

OVERVIEW REGIONAL COMMISSIONS' WORK ON INEQUALITY (2010-2021)

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Regional Commission	Type	Name	Description
ECLAC	Publication	People of African descent and COVID-19: unveiling structural inequalities in Latin America	This document analyses the specific situation of Afrodescendent populations and the effects that COVID-19 might be having on them, based on up-to-date empirical data and an ethnic/racial, generational, territorial, rights-based and gender approach.
ECLAC	Publication	Afrodescendants and the matrix of social inequality in Latin America: challenges for inclusion	This document provides new and updated information on the living conditions of Afrodescendants, and includes a set of policy recommendations to be considered in the necessary processes of transformation and deepening of democracy in the region.
ECLAC	Publication	The recovery paradox in Latin America and the Caribbean Growth amid persisting structural problems: inequality, poverty and low investment and productivity	This Special Report examines the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than a year after it first appeared, providing new growth projections for the region's countries. It analyzes the performance of the region's main economic and social indicators and presents policy proposals for achieving a transformative recovery based on the forging of a new development pattern.
ECLAC	Publication	The impact of COVID-19 on indigenous peoples in Latin America (Abya Yala): Between invisibility and collective resistance	This document provides an overview of the situation of indigenous peoples in the region in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. It analyses both the State's and indigenous peoples' own responses to the crisis, as well as offering a set of recommendations to rectify the neglect of these peoples in the management of the pandemic, centring on their collective rights.
ECLAC	Publication	Non-contributory cash transfers: An instrument to promote the rights and well-being of children with disabilities in Latin America and the Caribbean	This study establishes a sociodemographic profile of children with disabilities, the majority of whom are living in poverty, and analyses non-contributory cash transfer programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean that cover or prioritize families with children or adolescents with disabilities.
ESCAP	Publication	Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2021	This survey assesses the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the Asia-Pacific Region's progress towards poverty and inequality reduction. It includes a package of reforms and investments in social services, digital access, gender equality and green development aimed at tackling pre-crisis vulnerabilities and building a more inclusive and sustainable future.
ESCAP	Experts Meeting	Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series: Using Secondary Sources to Assess Inequality in Civil Registration	This second webinar focused on using secondary sources to assess inequality in civil registration with speakers sharing their knowledge and experiences of using various data sources for assessing inequalities in civil registration.

ESCAP	Publication	Inequality in Access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs): Strengthening the Evidence Base to Leave No One Behind	This report is developed as part of a project on “Reducing Inequality in the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) Member Countries” that aims to strengthen public and private capacities to design and implement policies and initiatives that effectively reduce inequalities. The report examines inequalities in the access to and use of ICTs in FEALAC member countries.
ESCAP	Experts Meeting	Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series: Qualitative Inequality Assessments for CRVS Systems	Met to discuss critical inputs in drawing-up practical and clear guidance for countries in Asia and the Pacific on measuring the inequalities in CRVS with the ultimate goal of narrowing the gap in civil registration.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality in Access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in East and North-East Asia and South-East Asia	This report examines inequalities in the access to and use of ICTs in ESCAP member States of East and North-East Asia as well as South-East Asia. It uses the classification and regression tree analysis to explore the ICT gaps between population groups and determine the characteristics and circumstances of individuals most likely to be left behind.
ESCWA	Publication	Rethinking Inequality in Arab Countries Report	This paper proposes a methodology that governments and stakeholders can use in their countries to operationalize the LNOB pledge in a way that enables and accelerate national progress to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
ESCWA	Publication	Toolkit on the design and implementation of equality-oriented policies in the Arab countries	This report provides various functions of the toolkit which provides a set of practical modules, skills and tools necessary to formulate, implement, finance and evaluate equality-oriented policies.
ECA	Experts Meeting	Fourth session of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender	Met to discuss priority actions for member States for ending extreme poverty and reducing inequality for resilient and equitable development during and after the pandemic.

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ECLAC	Publication	People of African descent in Latin America and the Caribbean: Developing indicators to measure and counter inequalities	This publication contains a set of indicators, the purpose of which is to measure ethnic and racial inequalities and gaps between Afrodescendent and non-Afrodescendent populations in line with international and regional commitments. The proposal has been formulated on the basis of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

ECLAC	Publication	Hyper-fortunes and the super-rich: why a wealth tax makes sense	This article proposes a model to estimate the wealth of the richest groups in society and to design an efficient wealth tax system. For design and implementation issues, it reviews comparative international experience and provides an analytical discussion of the effects of a wealth tax, reviewing the main criticisms that orthodox economists have levelled against it.
ECLAC	Publication	Building a New Future: Transformative Recovery with Equality and Sustainability	This document, presented by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to its member States at its thirty-eighth session, argues that Latin America and the Caribbean is in a position to move towards a “big push for sustainability” through a combination of economic, industrial, social and environmental policies capable of driving a recovery with equality and sustainability and relaunching development in the region.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality of Opportunity	This series of LNOB policy papers explore available data by thematic area, to identify those groups that have been left furthest behind in a range of thematic areas across Asia and the Pacific. Using the Classification and Regression Trees (CART) methodology and other analytical tools, the papers reveal gaps between those who have access to basic opportunities and services, and those who don't.
ESCAP	Publication	The Impact of COVID-19 on South-East Asia	The report is part of a series of policy briefs issued by the United Nations that examine the sectoral and geographical dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic across the world.
ESCWA	Publication	Capacity building toolkit on the analysis and measurement of socio-economic inequalities in the Arab Region	Examines the developed initiative for analyzing and measuring socio-economic inequalities in the Arab countries based on the principles on which social justice is founded, which include rights, equality, equity and participation, which are considered the basic pillars of national development plans and policies.
ESCWA	Publication	The impact of Covid-19 on Gender Equality in the Arab Region	This report includes proposals on formulating consistent policies and programmes for the short and long term, as part of an urgent regional response to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women.
ESCWA	Publication	Wealth Inequality and Closing the Poverty Gap in Arab Countries: The Case for a Solidarity Wealth Tax	This report imputes the full distribution of wealth in the region, and superimposes the projected cost of closing of the regional poverty gap onto the distribution's top end, to assess the scope for fiscal redistribution from the wealthiest 10 percent to the poor.
ESCWA	Publication	Examining multidimensional inequality in the Arab region through a capabilities lens: Presenting a pilot study in Lebanon with a focus on SDG 10	This study takes a critical look at Sustainable Development Goal 10 – aimed to reduce inequality within and among countries – and proposes an innovative research approach to capture multidimensional inequalities . The paper suggests that a practical application of Amartya Sen’s Capability Approach (CA) – which defines development as the amplification of people’s

			opportunities to lead a life they value – is likely to enhance the implementation of SDG-10.
ESCWA	Publication	Bridging the Inequality Gap among Youth in the Arab Region	This policy brief discusses selected dimensions of inequality among Arab youth and highlight the gaps and challenges that affect youth policy development and implementation. It concludes with a set of key messages to assist Arab Governments in their efforts to invest in youth and enable them to reach their full potential.
ESCWA	Publication	Leaving no one behind: Integrating marginalized groups in some Arab countries	The report is based on the principle of “leaving no one behind”, which underpins the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The international community pledged to achieve prosperity for all, especially the poorest and most marginalized groups. The report also builds on the framework proposed by the United Nations Development Programme to help achieve the 2030 Agenda, entitled “What does it mean to leave no one behind?”.
ECA	High Level Meeting	Webinar on Food Prices Trends and Analysis in Africa	Met with Ministers of Finance of African Member States to present and discuss recent developments on consumer price indexes, with a particular focus on food items from the basket of consumers.
ECA	Experts Meeting	Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender - Third session: Accelerating Africa’s progress in eradicating poverty and reducing inequality	Met to discuss the Division’s vision, perspective and areas of focus in support of African countries, to accelerate progress on eradicating extreme poverty and reducing inequality, and achieve inclusive growth and sustainable development.
ECE	Publication	Use of ICTs for the Promotion and Implementation of Gender Equality in Small Business Development	This initiative addresses the various ways in which new technologies can influence small business management and reduce gender inequality, including creating networks and opportunities for cooperation of participants.
2019 (HLPF official review of SDG10 on Reducing Inequalities)			
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ESCAP	Publication	Closing the Gap: Empowerment and inclusion in Asia and the Pacific	This report assesses whether women, rural populations, persons with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups have fallen further behind, been included in overall national development gains, or empowered to catch up with outcome levels of more privileged groups.

ESCAP	Publication	Leaving no one behind: A methodology to identify those furthest behind in accessing opportunities in Asia and the Pacific	This paper proposes a methodology that governments and stakeholders can use in their countries to operationalize the LNOB pledge in a way that enables and accelerate national progress to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
ESCAP	Publication	Reducing inequality in FEALAC member countries: Innovative analysis to guide policymaking that leaves no one behind	This document presents a methodology to examine inequality and identify the furthest behind in five selected indicators that are related to the Sustainable Development Goals in 23 FEALAC member countries: 8 countries in Asia and the Pacific, and 15 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.
ESCAP	Publication	Social Development Working Paper on 'An Emerging but Vulnerable Middle Class: A Description of Trends in Asia and the Pacific'	This paper examines the extent to which economic growth in Asia and the Pacific has translated in an increasing middle class.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality of Opportunity in Asia and the Pacific: Financial Inclusion	This paper explores gaps between groups in access to financial services as measured by ownership of a bank account.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality of Opportunity: Who Are Those Left Behind in Nepal?	This paper explores available data from Nepal to identify those groups that have been left furthest behind in a range of indicators.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality of Opportunity in Asia and the Pacific: Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health	This paper uses innovative methods to identify the “furthest behind” in women's and girls' access to sexual and reproductive health services.
ESCAP	Publication	Tools for Leaving No One Behind: Measuring inequality of opportunity and identifying the furthest behind	Two innovative methodologies, the classification tree analysis and the D-Index help policymakers measure inequality in access to basic services and identify the furthest behind in relation to opportunities such as education, decent work and nutrition.
ESCWA	Publication	Rethinking Inequality in Arab Countries	This report fills knowledge gaps about inequality in the Arab region, using a multidimensional approach that focuses on non-income dimensions: Health, education and living conditions.
ESCWA	Experts Meeting	Expert Group Meeting on Multidimensional Inequality in Arab Countries	This technical meeting aims at presenting the findings of the report namely, a comprehensive description and analysis of inequality in Arab countries across spatial, economic, gender and social aspects and its evolution since the early 2000s, in addition to the narrative of the political economy drivers of inequality which aims to identify and chart out remedial policy actions.
ECA	Experts Meeting	EGM on Poverty and Inequality in Africa	Met with African and international experts to identify a set of bold and innovative recommendations to accelerate progress on eradicating extreme poverty and inequality on the continent.
ECE	Experts Meeting	Expert Meeting on Measuring Poverty and Inequality	Met to discuss the 2030 agenda, measurements for poverty and the potential for machine learning in relation to reducing inequality

ECE	Round table	Towards a World of Equal Opportunity: Tackling inequality caused by exclusion and discrimination	Meeting addressed multi-stakeholder collaboration to combat inequality and provided a learning space for people to share their experiences and opinions
2018			
Regional Commissions (joint)	Publication	Promoting equality. An inter-regional perspective	The report synthesizes regional findings on the adverse social, environmental and economic consequences of inequality and stresses that promoting greater equality through adequate social protection, health, education, labour and fiscal policies not only helps to safeguard the economic, social and cultural rights of all people, but also fosters growth, development and greater social justice.
ECLAC	Publication	The inefficiency of inequality	This report analyses and measures the productivity and income effects of unequal access to health and education, as well as the consequences of inequality of opportunities arising from gender, race, or ethnicity-based discrimination.
ECLAC	Publication	Promoting equality: An interregional perspective	This report synthesizes regional findings and lessons learned in the conceptualization, design and implementation of public policies and programmes oriented towards greater equality.
ECLAC	Publication	Social Panorama of Latin America 2018	This paper analyzes issues crucial to understanding and action given the structural challenges facing the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the current economic and social situation, especially in the context of the transformations underway in labor markets and inequality.
ECLAC	High Level Meeting	Tenth Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean Partnerships for the Reduction of Structural Inequalities under the Framework of the SDGs	Met to discuss new ways to reduce inequalities and boost gains in the social, economic and environmental fronts.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality in Asia and the Pacific in the era of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	This report takes a novel approach by focusing on multiple aspects of inequality – inequality of outcomes, of opportunities and of impacts.
ESCAP	High Level Meeting	Seventy-fourth session of ESCAP : High-level Ministerial Segment on "Inequality in the era of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"	The high-level segment provided a platform for Member States to deliberate on the topic and exchange experiences and ideas among countries and with thought leaders, academia, the private sector, subregional organizations and other key stakeholders.

ESCAP	Publication	Inequality and the SDGs guide	Through compelling evidence, data and examples, this guide elaborates on the links between inequality and the rest of the Sustainable Development Goals.
ESCWA	Publication	Policy Brief: From the Ideal of Social Justice to the Concept of Inequality	This paper examines inequality's manifestation in the Arab Region and concludes with policy recommendations on how to address this challenge at all levels to ensure basic rights and fundamental freedoms to all.
ESCWA	Publication	Social Development Report 2: Inequality, Autonomy and Change in the Arab Region	This report examines how inequality and personal autonomy are likely to impact on the broad "political settlement" in the Arab region overtime.
ESCWA	Publication	Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the Arab Region 2017-2018	Explores the progress made in the region on a wealth of issues including women's rights, economic development and inequality.
ECA	Experts Meeting	Poverty, Inequality and Jobs in Africa	Meeting explored the interlinkages among the issues of poverty, inequality and jobs in Africa and examine the policy landscape on inequality in Africa, discuss policy options, and propose strategies to address inequality in national plans and strategies among others.
ECA	Publication	Dimensions of Inequality in Tanzania	Discusses inequality in Tanzania and its effect on the country and population.
ECE	Experts Meeting	Expert Meeting on Measuring Poverty and Inequality	The meeting discussed poverty in the context of the 2030 agenda, better ways to gather data on poverty and inequality and national experiences with both poverty and inequality.
2017			
Regional Commissions (Joint)	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Promoting equality: Strengthening the capacity of select developing countries to design and implement equality-oriented public policies and programmes	Objective: to strengthen the capacity of selected national governments to conceptualize, design and implement multidisciplinary public policies and programmes oriented towards greater equality.
ECLAC	Publication	Reducing poverty amidst high levels of inequality: Lessons from Latin America and the Caribbean	This paper highlights ideas and policies for reducing inequality that were shaped by experiences in Latin America.
ESCAP	Publication	Do the data show divergence? Revisiting global income inequality trends	The present paper shows the results of an empirical study to prove that income inequality has increased over the past decades.
ESCAP	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Strengthened capacity of small island developing States in the Asia-Pacific region with regard to the valuation of environmental capital and the economic cost of gender inequality	Objective: to strengthening the evidence-base and the enabling environment for sustainable development planning and implementation.

ECA	High Level Meeting	Annual ECA-AUC Ministerial Conference on the theme, "Growth, inequality and unemployment"	Focused on Africa's triple challenges of growth, inequality and unemployment
ECE	Expert Meeting	Expert meeting on measuring poverty and inequality	This meeting discussed stakeholder involvement in development, national experiences with poverty, and issues with measuring income inequality
ECE	Publication	Basic consumption and income-based indicators of economic inequalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: evidence from household budget surveys	The aim of this paper is to compare basic poverty and inequality indicators in Bosnia and Herzegovina based on consumption and income approach.
2016			
Regional Commissions (Joint)	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Promoting equality: Strengthening the capacity of select developing countries to design and implement equality-oriented public policies and programmes	To strengthen the capacity of selected national governments to conceptualize, design and implement multidisciplinary public policies and programmes oriented towards greater equality.
ECLAC	Publication	Inclusive social development: The next generation of policies for overcoming poverty and reducing inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean	Outlines challenges of defeating poverty and discusses the impact social issues have on the economy, environment and politics
ECLAC	Publication	The social inequality matrix in Latin America	The analysis focuses on some of the main axes that serve to structure social inequality (gender, ethnicity, race, age or stage of the life cycle, and territory) in order to illustrate how they influence the depth of the equality gaps, their persistence over time and their reproduction.
ESCAP	Publication	Inequality in Asia: Convergence and Determinants	This paper investigates what inequality in Asia looks like, the relationship between growth and inequality, the determining factors of inequality, and the convergence in terms of inequality.
ESCAP	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Strengthened capacity of small island developing States in the Asia-Pacific region with regard to the valuation of environmental capital and the economic cost of gender inequality	To strengthening the evidence-base and the enabling environment for sustainable development planning and implementation.
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ESCAP	Publication	Time for Equality: The Role of Social Protection in Reducing Inequalities in Asia and the Pacific	This report explores the linkages between inequality and social protection and it argues that inequality, in its multiple forms, is on the rise in Asia and the Pacific, and that this is having an adverse impact on sustainable development.
ESCAP	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Strengthened capacity of small island developing States in the Asia-Pacific region with regard to the valuation of environmental capital and the economic cost of gender inequality	To strengthening the evidence-base and the enabling environment for sustainable development planning and implementation.
ECA	High Level Meeting	African Economic Conference 2015: Addressing Poverty and Inequality in the Post-2015 Development Agenda	Policy-makers, development practitioners, and researchers convened to lay out policy options to eradicate poverty and tackle inequality in Africa, in line with the new universal anti-poverty goals.
2014			
Regional Commissions (Joint)	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Promoting equality: Strengthening the capacity of select developing countries to design and implement equality-oriented public policies and programmes	To strengthen the capacity of selected national governments to conceptualize, design and implement multidisciplinary public policies and programmes oriented towards greater equality.
ECLAC	Publication	Income inequality in Latin America. Recent decline and prospects for its further reduction	The paper reviews the extent of the income inequality decline which has taken place in Latin America over 2002-2010 which reduced the regional Gini index to the level of the early 1980s.
ECLAC	Publication	Multi-dimensional Review of Uruguay. Volume 1: initial assessment	This paper discusses Uruguay's development model and the gains it has made in reducing inequality and improving outcomes for all people
ESCAP	Publication	Poor-rich gap growing in India, Asia-Pacific	This paper identifies weak labor market institutions, inadequate social protection and poor education as factors in inequality
ESCAP	Publication	Confronting Inequalities in Asia and the Pacific: The Role of Social Protection	An analysis of the different forms and pathways of inequalities in Asia and the Pacific, suggesting that market-led growth has not been enough to curb inequality is contained in the present document.
ESCAP	Development Account Project (2014-2017)	Strengthened capacity of small island developing States in the Asia-Pacific region with regard to the valuation of environmental capital and the economic cost of gender inequality	Objective: to strengthen the evidence-base and the enabling environment for sustainable development planning and implementation.
ESCWA	Publication	Towards Better Measurement of Poverty and Inequality in Arab Countries: A Proposed Pan-Arab Multipurpose Survey	This paper critically assesses the measurement methods of poverty and inequality indicators based on international and national methodologies as well as the data generation mechanisms across Arab countries.

ESCWA	Publication	Poverty and Inequality in the Arab Region	Discusses inequality in the financial, social and economic realms.
ECA	Experts Meeting	Expert Group Meeting: Economic Growth and Inequality in Southern Africa	Experts from Southern Africa will be holding a two-day high level meeting to review and discuss findings of a preliminary report on the puzzling combination of robust economic growth that Southern African countries have enjoyed in the last decade alongside deepening income inequality and high levels of poverty.
2013			
ECLAC	Publication	Trade policy and wage inequality in Chile since the 1990s	This study analyzes the impact of trade liberalization on wage inequality through a channel in which applied tariffs, owing to the preferential margin given under numerous preferential trade agreements, would affect industry wage premiums during the 1992-2006 period in Chile.
ECLAC	Publication	Income inequality in Latin America: Data challenges and availability from a comparative perspective	Shows income shares, household inequality measurements, and fiscal data.
2012			
ESCWA	Publication	Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region 2010-2011	This paper assesses feasible financing strategies for policymakers to follow in pursuance of human development and reduce inequality, taking as reference the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and their achievement by 2015.
2011			
ESCWA	Publication	Arab Millennium Development Goals Report 2011: An inclusive approach to development in a time of transition	The report provides a critical perspective and seeks to provide new ideas, alternatives and analytical tools, as well as a discussion on measuring progress and reducing inequality, following the discussions during the MDG review summit of 2010.
2010			
ECLAC	Publication	Evaluation of Development Account Project 06/07 H. Implications of macroeconomic policy, external shocks and social protection systems for poverty, inequality and social vulnerability in Latin America and the Caribbean. Final evaluation report	This paper looks at the economic implications of inequality in several different situations and its wider effects on the region.
ESCWA and UNRISD	Publication launch	Launch of UNRISD flagship report Combating Poverty and Inequality:	UNRISD Director presented the report at a regional launch during the Regional Coordination Mechanism Meeting

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ECLAC	Development Account Project (2006-2009)	Implications of macroeconomic policy, external shocks and social protection systems for poverty, inequality, and social vulnerability in Latin America and the Caribbean	To increase the skills and knowledge of policymakers and policy shapers (the stakeholders) to design more effective macroeconomic and social protection policies based on an improved understanding of the relationship between macroeconomic and external shocks, on the one hand, and the impact on inequality, poverty and vulnerability of the population and social protection systems, on the other
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