

# One year of SDGs: Where the Latin America and Caribbean regions stands



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# LAC is making great strides in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

- 3 pioneering countries presented their Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) in the HLPF 2016: Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela
- 8 countries have expressed interest in presenting their VNR in the 2017 HLPF: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru and Uruguay
- A region that is actively implementing the 2030 Agenda by:
  - Creating interministerial entities for holistic and multisectoral dialogue related to the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda
  - Integrating SDGs into national and territorial development plans, budgets and investment frameworks
  - Raising awareness and actively engaging multiple stakeholders
  - Fostering dialogue between LAC members of the IAEG-SDG to address challenges and strengthen capacities to measure indicators by mandate of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC



# But the context for implementation is complex

## The region is falling behind

- Relatively slower growth
- Trade slowdown
- Little investment in physical infrastructure, human resources and R&D
- Persistent external vulnerability

## Persistent structural imbalances

- Lack of diversification of the production structure
- Lags in innovation efforts and performance
- Poverty and income concentration
- Vulnerability to climate change

## Horizons 2030: equality at the centre of sustainable development

- Position document presented during ECLAC's Session in May 2016. Calls for:
  - Governance for the creation of global public goods
  - Strengthening regional action and agreements
  - National policies for progressive structural change



# Regional Commissions and the 2030 Agenda

## Global Mandates

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs
- Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA)
- Paris Agreement

## Support to member countries in

- Strengthening the regional architectures for follow-up and review
- Devising an analytical framework for the means of implementation and policies at regional and sub-regional levels to achieve the SDGs

## Regional Mandates

- ECLAC Mexico Resolution (2016)
- Resolution of the Regional Council on Planning (2015)
- Declaration and Resolution of the Statistics Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (2015)

- Coordinating the Forum of Latin American and Caribbean countries on Sustainable Development with host country
- Promoting incorporation of SDGs in development plans and supporting a Regional Observatory on planning for SDGs
- Regional capacity-building on data and statistics for the SDGs



**ECLAC's actions to support member states in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:**  
**4 pillars of action**



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# 1. Support the integration of the SDGs in National Development Plans and Budgets

- Encourage the creation of a **cross-sectoral and inter-institutional architecture** at the highest level to facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the integration of the three economic, social and environmental pillars;
- Integrate the SDGs into **national and territorial planning** schemes, with **fiscal, budgetary and public investment** perspectives;
- Strengthen capacities through **courses, seminars and technical assistance** at the regional, national and sub-national levels
- Develop a **regional observatory on planning for sustainable development**, including a **regional repository of national development plans**



## 2. Strengthen statistical capacities to measure SDGs

- Promote **regional and national strategies for statistical development** for the collection, disaggregation and dissemination of quality data and statistics- both traditional and non-traditional- for the follow up and monitoring of the SDGs
- Strengthen **regional and national data ecosystems** and innovation networks with the participation of civil society and the private sector
- Promote **regional and South-South cooperation** as well as regional and interregional data exchange mechanisms
- Empower **ECLAC's Statistical Conference of the Americas** and its institutional support to the LAC members of the IAEG /HLG-SDGs
- Enhance **the effective capacity** of the National Statistical Systems to address the demands of the 2030 Agenda



### 3. Enhance analysis of the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the regional level

- **Support the regional analysis of the means of implementation** and public policy formulation
  - **Financing for development:** Follow up to the “AAAA” (Financing, technology, fair trade, access to information and innovative mechanisms to close gaps)
  - Aligned national macroeconomic, social, industrial and environmental public policies
- Foster coalitions between **the State, the market and citizens**
  - Promote **multi-actor and cross-sectoral** participatory dialogues
  - Coordinate among different platforms of public exchange and participation of all actors, including the private sector and civil society





## 4. Strengthen the regional institutional architecture

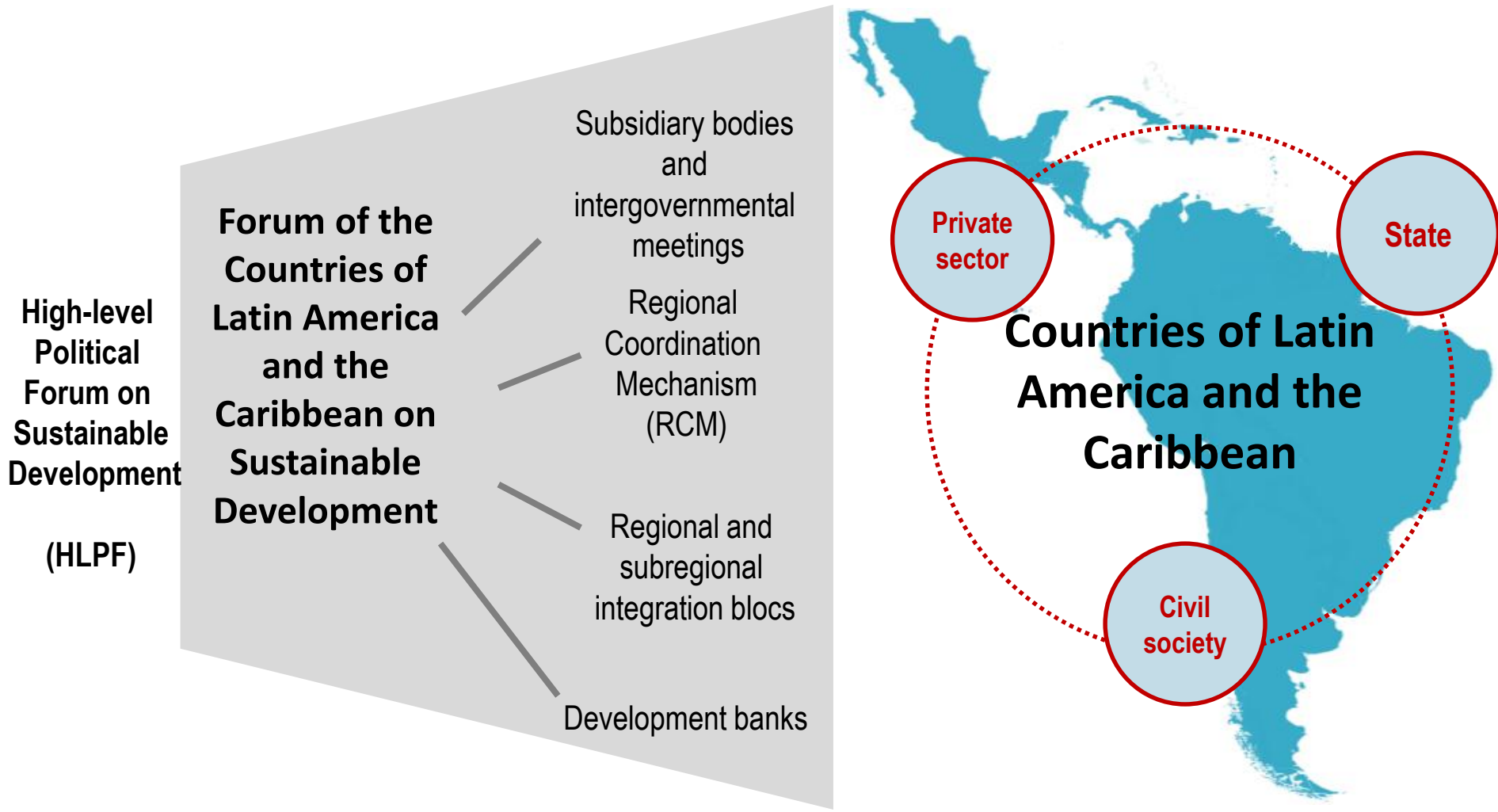
- **Integration of the 2030 Agenda in the workplans of ECLAC's subsidiary bodies and UNDG organizations** to ensure a holistic support to member states for its implementation
- **Tapping into the existing regional architecture** through collaboration with other regional actors (CELAC, CARICOM, UNASUR, etc.) and coordination with other regional United Nations entities in LAC through the RCM
- **Creation of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development** as a platform to follow up and review on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and debate regional priorities, challenges and aspirations as well as to promote shared learning and South-South Cooperation





# Forum of the Countries of LAC on Sustainable Development

Bridge between the global and the national levels to follow up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and discuss regional priorities



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