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for Latin America and the Caribbean

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME¹

Monday, 26 October (Costa Rica time, GMT-6)

8.15–9.30 a.m. Opening ceremony of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Statements

- 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 (pre-recorded message)
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- Carlos Alvarado, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

9.40–9.45 a.m. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

9.45 a.m.–1 p.m. Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean on the post-pandemic economic recovery.

Chair: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica



¹ The times correspond to Costa Rican time (GMT-6). The documents are available from the session website <https://periododesesiones.cepal.org/38/en>.

- 9.45–10 a.m. 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
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Statements by ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean
- E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration of Antigua and Barbuda
 - Felipe Solá, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina
 - Jerome Walcott, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados
 - Wilfred Elrington, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belize
 - Karen Longaric Rodríguez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
 - Andrés Allamand, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile (pre-recorded message)
 - Claudia Blum, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia
 - Rodrigo Malmierca, Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba
 - Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador
 - Oliver Joseph, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business and CARICOM Affairs of Grenada
 - Pedro Brolo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala
 - Hugh Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guyana
 - Claude Joseph, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Haiti
 - Lisandro Rosales Banegas, Secretary of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras
 - Leslie Campbell, State Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica
 - Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
 - Paul Oquist Kelley, Private Secretary for National Policy of the Office of the President of the Republic of Nicaragua
 - Alejandro Ferrer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama
 - Mario López Chávarri, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru
 - Roberto Álvarez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic
 - Mark A. Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
 - Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago

- Francisco Bustillo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay
- Jorge Arreaza, Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
- Patricia Comandari, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Economic Promotion and Integration of El Salvador
- Didier Olmedo, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Integration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay
- Miriam Mac Intosh, Permanent Secretary, Geopolitical Affairs and International Development Cooperation of Suriname
- Remarks by Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica and Chair of the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC

Other special statements by representatives of member countries of ECLAC

- Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey
- Kamal Khera, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development of Canada
- Roland Dubertrand, Ambassador of France to Chile
- Jostein Leiro, Ambassador of Norway to Chile

Statements by representatives of the associate members of ECLAC

- Eugene Rhuggenaath, Prime Minister of Curaçao
- Andrew Fahie, Premier and Minister of Finance of the British Virgin Islands
- Joseph E. Farrell, Premier of Montserrat

1–2 p.m.

Break

2–5.15 p.m.

Committee on South-South Cooperation

2–2.15 p.m.

- Remarks by Déborah Rivas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment of Cuba, in her capacity as the outgoing Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation.
- Remarks by Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica, in his capacity as the new Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation

2.15–2.20 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

- 2.20–2.35 p.m. Report on South-South cooperation activities carried out since the thirty-seventh session of ECLAC, by Déborah Rivas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment of Cuba, in her capacity as outgoing chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation
- 2.35–3.30 p.m. Regional follow-up to the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (7 minutes per statement).
Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica
- María Belén Bogado, Director General of International Cooperation of Argentina
 - Elizabeth Thompson, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations
 - Alison Stone Roofe, Under-Secretary of the Multilateral Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica
 - Laura Elena Carrillo, Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)
 - Tarik Iziraren, Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Partnership of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)
- Statements by delegations
- 3.30–4.45 p.m. Panel on development in transition: challenges for middle-income countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (10 minutes per statement).
Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica
- Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC
 - Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre
 - Jolita Butkeviciene, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) of the European Commission
 - Sergio Alfaro, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the Kingdom of Belgium and the European Union
 - Volker Oel, Deputy Director-General for Latin America and the Caribbean, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany
 - Mariano Berro, Director of the Uruguayan International Cooperation Agency (AUCI) of Uruguay
- Statements by delegations
- 4.45–5 p.m. Closing remarks
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
 - Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

Tuesday, 27 October (Costa Rica time, GMT-6)

7.45–9.30 a.m. Presentation of the position document prepared by ECLAC, entitled *Building a New Future: Transformative Recovery with Equality and Sustainability*, by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

Comments by:

- Carlos Alvarado, President of Costa Rica
- Mariana Mazzucato, Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP)
- Teresa Ribera, Fourth Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain
- José Antonio Ocampo, Professor at Columbia University

Statements by delegations

9.30–11 a.m.

Panel 1: Sectors driving sustainable development

Moderator: María del Pilar Garrido, Minister of National Planning and Political Economy of Costa Rica

- Matías Kulfas, Minister of Productive Development of Argentina
- Germán Rueda, Deputy Minister for the Digital Transformation of the Ministry of Information and Communications Technologies of Colombia
- Graciela Márquez, Secretary of Economy de Mexico (pre-recorded message)
- Sergio Silva, Chief of the Global Economic Intelligence Unit of the Secretariat of Economic Affairs of Mexico
- Maurizio Bezzeccheri, Director for Latin America of Enel

Statements by delegations

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Panel 2: Policies for a transformative recovery

Moderator: Andrea Meza Murillo, Minister of the Environment and Energy of Costa Rica

- Luis Carranza, Executive President of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- Miguel Ceara-Hatton, Minister of Economic Affairs, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic
- Carla Barnett, Minister of State with responsibility for Labour, Local Government and Rural Development of Belize
- Marisol Argueta, Senior Director for Latin America and Member of the Executive Committee of the World Economic Forum
- João Carlos Ferraz, Professor of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)

12.30–1 p.m.

Statements by delegations

- 1–2 p.m. Break
- 2–5 p.m. **Challenges for the Caribbean to build back better**
- 2–2.40 p.m. Presentation of *The Caribbean Outlook: forging a people-centred approach to sustainable development post-COVID-19*, by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- Moderator: Kenneth Darroux , Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and Diaspora Relations of Dominica
- 2.40–3.30 p.m. Comments by:
- Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service of Saint Lucia
 - Leslie Campbell, State Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica
 - Andrew Fahie, Premier and Minister of Finance of the British Virgin Islands
 - Hilary Beckles, Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies
 - Mahmoud Mohieldin, Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Joseph Cox, Assistant Secretary-General, Trade and Economic Integration of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat
 - Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Assistant Secretary-General for the Climate Action Team of the United Nations
- 3.30–4.50 p.m. Statements by country representatives
- 4.50–5 p.m. Closing remarks by Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and worship of Costa Rica

Wednesday, 28 October (Costa Rica time, GMT-6)

- Chair: Christian Guillermet Fernández, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica
- 8–8.30 a.m. Presentation of the report on the activities carried out by the Commission since its thirty-seventh session and the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2022, by Raúl García-Buchaca, Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of ECLAC
- 8.30–9.30 a.m. Statements by delegations

9.30–11 a.m.	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical Conference of the Americas, chaired by Colombia • Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Peru • Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, presented by the representative of Argentina, in that country’s capacity as Vice Chair • Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Mexico • Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), presented by the representative of Dominica, in that country’s capacity as Vice Chair • Committee on South-South Cooperation, chaired by Costa Rica • Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), chaired by Uruguay • Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, chaired by Costa Rica • Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Colombia • Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Paraguay • Meeting of the countries signatory to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, presented by Costa Rica • General Assembly of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI), chaired by Colombia
11 a.m.–2 p.m.	High-level events
11 a.m.–12 p.m.	High-level event: Presentation of the study “Afrodescendientes y la matriz de la desigualdad social en América Latina: retos para la inclusión”
12–1 p.m.	High-level event: “Older persons, human rights and social protection in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”
1–2 p.m.	Launch of the book <i>The environmental tragedy of Latin America and the Caribbean</i>

2–2.30 p.m.

Presentations by civil society

- Presentation of the document “Las organizaciones de la sociedad civil de América Latina y el Caribe ante el COVID-19: Impactos, recomendaciones y desafíos de los Estados”, prepared by the Liaison Committee of the mechanism for civil society participation in the Sustainable Development Agenda and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, given by Mabel Bianco, representative of the facilitating group of the mechanism
- Presentation of the document “Voces y propuestas de América Latina y el Caribe: Transformaciones para salir de la crisis”, by Iniciativa Social para América Latina y el Caribe (ISALC), given by Clara López Obregón and Marco Romero Silva, representatives of ISALC

2.30–2.45 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the Commission at its thirty-eighth session.

3–4 p.m.

Closing session

- Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of 77 and China
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica