**LAC Private Sector Roundtable Consultation**

**Latin American Economic Outlook 2021:**
Towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery Strategy for the Post-Covid19 era

Virtual meeting | 13 April 2021 | 15:00 – 16:30 CET (Paris) time zone

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| 15:10 – 15:45 | Towards a new social contract for development: What role for the private sector? | More than ever the COVID-19 crisis highlights the need for co-ordination and coherence across different actors, to deliver more effective responses and to build consensus to underpin a sustainable social contract. Advancing the needed reforms and overcoming the ‘development traps’ affecting the region will require LAC countries to build these social contracts by empowering citizens and other actors at all stages of the policy-making process.  
   Key questions for this session include:
   - What are positive experiences and/or challenges faced by the private sector in its involvement in multi-stakeholder platforms supportive of reform agendas?
   - What are your key recommendations for effective co-ordination with the private sector in the design and implementation of consensus-building processes?
   - What role can the private sector play in promoting a new social contract? |
| 15:45 – 16:20 | Rebuilding regional integration: How can the private sector engage in regional and international partnerships? | National responses will not be sufficient to overcome the COVID-19 crisis and tackle global challenges such as climate change. The COVID-19 pandemic could be an opportunity to rethink regional and international cooperation schemes. Regional partnerships are fundamental to reinforce regional integration and design a common response to shared challenges. International cooperation can act as a facilitator for assessing and comparing what works, promoting access to knowledge and technology as well as financing sustainable development. Regional integration can set regional platforms to establish common standards and share good practices in support of regional competitiveness.  
   Key questions for this session include:
   - How does the private sector currently engage in supporting regional integration?
   - What are the lessons learned by the private sector through participating in international cooperation activities during the pandemic?
   - Which economic sectors could stand to gain from regional platforms in support of regional competitiveness? |
| 16:20 – 16:30 | Closing remarks and Next Steps |            |