What is the Session?

The session is a conference held every two years that steers the work of ECLAC. It gathers ministerial and technical delegates of its member and associate States to discuss issues related to the region’s economic, social and environmental development, examine the activities carried out by ECLAC in the preceding biennium, and set the priorities of its programme of work for the following two years. Every session is held in a different member State, which acts as host.

ECLAC’s thirty-fifth session will take place on May 5-9, 2014 in Lima, Perú. Government delegates and representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and special guests, including prominent economists from the region, are expected to attend.

During the meeting it will be analyzed the position document *Covenants for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future*, which reaffirms the need to promote social covenants that allow the region to grow in the economic field and at the same time guarantee the people’s rights. The document will continue the reflection developed in the books *Structural Change for Equality: An integrated Approach to Development* (2012) and *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails* (2010).