates** (HLPF, SDG Summit…)

REGIONAL AND GLOBAL DIMENSIONS OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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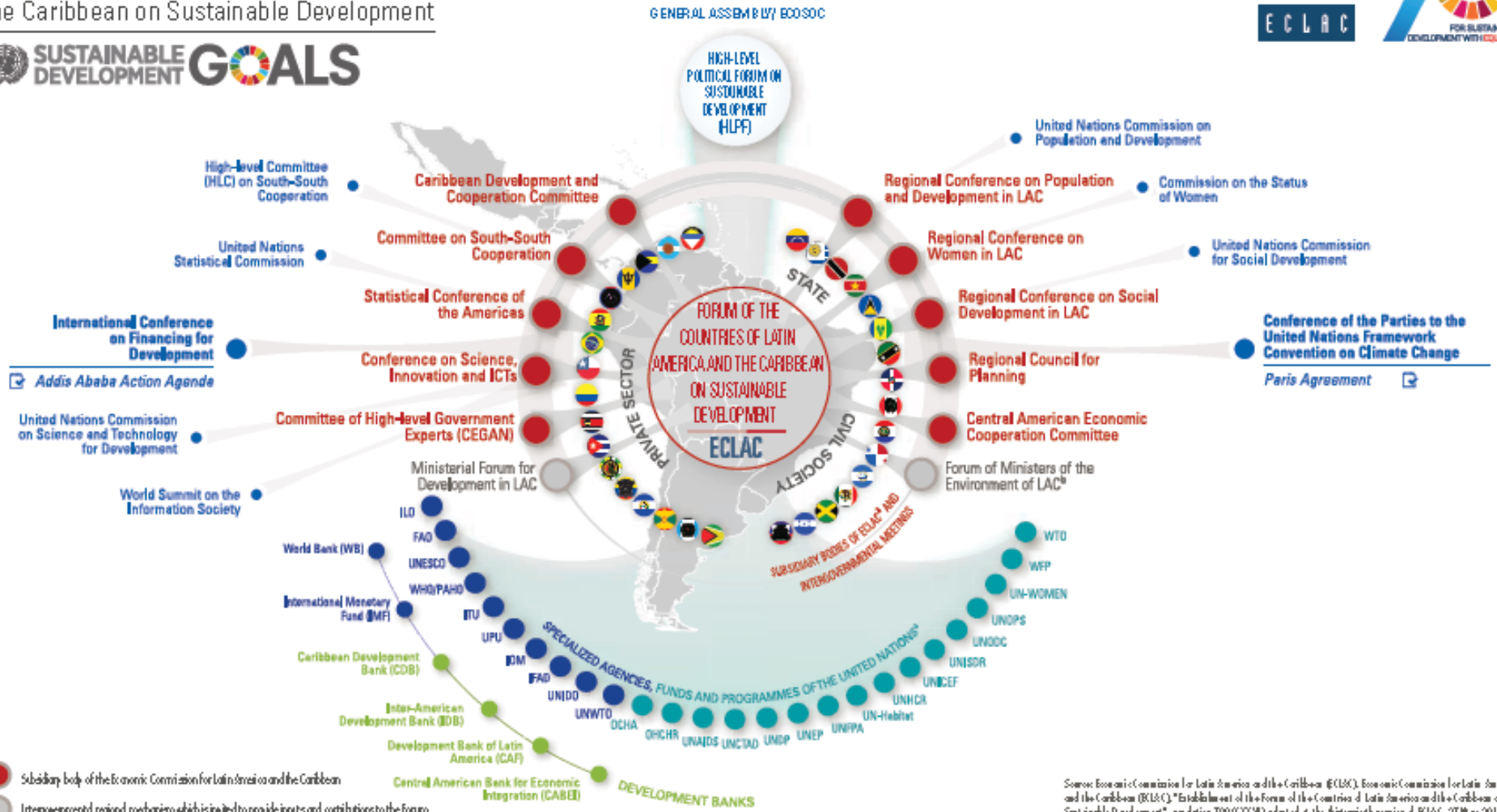
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Intergovernmental regional mechanism which is invited to provide inputs and contributions to the Forum

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), "Establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development", resolution 700 (XXXV/W) adopted at the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, 27 May 2016.

[a] Due to space constraints some names have been abbreviated. For a full list of subsidiary bodies of ECLAC visit http://www.cepal.org/en/organizations-and-bodies

[b] UNEP/ROLAC acts as secretariat to the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean. The Forum has also an Interagency Technical Committee composed of UNEP, UNDP, ECLAC, IDB and the World Bank.

[c] This is a non-exhaustive list. For a complete list of specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations visit http://www.unsceb.org/content/un-system-chart#p2015.

Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development - 2017

First meeting - Mexico City, 26-28 April

- Chaired by Mexico
- Annual Report on progress and challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Intergovernmentally agreed upon conclusions and recommendations among governments gathered in the Forum
- Summary of the Chair of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for Sustainable Development, **regional input to the 2017 HLPF**
- **800 participants, 31 countries, 200 NGOs, 40 intergovernmental entities**

Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development - 2018

Second meeting - Santiago, 18-20 April

- Chaired by Mexico
- Second annual report on progress and challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Intergovernmentally agreed upon conclusions and recommendations among governments gathered in the Forum
- Summary of the Chair of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for Sustainable Development, **regional input to the 2018 HLPF**
- **1,000 participants, 28 countries, 180 NGOs, 38 side events**

Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development - 2019

Third meeting - Santiago, 22 - 26 April

- Chaired by Cuba
- Inter-agency quadrennial report on progress and challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Intergovernmentally agreed upon conclusions and recommendations among governments gathered in the Forum
- Summary of the Chair of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for Sustainable Development, **regional input to the 2019 HLPF**
- **1,200 participants, 28 countries, 50 side events**

Programme of Work of the Forum

Preparatory Activities:

- Business Forum
- Regional Consultation of civil society
- Meeting of the UN Regional Coordination Mechanism in LAC
- Meeting of UN Resident Coordinators of LAC

Plenary:

- Presentation of the Quadrennial Report
- Peer learning sessions on:
  - Progress and challenges in the Caribbean
  - Planning and budgeting
  - Localizing the 2030 Agenda
  - Statistics and georeferencing
- Multi-stakeholder reports
  - Reports of ECLAC's subsidiary bodies
  - Report of the United Nations System in LAC
  - Reports of civil society and other stakeholders
- Interregional Dialogue between LAC and Europe
- High-level dialogue on policy coherence and integration
- Special session on High-Level events of the 2019 General Assembly

Key Messages of the Forum on Policy Coherence and Integration

- The 2030 Agenda must not become a checklist, but the detonator of a truly holistic development agenda that shows results;
- Productive inclusion must be articulated with social inclusion to achieve sustainable development;
- Achieving the SDGs is impossible if climate change is not reverted; climate change must be assumed as an opportunity for development and for strengthening multilateralism;
- The environmental dimension has been absent in many Voluntary National Reviews in the region. This dimension must be strengthened in national and subnational actions, by localizing the 2030 Agenda.
- To achieve the SDGs, ambitious proposals are needed to increase employment and strengthen capacities, to create sustainable cities and to enhance resilience and adaptation;
- The integration of all sectors of society under the leadership in the State requires trust. Capacities of actors to engage in this dialogue must be strengthened at all levels.

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