



Thirty-sixth session of ECLAC

Mexico City,
23-27 May 2016

What is the session?

The session is the most important event of each biennium for ECLAC. It provides a forum for the consideration of issues of importance for the economic and social development of the countries of the region and an opportunity to review the progress of the Commission's activities and oversee its work.

The session also enables the governments of the member States to appraise themselves of the work accomplished by ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies during the two preceding years. Furthermore, through the programme of work that the governments adopt and the calendar of conferences that they approve, they also define the mandates that will guide the Commission's work in the future.

The thirty-sixth session of ECLAC will be held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016. At this session, the member States will consider the challenges the region faces as a result of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is expected that government delegates, representatives of the United Nations specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, and other special guests will attend.

The ECLAC secretariat will present the position document *Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development*, which will be examined in depth by ministers, the heads of international organizations, experts and other stakeholders from Latin America and the Caribbean, at a high-level seminar to be held on 26 and 27 May. On the basis of the Sustainable Development Goals and in the light of global economic trends, the document examines the policies and partnerships that the region will need in order to move towards a development path capable of ensuring greater equality and environmental sustainability. It argues that new global public goods are required to guarantee stable growth with inclusion, the creation of good-quality employment and environmental stewardship. It also makes regional and national policy proposals geared towards an environmental big push, in the framework of a renewed relationship between the State, the market and society.



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