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Countries Involved

Argentina (ARG)	Bolivia, Plurinational State of (BOL)	Brazil (BRA)
Chile (CHL)	Colombia (COL)	Costa Rica (CRI)
Cuba (CUB)	Dominican Republic (DOM)	Ecuador (ECU)
El Salvador (SLV)	Guatemala (GTM)	Guyana (GUY)
Honduras (HND)	Mexico (MEX)	Nicaragua (NIC)
Panama (PAN)	Paraguay (PRY)	Peru (PER)

Rwanda (RWA)	Uruguay (URY)	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of (VEN)
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Executive Summary

The VIII Summit of Heads of State and Government of CELAC, held in Kingstown on March 1, 2024, reaffirmed the region's commitment to peace, democracy, human rights, and multilateralism. Key focuses included economic stability, food security, social cohesion, and sustainable development, emphasizing the eradication of poverty and inequalities. The Summit condemned unilateral sanctions and called for fair international financial systems and enhanced cooperation with global organizations. It highlighted regional integration projects, sustainable energy transition, digital inclusion, and scientific collaboration. Climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, disaster risk management, and ocean protection were prioritized, alongside support for vulnerable groups such as indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, women, youth, and persons with disabilities. The Summit also addressed peace and security, including support for Haiti and Colombia peace processes, nuclear disarmament, and opposition to blockades against Cuba. It endorsed reparatory justice for historical injustices and strengthened South-South and extra-regional cooperation, notably with the EU, China, and Africa. The Summit welcomed Honduras as the incoming Pro Tempore Presidency.

Taxonomies

Themes

- **Digital Acceleration** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Infrastructure** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Platforms** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Ecosystem** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Policy** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Artificial Intelligence** (Technology & Innovation) - Relevance: 0.65

Justification: Artificial Intelligence is recognized for its potential to accelerate sustainable development but also poses risks that require international regulatory frameworks. Its strategic importance is reflected in CELAC's call for responsible, ethical AI development and cooperation within the UN framework.

- **ICT Innovation** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Technology Regulations** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Digital Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **E-Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Ethics** (Data & Governance)
- **Cyber Risk Management** (Data & Governance)
- **Cybersecurity** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Inclusion** (Inclusion & Social Development) - Relevance: 0.75

Justification: Digital Inclusion is highlighted as a key enabler for equitable development, social cohesion, and bridging digital divides in the region. It aligns with CELAC's commitments to sustainable development, innovation, and ensuring no one is left behind in the digital transformation process.

- **Social Cohesion** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Multilateralism** (Regional & International Cooperation) - Relevance: 0.95

Justification: Multilateralism is a core principle repeatedly emphasized throughout the declaration as essential for regional integration, international cooperation, and addressing global challenges such as economic development, peace, and climate change. It underpins CELAC's approach to collective

action and dialogue with extra-regional partners.

- **Bi-regional Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Global Digital Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital & Technological Partnerships** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **EU-CELAC Digital Partnership** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **EU-LAC Digital Alliance** (Regional & International Cooperation)

Actors

- **European Union** (Political Actors)
- **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations** (Political Actors)
- **Latin American and Caribbean Economic System** (Political Actors)
- **Organisation of Ibero-American States** (Political Actors)
- **Latin American Development Bank** (Political Actors)
- **Caribbean Development Bank** (Political Actors)
- **Inter-American Development Bank** (Economic Actors)
- **United Nations General Assembly** (Political Actors)
- **United Nations Secretary General** (Political Actors)
- **United Nations Country Teams** (Political Actors)
- **Special Rapporteur on the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures** (Political Actors)
- **World Trade Organization** (Political Actors)
- **Group of 77 and China** (Political Actors)
- **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela** (Political Actors)
- **Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency** (Political Actors)
- **African Union** (Political Actors)
- **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** (Political Actors)
- **United Nations General Assembly Resolution** (Political Actors)
- **CARICOM** (Political Actors)
- **Presidency Pro Tempore of St. Vincent and the Grenadines** (Political Actors)
- **Brazil** (Political Actors)
- **Honduras** (Political Actors)
- **Peru** (Political Actors)
- **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** (Political Actors)
- **Colombia** (Political Actors)
- **Venezuela** (Political Actors)
- **Guyana** (Political Actors)
- **Cuba** (Political Actors)
- **Argentina** (Political Actors)
- **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** (Political Actors)
- **Haiti** (Political Actors)
- **European Union/CELAC Summit** (Political Actors)
- **CELAC-China Forum** (Political Actors)
- **United Nations Security Council** (Political Actors)
- **United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization** (Political Actors)
- **Universities** (Research and Innovation Actors)
- **Latin American and Caribbean Centre for Development of Science, Technology and Innovation** (Research and Innovation Actors)
- **Researchers** (Research and Innovation Actors)
- **Innovators** (Research and Innovation Actors)

- **LAC Space Agencies** (Research and Innovation Actors)
- **Private Sector Representatives** (Economic Actors)
- **Industry Actors** (Economic Actors)
- **Civil Society Organisations** (Civil Society Actors)
- **Non-governmental Institutions** (Civil Society Actors)
- **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States** (Political Actors) - Relevance: 1.0
Justification: CELAC is the central actor in the document, as the declaration is issued by its Heads of State and Government. It is the main framework for regional integration, cooperation, and dialogue on all the key topics discussed, including peace, economic development, climate change, health, and international relations.
- **United Nations** (Political Actors) - Relevance: 0.85
Justification: The UN and its various bodies (General Assembly, Secretary General, Security Council, specialized agencies) are frequently referenced as the normative and cooperative framework for international law, human rights, sanctions, climate action, and sustainable development goals, making it a key external actor influencing CELAC's agenda.
- **Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean** (Political Actors) - Relevance: 0.7
Justification: ECLAC is repeatedly mentioned as a key regional institution supporting economic development, social cohesion, sustainable development, and cooperation with CELAC. It hosts important sessions and provides data and policy guidance critical to the region's economic and social strategies.

Beneficiary Groups

- **Farmers** (Farmers & Primary Producers)
- **Gender Equality Initiatives** (Women & Girls)
- **Indigenous Communities** (Indigenous Peoples & Ethnic Groups)
- **Persons with Disabilities** (Persons with Disabilities)
- **Women in Tech** (Women & Girls)

Additional Beneficiary Groups

- woman
- girl
- indigenous people
- person with disability
- family farming

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- **SDG 1:** SDG 1: No Poverty
- **SDG 2:** SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- **SDG 3:** SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- **SDG 4:** SDG 4: Quality Education
- **SDG 5:** SDG 5: Gender Equality
- **SDG 6:** SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- **SDG 7:** SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- **SDG 8:** SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- **SDG 9:** SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- **SDG 10:** SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- **SDG 11:** SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

- **SDG 12:** SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- **SDG 13:** SDG 13: Climate Action
- **SDG 14:** SDG 14: Life Below Water
- **SDG 15:** SDG 15: Life on Land
- **SDG 16:** SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- **SDG 17:** SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

EU Policy Alignments

- Global Gateway
- NDICI-Global Europe

Commitments

Commitment 1

Peru will host the 40th session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in October 2024.

Details:

- Peru will host the 40th session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in October 2024. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 2

Call upon developed country partners to fulfill their official development assistance (ODA) commitments to achieve the target of 0.7% of ODA/GNI and 0.15 to 0.20% ODA/GNI to least developed countries.

Details:

- Call upon developed country partners to fulfill their official development assistance (ODA) commitments to achieve the target of 0.7% of ODA/GNI and 0.15 to 0.20% ODA/GNI to least developed countries. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 3

Support the CELAC Plan for Food Security and Nutrition and the Eradication of Hunger, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030.

Details:

- Support the CELAC Plan for Food Security and Nutrition and the Eradication of Hunger, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 4

Commit to working to strengthen synergies between the CELAC FSN Plan 2030 and the Brazilian G20 Presidency's proposal for a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, focusing on SDG 1 (poverty eradication) and SDG 2 (zero hunger).

Details:

- Commit to working to strengthen synergies between the CELAC FSN Plan 2030 and the Brazilian G20 Presidency's proposal for a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, focusing on SDG 1 (poverty eradication) and SDG 2 (zero hunger). (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 5

Commit to implement the Youth Council of Latin America and the Caribbean, selecting representatives of each country and developing its axes.

Commitment 6

Welcome the operationalization of a loss and damage fund at COP28 in Dubai (2023) and urge new, additional, predictable, and adequate contributions to the fund.

Details:

- Welcome the operationalization of a loss and damage fund at COP28 in Dubai (2023) and urge new, additional, predictable, and adequate contributions to the fund. (Type: Financed)

Commitment 7

Welcome the holding of the 16th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16) in Cali, Colombia in 2024.

Details:

- Welcome the holding of the 16th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16) in Cali, Colombia in 2024. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 8

Welcome the High Level Event on Ocean Action "Immerse in Change" in San José, Costa Rica on June 7 and 8, 2024.

Details:

- Welcome the High Level Event on Ocean Action "Immerse in Change" in San José, Costa Rica on June 7 and 8, 2024. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 9

Welcome the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 30) in Belem, Brazil between November 10 and 21, 2025.

Details:

- Welcome the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 30) in Belem, Brazil between November 10 and 21, 2025. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 10

Commit to promote and advance nuclear disarmament as a priority objective, aiming for total prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons in a transparent, verifiable, irreversible manner and within a clearly defined timeframe.

Details:

- Commit to promote and advance nuclear disarmament as a priority objective, aiming for total prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons in a transparent, verifiable, irreversible manner and within a clearly defined timeframe. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 11

Commit to deepen cooperation mechanisms in the fight against transnational organized crime, corruption, illicit drug-trafficking, illicit trafficking of firearms, trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, illegal mining, money laundering, and other related crimes.

Details:

- Commit to deepen cooperation mechanisms in the fight against transnational organized crime, corruption, illicit drug-trafficking, illicit trafficking of firearms, trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, illegal mining, money laundering, and other related crimes. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 12

Support the formation of a regional policy working group focused on gender equality and women's empowerment in the region.

Details:

- Support the formation of a regional policy working group focused on gender equality and women's empowerment in the region. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 13

Commit to implement policies and programs aimed at promoting awareness on balanced diet, physical activity, prevention of risk factors, equitable access to quality health services, early detection and treatment of diseases, and addressing social determinants of health.

Details:

- Commit to implement policies and programs aimed at promoting awareness on balanced diet, physical activity, prevention of risk factors, equitable access to quality health services, early detection and treatment of diseases, and addressing social determinants of health. (Type: Implemented)

Commitment 14

Commit to scale up efforts to provide access to sufficient, continuous, safe, clean, accessible drinking water and sanitation for all, without discrimination, respecting national legislation and sovereignty.

Details:

- Commit to scale up efforts to provide access to sufficient, continuous, safe, clean, accessible drinking water and sanitation for all, without discrimination, respecting national legislation and sovereignty. (Type: Implemented)

Commitment 15

Commit to strengthen and enhance the role of CELAC as a mechanism for political integration and dialogue with extra-regional partners.

Details:

- Commit to strengthen and enhance the role of CELAC as a mechanism for political integration and dialogue with extra-regional partners. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 16

Commit to consolidate collaboration with the European Union in equal conditions and mutual respect, including the implementation of the Global Gateway Initiative.

Details:

- Commit to consolidate collaboration with the European Union in equal conditions and mutual respect, including the implementation of the Global Gateway Initiative. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 17

Reaffirm commitment to the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs, recognizing current setbacks and the need for urgent action.

Details:

- Reaffirm commitment to the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs, recognizing current setbacks and the need for urgent action. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 18

Commit to reactivate the meetings of CELAC Energy Ministers and promote regional infrastructure projects for energy integration and electricity interconnection respecting national policies and capacities.

Details:

- Commit to reactivate the meetings of CELAC Energy Ministers and promote regional infrastructure projects for energy integration and electricity interconnection respecting national policies and capacities. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 19

Commit to promote an open, non-discriminatory, transparent, equitable, and rules-based multilateral trading system under the WTO and to continue WTO negotiations aiming for concrete results.

Details:

- Commit to promote an open, non-discriminatory, transparent, equitable, and rules-based multilateral trading system under the WTO and to continue WTO negotiations aiming for concrete results. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 20

Commit to reactivate the working group on family farming and rural development of CELAC and hold a high-level meeting on family farming.

Details:

- Commit to reactivate the working group on family farming and rural development of CELAC and hold a high-level meeting on family farming. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 21

Commit to continue supporting the Afro-descendant Working Group of CELAC and implement its Declaration dated November 29, 2022.

Details:

- Commit to continue supporting the Afro-descendant Working Group of CELAC and implement its Declaration dated November 29, 2022. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 22

Commit to continue working within International Law to ensure Latin America and the Caribbean is a territory free of colonialism and colonies.

Details:

- Commit to continue working within International Law to ensure Latin America and the Caribbean is a territory free of colonialism and colonies. (Type: Programmatic)

Commitment 23

Commit to implement the Youth Council of Latin America and the Caribbean, selecting representatives of each country and developing its axes, considering youth issues in public policy design.

Details:

- Commit to implement the Youth Council of Latin America and the Caribbean, selecting representatives of each country and developing its axes. (Type: Implemented)
- Commit to implement the Youth Council of Latin America and the Caribbean, selecting representatives of each country and developing its axes, considering youth issues in public policy design. (Type: Implemented)

Commitment 24

Commit to strengthen cooperation and technical assistance in legislative and judicial matters, exchange of experiences, investigation techniques, recovery and repatriation of assets, and protection and reparation to victims in the fight against transnational organized crime.

Details:

- Commit to strengthen cooperation and technical assistance in legislative and judicial matters, exchange of experiences, investigation techniques, recovery and repatriation of assets, and protection and reparation to victims in the fight against transnational organized crime. (Type: Programmatic)

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

KPI: Digital Infrastructure Investment

Description:	Mobilize €300 billion in public and private investment by 2027 for digital infrastructure
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	300.0
Target Description:	Mobilize public and private investment for digital infrastructure
Unit:	billion EUR
Timeframe:	by 2027
Measurement Method:	Tracking investment amounts mobilized
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states and partners
Sector:	Digital Infrastructure

Practical Applications

Application 1:

Strengthening collaboration with regional and international organizations such as ECLAC, FAO, SELA, OEI, CAF, CDB, and IDB to promote economic growth and development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Application 2:

Hosting the 40th session of ECLAC in Peru in October 2024 to propose concrete actions for inclusive and sustainable development.

Application 3:

Promoting the CELAC Plan for Food Security and Nutrition and the Eradication of Hunger through a working group, in coordination with FAO and ECLAC.

Application 4:

Reactivating the CELAC working group on family farming and rural development and planning a high-level meeting on family farming.

Application 5:

Supporting the celebration of the International Year of Camelids 2024 to highlight their contribution to food security.

Application 6:

Promoting sustainable tourism as a tool for poverty eradication and environmental protection.

Application 7:

Considering the establishment of a CELAC Working Group to evaluate regional air connectivity data.

Application 8:

Advancing bio-oceanic corridor projects (railway and road) linking multiple countries to enhance regional integration, trade, investment, and tourism.

Application 9:

Promoting the development, modernization, and efficiency of the Paraguay-Parana Waterway for regional integration and market access.

Application 10:

Coordinating and promoting peaceful nuclear applications in health, food security, agriculture, radiological technology, nuclear education, environmental applications, and energy, including regional and international symposiums.

Application 11:

Sustaining the CELAC Health Self Sufficiency Plan to strengthen local and regional production and distribution of vaccines, medicines, and critical supplies, and exploring the establishment of a Regional Regulatory Agency for health regulation.

Application 12:

Participating actively in amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and the WHO Agreement on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response.

Application 13:

Implementing national policies to promote balanced diets, physical activity, disease prevention, and equitable access to quality health services.

Application 14:

Building national educational data and indicators to support public policies, especially in literacy, digitalization, and training for education professionals.

Application 15:

Evaluating a framework for mutual recognition of diplomas and professional qualifications among CELAC member states to promote labor mobility.

Application 16:

Establishing the Latin American and Caribbean Centre for Development of Science, Technology and Innovation, headquartered in Caracas, Venezuela.

Application 17:

Reactivating CELAC Energy Ministers meetings to promote regional energy integration and infrastructure projects, including regional electricity interconnection respecting national sovereignty.

Application 18:

Promoting digital cooperation to bridge digital divides, foster digital inclusion, innovation, and meaningful connectivity.

Application 19:

Supporting the negotiation of an international regulatory framework on artificial intelligence within the UN.

Application 20:

Enhancing cooperation to combat the criminal misuse of information and communication technologies, including cyber-attacks and disinformation.

Application 21:

Strengthening regional capacities and cooperation for peaceful exploration and use of outer space, including through bilateral agreements and the Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency (ALCE).

Application 22:

Renewing EU-CELAC high-level political dialogue and cooperation, including the implementation of the Global Gateway Initiative for sustainable development financing.

Application 23:

Establishing a consultative coordination mechanism between extra-regional partners and CELAC for continuity and follow-up of high-level meetings and ministerial gatherings.

Application 24:

Holding the CELAC-China Forum in 2024 to mark its tenth anniversary as a cooperation and exchange platform.

Application 25:

Engaging with the African Union to strengthen economic, cultural, and social interaction, including establishing a technical working group for collaboration.

Application 26:

Supporting the Climate Adaptation and Comprehensive Natural Disasters Response Fund (FACRID) to implement projects for disaster prevention, response, and recovery.

Application 27:

Promoting coordination among regional and subregional organizations for disaster risk prevention, mitigation, and management.

Application 28:

Supporting the operationalization of the loss and damage fund at COP28 to assist vulnerable developing countries.

Application 29:

Supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Application 30:

Supporting the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a legally binding international instrument on plastic pollution.

Application 31:

Promoting the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, including ecosystem restoration and integrated water resource management.

Application 32:

Supporting the CARICOM Ten Point Plan on Reparatory Justice, including healthcare, education, psychological rehabilitation, and economic and cultural development.

Application 33:

Implementing the Youth Council of Latin America and the Caribbean by selecting country representatives and developing policy axes.

Application 34:

Supporting the activation and work of the CELAC Afro-descendant Working Group and the Permanent Forum on Peoples of African Descent.

Application 35:

Promoting the protection and respectful use of traditional and ancestral knowledge of Indigenous, Afro-descendant, and native peoples, including fair and equitable benefit sharing.

Application 36:

Strengthening cooperation mechanisms to combat transnational organized crime, corruption, illicit drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, illegal mining, environmental crimes, money laundering, and related crimes.

Application 37:

Enhancing cooperation and technical assistance in legislative and judicial matters, investigation techniques, asset recovery, and victim protection and reparation.

Application 38:

Supporting the peace process in Colombia and dialogues with armed actors including the ELN.

Application 39:

Supporting political dialogue and social peace efforts in Haiti, including implementation of UN Security Council resolution 2699 (2023) for security conditions and free elections.

Application 40:

Supporting gender equality and women's empowerment through the formation of a regional policy working group.

Application 41:

Advancing care policies based on equality, universality, and social and gender co-responsibility.

Application 42:

Promoting the full, meaningful, and equal participation of women in leadership and peace processes.

Application 43:

Taking measures to guarantee effective access to human rights for persons with disabilities and removing barriers to their exercise.

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