Forty-first session of the Economic Commission
for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, 7–9 October 2026

ORDER OF THE DAY

Thursday, 8 October

8.30–8.45 a.m. Official photograph of heads of delegation

9 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Presentation of the document *Ruptures and opportunities: proposals for Latin America and the Caribbean to thrive in the new geopolitical era*, prepared by the ECLAC Commission on Geopolitics, Globalization and Development for Latin America and the Caribbean**

Opening remarks:

- José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

Presentation of the report:

- Michelle Bachelet, Co-Chairperson of the ECLAC Commission on Geopolitics, Globalization and Development for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Keith Nurse, President of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago from 2022–2025 and member of the ECLAC Commission on Geopolitics, Globalization and Development for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Iván Duque, Co-Chairperson of the ECLAC Commission on Geopolitics, Globalization and Development for Latin America and the Caribbean (virtual)

Comments:

- Albert Ramdin, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- José Antonio Ocampo, Professor Emeritus of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs at Columbia University
- Mario Lubetkin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, the country serving as pro tempore Chair of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and Chair of the Group of 77 and China (pre-recorded video)

Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities on the document *Ruptures and opportunities: proposals for Latin America and the Caribbean to thrive in the new geopolitical era*

12.30–2.30 p.m. Lunch hosted by Víctor Orlando Bisonó, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, for ministers of foreign affairs and heads of delegation (museum of the Centro de Convenciones y Cultura Dominicana UTESA, second floor) (by invitation)

High-level seminar

2.30–3 p.m. Osvaldo Sunkel Weil: in memoriam

3–4.30 p.m. **Panel 1: A new stage of regional integration: what to do and how to move forward**

Moderator: Rubén Silié, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic

- Christopher P. Sinckler, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados
- Daniela Arruda Benjamin, Director of the Regional Integration Department, Secretariat for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
- Raquel Serur Smeke, Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Carla Natalie Barnett, Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Carlos Díaz-Rosillo, Founding Director of the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom at Florida International University
- Fernando Capellán, President and Chief Executive Officer, Grupo M & Codevi, Dominican Republic
- Lina Ajoy Rojas, Secretary-General of the Central American Integration System (SICA)

4.30–5 p.m. Statements by delegations

5–6.30 p.m. **Panel 2: Digital transformation, artificial intelligence and productive development**

Moderator: Luis Madera Sued, Deputy Minister for Government Coordination and Follow-up, Ministry of the Presidency of the Dominican Republic

- Craig Ramlal, Chair of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union's (CTU) Caribbean Taskforce on AI and Executive Director of the Artificial Intelligence Innovation Centre of the University of the West Indies
- Mercedes Aramendía, Executive Director of the Alliance for Digital Infrastructure and an Open Internet (DIG.IA-LAC) of Uruguay
- Anne Lemaistre, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Representative to Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Haiti
- Secilio Espinal, Rector of the Pontifical Catholic University Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Dominican Republic
- Ulises Canchola, Special Ambassador for Emerging Technologies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (virtual)

6.30–7 p.m. Statements by delegations

7 p.m. Reception hosted by the Dominican Republic (esplanade of the Monument to the Heroes of the Restoration)