

CONCEPT NOTE: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL DIALOGUE

High-level Regional Dialogue of Latin America and the Caribbean

12 December 2022, 18:15h —19:30h CET

I. Context

In parallel to the nine Plenary Sessions and thirteen thematic Spotlight Sessions of the [2022 Effective Development Co-operation Summit](#), the "**High-Level Regional Dialogue of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**" will provide a platform for countries and development actors in the region to reflect on the Agenda for Effective Development Co-operation and how to strengthen it in the current context of post-pandemic recovery and the commitment towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Given the socioeconomic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and global challenges such as the climate emergency, migration, food insecurity, the supply crisis, among others, international co-operation constitutes itself as a fundamental instrument to contribute to reducing of socioeconomic and institutional gaps in developing countries, which have deepened and became more evident as a result of the pandemic.

Although the systemic crisis has exacerbated some of the structural downsides of the current development model, where, for instance, many upper middle-income countries, which are the great majority in the LAC region, have regressed more than a decade in terms of their indicators on poverty reduction and inequality, it also represents an opportunity to rethink the way we work together. Thus, this dialogue provides a platform to allow regional actors to reflect on how to move towards a renewed model of sustainable and inclusive development that considers the [principles of effective development co-operation](#) as a frame of reference to support both, national development priorities and regional and international efforts to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development in accordance with the 2030 Agenda.

In order to address these challenges, it is required to adopt an innovative vision of international co-operation as a vehicle that facilitates inclusive and sustainable development under a multidimensional approach that ensures that "no one is left behind". It is important that this model considers the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities in the environmental, social, and economic dimensions. Thus, recognizing the heterogeneity of LAC countries and emphasizing the need to rethink international co-operation in terms of a sustainable development progress.

In that regard, LAC countries have been undertaking global commitments, promoting South-South and Triangular Co-operation, as well as multi-stakeholder partnerships that encourage the participation of development actors from different sectors in times of greater demands and fewer resources. In this context, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) and the effectiveness principles have the potential to provide a frame of reference to guide collective actions in favour of development.

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II. Purpose

To provide a multi-stakeholder space for LAC countries to debate and exchange perspectives on the effectiveness of development co-operation and its scope in the region. The Dialogue will enable participants to highlight the diverse visions and differentiated efforts deployed by the countries in the region to strengthen the effectiveness of development co-operation, as well as their main challenges and solutions to support a more effective way of working together based on regional priorities and realities and according to the context marked by the systemic crisis derived from the COVID-19 pandemic.

III. Objectives:

1. To reflect on effective development co-operation from the perspective of LAC countries.
2. Exchange and explore ideas, challenges and potential solutions to strengthen the effectiveness of co-operation in the region, aimed at contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
3. Discuss the role of the GPEDC and its challenges as a multi-stakeholder platform and driver of effective development co-operation.

IV. Expected results:

1. An official high-level dialogue among LAC countries focused on the diverse visions and positions, as well as on the challenges and possible actions with the potential to strengthen the effectiveness of co-operation in the LAC region.
2. A dialogue among development actors from different sectors on how to enhance effective co-operation in an inclusive way in the LAC region.

V. Deliverable:

An outcome document reflecting the key messages of the dialogue among LAC countries and other development actors, focusing mainly on the challenges and possible actions to strengthen the effectiveness of development co-operation in the region.

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