AGENDA

6th Steering Group Meeting
OECD Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Programme

1 June 2018
Room CC12, OECD Headquarters, Paris, France
CONTEXT

In January 2016, OECD members decided to strengthen co-operation with the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region through the creation of the OECD LAC Regional Programme (LACRP). The main goal of the LACRP is supporting the region in advancing its reform agenda along three key regional priorities: increasing productivity, advancing social inclusion and strengthening institutions and governance.

The Steering Group provides overall strategic guidance and priority setting to the Programme. It brings together policymakers with a whole-of-government vision from OECD and LAC countries and representatives from partner international organisations (IOs).

During 2016, the Steering Group met on three occasions, with an inaugural meeting in July at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, followed by two meetings in Chile, at the Headquarters of ECLAC in October and in the margins of the first High Level Meeting (HLM) of the Programme, on Productivity and Inclusive Growth, in December. At this last meeting a Programmatic Document 2016-2018 was adopted which defines of the Programme’s envisaged activities within nine policy areas to support countries in their reform agendas. During 2017, the Steering Group met twice, in Paris in June, and in Asunción, Paraguay, back to back with the second High Level Meeting of the Programme on Social Inclusion, in November.

This 6th meeting of the Steering Group provides an opportunity to assess two years of achievements, continue to build synergies with OECD members’ co-operation with the region, in particular as new forms of co-operation emerge, such as the recently launched EU Facility for Development in Transition, and obtain strategic guidance from countries prior to the third HLM on Governance and Integrity to take place in October in Lima.

OBJECTIVES

- Report on Status of Implementation of the Programmatic Document Activities, receive strategic guidance regarding future projects and funding priorities
- Invite OECD member countries, LAC countries and International Organisations to share recent developments on co-operation with the LAC region with the aim to build synergies with the LACRP’s vision and activities
- Receive strategic guidance in preparation of the Programme’s next High Level Meeting on Governance, to take place during October 2018 in Peru
For Information and Discussion:

- Room Document 1: Update on the Implementation of the OECD LAC Regional Programme
- Room Document 2: Proposed Agenda for the Ministerial Meeting on Integrity and Good Governance of the LAC Regional Programme to be held in Lima, Peru from 18-19 October 2018, and Outline of the key issues report.

For the Consideration of the Steering Group:

- Room Document 3: Background paper on the Steering Group and the Advisory Board. (Update on the incorporation of the European Union to the Advisory Board)

For Information:

- Summary Record of the 5th Meeting of the OECD LAC Regional Programme Steering Group
- Chairs’ Summary: International Conference and Ministerial Meeting "Towards Inclusive Social Protection Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean"
- Lima Commitment on Democratic Governance Against Corruption, agreed at the VIII Summit of the Americas and linked to the discussion of the High Level Meeting on Integrity and Good Governance

RECENTLY PUBLISHED OECD LAC REGIONAL REPORTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

- Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO) 2018: Rethinking Institutions for Development
- Revenue Statistics in Latin America 2018
- Skills in Ibero-America: Insights from PISA 2015
- Enhancing Social Inclusion in Latin America: Key issues and the role of social protection systems

LANGUAGES

- Simultaneous Spanish-English Translation will be available throughout the meeting

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1 Find this publication [here](#).
2 Find this publication [here](#).
3 Find this publication [here](#).
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OPENING SESSION: STRATEGIC OUTLOOK AND RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Steering Group members will receive an overview of the Programme’s recent achievements and be invited to discuss strategic orientations in view of recent developments in the region and the world economy.

Welcoming remarks and Chairing of the Session

- David Tuesta, Minister of Finance of Peru

Strategic Outlook of the LACRP at two years of its launch

- Andreas Schaal, Director, OECD Global Relations Secretariat
- Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre; Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development

Supporting the region to increase productivity, enhance social inclusion and strengthen governance and institutions: Key recent achievements

- 2nd Ministerial Summit on Productivity in LAC: Regional Trade Integration and Productivity, and OECD Central America Initiative advancements (17-18 April 2018) – Edna Camacho, Minister and Head of Presidential Economic Council, Costa Rica and Álvaro Pereira, Acting OECD Chief Economist
- Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean 2018 – Pascal Saint-Amans, Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD and Federico Bonaglia, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre
- OECD-IDB Regional Publication on Mapping OECD and LAC Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) – Ana Novik, Head of Investment Division, OECD

Discussion – Questions for discussion:

- The LACRP has established a platform for dialogue and collaboration between OECD countries, LAC countries and international organisations. How can the Programme enhance its impact in support to policymaking, especially in light of this year’s election super-cycle, and in relation to regional economic integration efforts?

NEW APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: HOW TO BUILD SYNERGIES WITH THE LACRP?

Steering Group members are invited to share their views on how the LACRP platform can potentiate synergies with interational co-operation with the region in the framework of the evolving approaches to international co-operation with the region.

Introduction and Chair of the Session

- Rodrigo Yañez, Vice Minister of Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile

Discussion – Brief presentations to spark discussion:

- Fernando García Casas, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and IberoAmerica, Spain
- Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Discussion - Question for discussion: How can the LACRP be best used by OECD and LAC countries to enhance their bilateral and regional co-operation efforts?

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:45 GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY – SUPPORTING LAC COUNTRIES IN THEIR REFORM EFFORTS

Steering Group members will be informed about the preparations for the Programme’s next High Level Meeting on Governance, to take place during October 2018 in Peru, and its links with the Lima Commitment assumed by countries in the region in the context of the VIII Summit of the Americas, and are invited to provide their feedback.

Brief report on the Summit of the Americas and Chair of the Session

- Jaime Pomareda, General Director for Economic Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru

Towards the next LACRP High Level Meeting – Good Governance & Integrity

- Marcos Bonturi, Director for Public Governance, OECD: OECD’s work on public governance and presentation of the Peru High Level Meeting
- Federico Bonaglia, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre & Angel Melguizo, OECD Development Centre: Latin American Economic Outlook 2018: Rethinking Institutions for Development

Discussion – Questions for discussion:

- How can the OECD and LACRP best take advantage of this opportunity to help the region in advancing the Lima Commitment on Democratic Governance against Corruption?
- How do Steering Group members view the OECD’s particular value-added in engaging with the LAC region on good governance and integrity? Does the draft agenda for the meeting reflect this?

12:45 – 13:00 OTHER ITEMS AND CONCLUSIONS

- Approval of the incorporation of the European Union to the Advisory Board (See Room Document 3)

Conclusions by the Secretariat and the Co-Chairs

- Rodrigo Yañez, Vice Minister of Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
- Jaime Pomareda, General Director for Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru
- Andreas Schaal, Director, OECD Global Relations Secretariat
- Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre; Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development