Towards an inclusive and sustainable recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the lens of development in transition

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7.30–9 a.m. (New York time)

Side event organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

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Background

The event, co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), will be an opportunity for a high-level discussion on the path towards sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean through the lens of development in transition.

Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the emerging and developing regions hardest hit by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis in human and socioeconomic terms. At the same time, countries in the region must undertake a triple transition —towards sustainability, digitalization and higher productivity— rethinking their development models to ensure just transitions that leave no one behind.

The multilateral response thus far has fallen short of the needs of the countries of the region for tackling worsening crises and addressing their sustainable development transitions. Building new partnerships that go beyond traditional cooperation mechanisms based on per capita income and a strong commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and Our Common Agenda can help to facilitate the recovery and lay the foundations for a shared road map for sustainable development.
The event will help to assess the priorities for renewed partnerships for sustainable development—including regional and interregional cooperation—amid current crises, especially in the areas of trade and global value chains, technology transfer, a sustainable and just transition and financing for development, among others. Participants will discuss the following questions:

1. What are the main challenges that Latin American and Caribbean countries face in the current global context? What are the main priorities?
2. How can common agendas be shaped at the regional level? Can regional integration regain ground?
3. What cooperation mechanisms and modalities are needed to shape common agendas with international partners?

Preliminary programme

Welcoming remarks
Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica
Mario Cimoli, Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Leaders’ dialogue with high-level representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union

Comments by Member States