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Virtual meeting, 26–28 October 2020

**Guidelines for participation in the panel
“Development in transition: challenges for middle-income countries in the
context of the COVID-19 pandemic”
(Monday, 26 October 2020, 3.30-4.45 p.m., Costa Rica time)**

It is an honour for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Government of Costa Rica that you will participate in the thirty-eighth session of the Commission and, in particular, in the panel entitled “Development in transition: challenges for middle-income countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”, which is being held in the framework of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC.

The Committee is one of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, with the aim of strengthening international cooperation for development, including South-South, North-South, triangular and multilateral cooperation.

Panellists on the panel on development in transition are invited to reflect critically on the relevance of working on a broader approach to international cooperation so that, in combination with effective national policies, better support can be provided to countries as they move up the income ladder and seek ways to turn income growth into lasting development benefits.

A broader framework for international cooperation is needed because some developing and emerging economies have increased their national income levels but continue to face formidable challenges linked to the multidimensional aspects of development. Developing economies must also address adverse global contexts, including the current COVID-19 pandemic and its serious social, economic and environmental impacts.

Each panelist will have 7 minutes for his or her presentation and will have a few additional minutes to answer questions or respond to observations from meeting participants.

Modality: The meeting will be held virtually, through the Webex platform, for which the secretariat will send you a link in due course.

Date and time: Monday, 26 October 2020, 3.30–4.45 p.m. (Costa Rica time). To see the time in your country, you can check it here: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/?low=c&sort=1>.

Moderator: Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica.

Languages: Statements can be made in Spanish, English or French, according to your preference. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in those three languages.

Presentations: Panellists may prepare a slideshow presentation if they wish. You are kindly requested to send a written version of your presentation and any accompanying slideshow presentation to

secretariadelacomision@cepal.org, so that they can be posted on the Commission's website for session after delivery.

Panellists who wish to give a slideshow presentation are asked to notify the secretariat by writing to the same email address in order to ensure that they will be able to share their screens.

Documentation: Documentation for the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC will be available on the ECLAC website <https://periododesesiones.cepal.org/38/en>.