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OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)**

(Virtual meeting, 26–28 October 2020)



MONDAY 26 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER
8 a.m.–1 p.m. (Costa Rica time, GMT-6)		
<p>8.15 a.m.–1 p.m. SESSION 1</p> <p>Opening ceremony of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations – Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of the Republic of Cuba – Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) – Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) (pre-recorded message) – Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC – Carlos Alvarado, President of the Republic of Costa Rica <p>9.45 a.m.–1 p.m.</p> <p>Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean on the post-pandemic economic recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Economic and social effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean and on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC <p>Statements by ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Other special statements by representatives of member countries of ECLAC</p>	<p>7.45 a.m.–1 p.m. SESSION 3</p> <p>Presentation of the position document prepared by ECLAC, entitled <i>Building a New Future: Transformative Recovery with Equality and Sustainability</i>, by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Commission</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>9.30–11 a.m.</p> <p>Panel 1: Sectors driving sustainable development</p> <p>11a.m.–12.30 p.m.</p> <p>Panel 2: Policies for a transformative recovery</p>	<p>8 a.m.–1 p.m. SESSION 5</p> <p>Presentation of the report on the activities carried out by the Commission in 2019 and of the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2022</p> <p>Statements by delegations</p> <p>Presentation of the report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings organized by ECLAC since its thirty-seventh session</p> <p>11 a.m.–12 p.m.</p> <p>High-level event on Afrodescendants</p> <p>12–1 p.m.</p> <p>High-level event “Older persons, human rights and social protection in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”</p> <p>1–2 p.m.</p> <p>Launch of the book <i>The environmental tragedy of Latin America and the Caribbean</i></p>
2–5 p.m. (Costa Rica time, GMT-6)		
<p>2–5.15 p.m. SESSION 2</p> <p>Committee on South-South Cooperation</p> <p>Election of officers</p> <p>Regional follow-up to the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation</p> <p>Panel “Development in transition: challenges for middle-income countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”</p>	<p>2–5 p.m. SESSION 4</p> <p>Challenges for the Caribbean to build back better</p> <p>Presentation of <i>The Caribbean Outlook: forging a people-centred approach to sustainable development post-COVID-19</i>, by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC</p> <p>Comments</p>	<p>2–4 p.m. SESSION 6</p> <p>Presentations by civil society</p> <p>Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the Commission at its thirty-eighth session</p> <p>3–4 p.m.</p> <p>Closing session</p>