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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. The Session also enables the governments of member States to examine the secretariat's report on the Commission's activities and thus apprise themselves of the work accomplished by **ECLAC** during the preceding year. Furthermore, through the programme of work that the governments adopt and the calendar of conferences they approve, they also define the mandates that will guide the Commission's work in the future. Every session is held in a different member State, which acts as host, and in 2022 it will be held in a hybrid fashion (virtual and in person).

ECLAC's [Thirty-ninth session of ECLAC](#) will take place on October 24-26, 2022, in Buenos Aires, under the pro tempore presidency of Argentina. Government delegates and representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and special guests, including prominent world-renowned economists, are expected to attend.

The main position document to be analyzed by delegates to the Session is ***Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability***. It has five chapters. The first addresses the global disruptions caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crises, the war in Ukraine, the environmental emergency and the technological revolution; the second chapter compares patterns of structural transformation in different regions and analyses how they are linked to growth in those regions and to differences in industrial and technological policies; the third chapter discusses the distributive impacts of different productive structures and their interaction with social, environmental and industrial policies, with a multidimensional view of inequality; the fourth chapter addresses eight sectoral areas, with a special focus on their productive dynamics



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in the region, and proposes policy lines to boost their productive and investment processes and increase their positive effects on inclusion and sustainability on the road to achieving the [Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). Finally, the fifth chapter presents policy recommendations for sustainable development in the new global and regional context.