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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, but in 2020 it will be held virtually (online) for the first time in the history of the Commission.

ECLAC's [Thirty-eighth session of ECLAC](#) will take place on October 26-28, 2020. 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.

The main working document to be analyzed by delegates to the Session is ***Building a new future: transformative recovery with equality and sustainability***, which proposes a strategy for a big push for sustainable development in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Given the existence of a crisis in international governance, a crisis of inequality and the environmental crisis—all three simultaneously—, as well as the impacts of the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need is evident to move in the direction of a new development pattern capable of overcoming these. With this in mind, the document offers guidelines and public policy proposals that link up the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental, focusing on the synergies between them.

This document continues the path addressed in the previous books presented at the five last Sessions: ***Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails*** (2010), ***Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development*** (2012), ***Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future*** (2014), ***Horizons 2030: Equality at the centre of sustainable development*** (2016) and ***The Inefficiency of Inequality*** (2018).