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Countries Involved

Bahamas (BHS)	Barbados (BRB)	Belize (BLZ)
Brazil (BRA)	Chile (CHL)	Colombia (COL)
Costa Rica (CRI)	Cuba (CUB)	Dominican Republic (DOM)
Ecuador (ECU)	El Salvador (SLV)	Guatemala (GTM)
Guyana (GUY)	Haiti (HTI)	Honduras (HND)
Jamaica (JAM)	Mexico (MEX)	Nicaragua (NIC)

Panama (PAN)	Paraguay (PRY)	Peru (PER)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VGT)	Suriname (SUR)	Trinidad and Tobago (TTO)
Uruguay (URY)	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of (VEN)	

Executive Summary

The VII Summit of Heads of State and Government of CELAC, held in Buenos Aires in January 2023, reaffirmed the commitment to regional integration, democracy, human rights, and sustainable development. Key focuses included post-pandemic economic recovery, food and energy security, health strategy enhancement, and addressing the world drug problem with a human rights approach. The summit emphasized environmental cooperation, climate action, disaster risk management, and digital transformation, highlighting the importance of science, technology, and innovation. It addressed social issues such as gender equality, youth participation, Afro-descendant rights, indigenous languages, migration, disability, education, and culture. The summit also stressed public integrity, anti-corruption efforts, and strengthened multilateral cooperation. Special attention was given to regional challenges in Haiti, Cuba, Venezuela, and sovereignty disputes like the Malvinas. The event celebrated Brazil's return to CELAC and welcomed Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as the new Pro Tempore Presidency, underscoring unity and collaborative progress in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Taxonomies

Themes

- **Digital Inclusion** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Digital Skills Development** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Infrastructure** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Platforms** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Policy** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **ICT Innovation** (Technology & Innovation)
- **Digital Governance** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Rights** (Data & Governance)
- **Digital Ethics** (Data & Governance)
- **Cyber Risk Management** (Data & Governance)
- **Social Cohesion** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Gender Equality in Tech** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Digital Education** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Connectivity** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Sustainable Digital Development** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Bi-regional Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Global Digital Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Multilateralism** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital & Technological Partnerships** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital Inclusion (Digital Transformation & Strategy)** (Digital Transformation & Strategy) - Relevance: 0.9

Justification: Digital inclusion is a central theme in the document's section on digital transformation, emphasizing universal access to connectivity, especially for vulnerable groups, and narrowing digital and gender gaps. It aligns with key commitments to ensure equitable access to digital infrastructure and services, which is crucial for social inclusion and sustainable development.

- **Digital Rights (Data & Governance) (Data & Governance) - Relevance: 0.8**

Justification: The document stresses the protection of human rights in the digital environment, including privacy and data protection, and calls for safe, secure digital experiences. This theme is strategically important as it underpins trust in digital technologies and supports democratic values, which are key objectives of the summit.

- **Digital & Technological Partnerships (Regional & International Cooperation) (Regional & International Cooperation) - Relevance: 0.75**

Justification: The document highlights cooperation with extra-regional partners and multilateral forums to advance digital and technological development. This theme is strategically important for leveraging international collaboration to enhance digital infrastructure, innovation, and governance, supporting the region's integration and sustainable development goals.

Actors

- **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (Political Actors)**

- **European Union (Political Actors)**

- **Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (Political Actors) - Relevance: 0.85**

Justification: ECLAC is frequently mentioned as a key technical and coordinating body supporting CELAC initiatives, especially in economic recovery, climate adaptation, disaster risk management, and regional cooperation. Its role as a regional development institution gives it significant influence on the implementation of CELAC's agenda.

- **Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) (Economic Actors)**

- **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (Political Actors)**

- **Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) (Political Actors)**

- **Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Political Actors)**

- **Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (Political Actors)**

- **Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (Political Actors)**

- **Central American Integration System (SICA) (Political Actors)**

- **Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Political Actors)**

- **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) (Political Actors)**

- **United Nations (Political Actors) - Relevance: 0.75**

Justification: The United Nations is referenced multiple times as the framework for international law, human rights, and multilateral cooperation. Several UN bodies and agreements (e.g., WHO, FAO, IAEA, UN General Assembly resolutions) are cited, underscoring the UN's importance in legitimizing CELAC's positions and supporting its initiatives.

- **United Nations Officials (Political Actors)**

- **Ibero-American General Secretariat (Political Actors)**

- **Organisation of Ibero-American States (Political Actors)**

- **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (Political Actors)**

- **EU-LAC Foundation (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **LAC Space Agencies (Research and Innovation Actors)**

- **Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (Economic Actors)**

- **Multilateral Development Banks (Economic Actors)**

- **Non-governmental Institutions (Civil Society Actors)**

- **Civil Society Organisations (Civil Society Actors)**

- **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (Political Actors) - Relevance: 1.0**

Justification: CELAC is the central actor in the document, as the entire declaration is issued by its Heads of State and Government. It is the main regional integration mechanism discussed, responsible for the political dialogue, cooperation, and initiatives across all topics covered, including economic

recovery, health, environment, and regional integration.

Beneficiary Groups

- **Afro-descendant Groups** (Indigenous Peoples & Ethnic Groups)
- **Indigenous Communities** (Indigenous Peoples & Ethnic Groups)
- **Migrants** (Migrants & Refugees)
- **Women in Tech** (Women & Girls)
- **Youth** (Students & Youth)

Additional Beneficiary Groups

- woman
- youth
- migrant
- indigenous people
- afro-descendant

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 14: Life Below Water
- SDG 15: Life on Land
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

EU Policy Alignments

- Digital Decade
- Global Gateway
- Horizon Europe
- NDICI-Global Europe

Commitments

Commitment 1

Commit to the success of the celebration of the International Year of Camelids in 2024 (point 9).

Details:

- Commit to the success of the celebration of the International Year of Camelids in 2024 (point 9). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 2

Coordinate, with the technical support of ECLAC, the holding of a meeting of Ministers of Economy and Finance in the first semester of 2023 to design a common agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean to respond to the current global economic crisis (point 12).

Details:

- Coordinate, with the technical support of ECLAC, the holding of a meeting of Ministers of Economy and Finance in the first semester of 2023 to design a common agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean to respond to the current global economic crisis (point 12). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 3

Update the Plan for Food Security, Nutrition and the Eradication of Hunger of CELAC 2025 (SAN-CELAC) with technical assistance from FAO, IICA, ECLAC, ALADI and other agencies (point 15).

Details:

- Update the Plan for Food Security, Nutrition and the Eradication of Hunger of CELAC 2025 (SAN-CELAC) with technical assistance from FAO, IICA, ECLAC, ALADI and other agencies (point 15). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 4

Continue implementing government actions to place persons at the core of health and resilience policies, including vulnerable groups (point 17).

Details:

- Continue implementing government actions to place persons at the core of health and resilience policies, including vulnerable groups (point 17). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 5

Continue implementing the CELAC Health Self-Sufficiency Plan to strengthen local and regional production and distribution of vaccines, medicines, and critical supplies (point 18).

Details:

- Continue implementing the CELAC Health Self-Sufficiency Plan to strengthen local and regional production and distribution of vaccines, medicines, and critical supplies (point 18). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 6

Strengthen mechanisms for joint international purchase of vaccines and essential medicines, creation of consortia for vaccine development and production, and regulatory convergence (point 19).

Details:

- Strengthen mechanisms for joint international purchase of vaccines and essential medicines, creation of consortia for vaccine development and production, and regulatory convergence (point 19). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 7

Support the negotiation of an international instrument on prevention, preparation and response to pandemics guaranteeing universal and equitable access to essential supplies (point 21).

Details:

- Support the negotiation of an international instrument on prevention, preparation and response to pandemics guaranteeing universal and equitable access to essential supplies (point 21). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 8

Mobilize at least US\$200 billion annually from public and private sources to finance biodiversity-related plans and strategies; increase total international financial flows from developed to developing countries to \$20 billion a year by 2025 and \$30 billion a year by 2030 (point 26).

Details:

- Mobilize at least US\$200 billion annually from public and private sources to finance biodiversity-related plans and strategies; increase total international financial flows from developed to developing countries to \$20 billion a year by 2025 and \$30 billion a year by 2030 (point 26). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 9

Developed countries to jointly mobilize 100 billion dollars per year from 2020 until 2025 for climate financing to support developing countries (point 27).

Details:

- Developed countries to jointly mobilize 100 billion dollars per year from 2020 until 2025 for climate financing to support developing countries (point 27). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 10

Brazil to host the 30th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-30) in 2025 in Belém do Pará (point 28).

Details:

- Brazil to host the 30th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-30) in 2025 in Belém do Pará (point 28). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 11

Advance in SDG 6 (water and sanitation) towards the Conference on the Comprehensive Midterm Review of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028" to be held in New York from March 22 to 24, 2023 (point 36).

Details:

- Advance in SDG 6 (water and sanitation) towards the Conference on the Comprehensive Midterm Review of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028" to be held in New York from March 22 to 24, 2023 (point 36). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 12

Prompt regulation of the CELAC Fund for Climate Adaptation and Comprehensive Response to Natural Disasters (FACRID) to implement projects for prevention, response, mitigation, and disaster recovery (point 38).

Details:

- Prompt regulation of the CELAC Fund for Climate Adaptation and Comprehensive Response to Natural Disasters (FACRID) to implement projects for prevention, response, mitigation, and disaster recovery (point 38). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 13

Hold the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from February 28 to March 2, 2023 (point 39).

Details:

- Hold the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from February 28 to March 2, 2023 (point 39). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 14

Establish five working groups on Ancestral Science, Aerospace Research, Regional Evaluators Network, Energy Transition, and Biotechnology, with competencies and expected results to be agreed by National Coordinators (point 43).

Details:

- Establish five working groups on Ancestral Science, Aerospace Research, Regional Evaluators Network, Energy Transition, and Biotechnology, with competencies and expected results to be agreed by National Coordinators (point 43). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 15

Advance the digital transformation of States to guarantee agile, efficient, modern, accessible and inclusive public services, promoting open government approaches and transparency (point 48).

Details:

- Advance the digital transformation of States to guarantee agile, efficient, modern, accessible and inclusive public services, promoting open government approaches and transparency (point 48). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 16

Hold the Regional Conference on the social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapons from February 23 to 24, 2023, in San José, Costa Rica (point 52).

Commitment 17

Continue working on the digital transformation to narrow digital and gender gaps and ensure universal access to connectivity, especially for vulnerable groups and remote areas (point 45).

Details:

- Continue working on the digital transformation to narrow digital and gender gaps and ensure universal access to connectivity, especially for vulnerable groups and remote areas (point 45). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 18

Reaffirm the commitment to the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, commemorating its 20th anniversary in 2023 (point 90).

Details:

- Reaffirm the commitment to the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, commemorating its 20th anniversary in 2023 (point 90). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 19

Hold the CELAC-China Forum Summit in 2024 on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the forum (point 99).

Details:

- Hold the CELAC-China Forum Summit in 2024 on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the forum (point 99). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 20

Hold the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean from February 28 to March 2, 2023 (point 39).

Details:

- Hold the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean from February 28 to March 2, 2023 (point 39). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 21

Hold the XXVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government on March 25, 2023, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (point 95).

Details:

- Hold the XXVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government on March 25, 2023, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (point 95). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 22

Hold the Specialized Expo 2027/28 of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (point 97).

Details:

- Hold the Specialized Expo 2027/28 of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (point 97). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 23

Continue advancing in the promotion of integration and insertion of migrants and national and regional migration policies for socioeconomic integration (point 67).

Details:

- Continue advancing in the promotion of integration and insertion of migrants and national and regional migration policies for socioeconomic integration (point 67). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 24

Continue working to counter multidimensional causes of migration through irregular channels and promote safe, orderly, and regular migration (point 68).

Details:

- Continue working to counter multidimensional causes of migration through irregular channels and promote safe, orderly, and regular migration (point 68). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 25

Reactivate the CELAC Meetings on Migration and the CELAC-EU Structured and Integral Dialogue on Migration (point 70).

Details:

- Reactivate the CELAC Meetings on Migration and the CELAC-EU Structured and Integral Dialogue on Migration (point 70). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 26

Continue developing public policies and international actions to support the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 (point 64).

Details:

- Continue developing public policies and international actions to support the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 (point 64). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 27

Continue working on the CELAC Health Self-Sufficiency Plan with objectives for strengthening local and regional production and distribution of vaccines, medicines, and critical supplies through technology transfer (point 18).

Details:

- Continue working on the CELAC Health Self-Sufficiency Plan with objectives for strengthening local and regional production and distribution of vaccines, medicines, and critical supplies through technology transfer (point 18). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 28

Hold the III Summit of Heads of State and Government during 2023 (point 100).

Details:

- Hold the III Summit of Heads of State and Government during 2023 (point 100). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 29

Celebrate the "Film Week For Young Filmmakers Of CELAC" and other cultural events (point 78).

Details:

- Celebrate the "Film Week For Young Filmmakers Of CELAC" and other cultural events (point 78). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 30

Continue the cooperation program regarding the teaching of the Spanish language for diplomatic officials of CARICOM (point 81).

Details:

- Continue the cooperation program regarding the teaching of the Spanish language for diplomatic officials of CARICOM (point 81). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 31

Continue the implementation of the Spanish Course for Beginners for English-speaking public officials and agents from Caribbean countries (point 82).

Details:

- Continue the implementation of the Spanish Course for Beginners for English-speaking public officials and agents from Caribbean countries (point 82). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 32

Continue working on the establishment of the Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency (ALCE) (point 84).

Details:

- Continue working on the establishment of the Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency (ALCE) (point 84). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 33

Implement the “Joint Action Plan for Cooperation on peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology for sustainable development (2022-2023)” (point 85).

Details:

- Implement the “Joint Action Plan for Cooperation on peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology for sustainable development (2022-2023)” (point 85). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 34

Hold the CELAC-CAF International Seminar "Latin America and the Caribbean: Unity in Diversity" (point 94).

Details:

- Hold the CELAC-CAF International Seminar "Latin America and the Caribbean: Unity in Diversity" (point 94). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 35

Support the candidacy of Brazil to host COP-30 in 2025 (point 28).

Details:

- Support the candidacy of Brazil to host COP-30 in 2025 (point 28). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 36

Hold the Regional Conference on the social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapons from February 23 to 24, 2023 (point 52).

Details:

- Hold the Regional Conference on the social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapons from February 23 to 24, 2023, in San José, Costa Rica (point 52). (Type: Unclassified)
- Hold the Regional Conference on the social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapons from February 23 to 24, 2023 (point 52). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 37

Hold the XXVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government on March 25, 2023 (point 95).

Details:

- Hold the XXVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government on March 25, 2023 (point 95). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 38

Hold the CELAC-China Forum Summit in 2024 (point 99).

Details:

- Hold the CELAC-China Forum Summit in 2024 (point 99). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 39

Hold the III Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of CELAC with the European Union in 2022-2023 (point 100).

Details:

- Hold the III Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of CELAC with the European Union in 2022-2023 (point 100). (Type: Unclassified)

Commitment 40

Hold the Specialized Expo 2027/28 in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (point 97).

Details:

- Hold the Specialized Expo 2027/28 in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (point 97). (Type: Unclassified)

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

KPI: Biodiversity Financing

Description:	Welcome the adoption of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which envisions mobilizing at least US\$200 billion annually from public and private sources to finance the execution of biodiversity-related plans and strategies; and increase total international financial flows from developed to developing countries to \$20 billion a year by 2025 and \$30 billion a year by 2030
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	200.0
Target Description:	Mobilize at least 200 billion USD annually from public and private sources for biodiversity plans and strategies
Unit:	billion USD per year
Timeframe:	ongoing
Measurement Method:	Annual financial reporting on biodiversity-related funding
Responsible Entity:	Public and private sources, developed countries
Sector:	Environment / Biodiversity

KPI: Climate Financing Mobilization

Description:	Reaffirm the urgency that developed countries fulfill their commitment to jointly mobilize 100 billion dollars per year from 2020 and until 2025 for climate financing, in order to support developing countries, especially Small Island Developing States, the landlocked countries and the countries of the Central American Isthmus
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	100.0
Target Description:	Mobilize 100 billion USD per year to support developing countries for climate financing
Unit:	billion USD per year
Timeframe:	2020 to 2025
Measurement Method:	Tracking annual financial flows from developed to developing countries
Responsible Entity:	Developed countries, CELAC member states
Sector:	Environment / Climate Finance

KPI: Health Capacity Coordination Improvement

Description:	Emphasize the importance of improving the coordination of the national capacities and straightening them to better face current and future challenges in health matters, promoting a solidarity and cooperation approach
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Improve coordination of national health capacities with solidarity and cooperation
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Timeframe:	ongoing
Measurement Method:	Assessment of coordination mechanisms and cooperation initiatives
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states
Sector:	Health

KPI: International Financial Flows for Biodiversity

Description:	increase total international financial flows from developed to developing countries to \$20 billion a year by 2025 and \$30 billion a year by 2030
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	20.0
Target Description:	Increase financial flows to 20 billion USD per year by 2025
Unit:	billion USD per year
Timeframe:	by 2025
Measurement Method:	Annual financial flow tracking
Responsible Entity:	Developed countries
Sector:	Environment / Biodiversity

KPI: Labor Working Group Relaunch

Description:	Welcome the relaunch of the CELAC Working Group on Labor as a mechanism for consultation and convergence based on institutionalized tripartite social dialogue characterized by its permanent and open nature
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Establish a permanent and open tripartite social dialogue mechanism
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Timeframe:	ongoing
Measurement Method:	Functioning and regular meetings of the Working Group
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states
Sector:	Labor / Social Dialogue

KPI: Ministerial Meeting Coordination

Description:	Agree to coordinate, with the technical support of ECLAC, the holding of a meeting of Ministers of Economy and Finance in the first semester of 2023, on a date to be defined, in order to design a common agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean that can respond to the current global economic crisis
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Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Hold a meeting of Ministers of Economy and Finance to design a common economic agenda
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Timeframe:	first semester of 2023
Measurement Method:	Successful convening and agenda design at the meeting
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states, ECLAC
Sector:	Economic Policy / Regional Integration

KPI: SDG 6 Implementation and Review

Description:	Reaffirm the commitment of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs, within the framework of resolution 64/292 of the United Nations General Assembly, which recognizes the human right to water and sanitation, and we highlight regional efforts to advance in SDG 6 towards the Conference on the Comprehensive Midterm Review of the Achievement of the Goals of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028" to be held in New York from 22 to March 24, 2023
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Advance implementation of SDG 6 (water and sanitation) and participate in the 2023 Midterm Review Conference
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Timeframe:	by March 24, 2023
Measurement Method:	Participation in conference and progress reports on SDG 6
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states
Sector:	Sustainable Development / Water and Sanitation

KPI: Scientific Capacity Building and Collaboration

Description:	Highlight the importance of developing synergies between national and sub-regional programs aimed at the training of high-level scientists, including the mobility of researchers and the exchange of information on best practices and experiences
Type:	qualitative

Target Description:	Develop synergies for training scientists, researcher mobility, and best practice exchange
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Timeframe:	ongoing
Measurement Method:	Number and quality of collaborative programs and exchanges
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states
Sector:	Science, Technology and Innovation

KPI: Universal Digital Connectivity and Skills Development

Description:	Highlight the relevance of guaranteeing universal access to connectivity in the digital era without discrimination, especially to groups in vulnerable situation and in remote and rural areas, ensuring the investments in necessary infrastructure and promoting the development of digital skills and competences, in order to narrow digital gaps, including gender gaps, as well as to achieve the SDGs
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Guarantee universal, non-discriminatory digital connectivity and promote digital skills to narrow gaps
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Timeframe:	ongoing
Measurement Method:	Monitoring connectivity coverage and digital skills programs
Responsible Entity:	CELAC member states
Sector:	Digital Transformation / ICT

Practical Applications

Application 1:

Coordination, with technical support from ECLAC, to hold a meeting of Ministers of Economy and Finance in the first semester of 2023 to design a common agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean responding to the global economic crisis.

Application 2:

Updating the Plan for Food Security, Nutrition and the Eradication of Hunger of CELAC 2025 (SAN-CELAC) with technical assistance from FAO, IICA, ECLAC, ALADI, and other cooperation

agencies.

Application 3:

Relaunch of the CELAC Working Group on Labor as a permanent mechanism for tripartite social dialogue.

Application 4:

Continuation and strengthening of the CELAC Health Self-Sufficiency Plan to boost local and regional production and distribution of vaccines, medicines, and critical supplies through technology transfer and innovation support.

Application 5:

Strengthening joint international purchase mechanisms for vaccines and essential medicines, including public procurement and creation of consortia for vaccine development and production.

Application 6:

Support for WHO and PAHO in drafting amendments to International Health Regulations and negotiating international instruments on pandemic prevention and response.

Application 7:

Implementation of the CELAC Fund for Climate Adaptation and Comprehensive Response to Natural Disasters (FACRID) to finance projects for disaster prevention, response, mitigation, and recovery.

Application 8:

Holding the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in early 2023 to strengthen cooperation and share best practices.

Application 9:

Establishment of five CELAC working groups on Science, Technology and Innovation in the areas of Ancestral Science, Aerospace Research, Regional Evaluators Network, Energy Transition, and Biotechnology (Agriculture and Health).

Application 10:

Implementation of the cooperation program for teaching Spanish to diplomatic officials of CARICOM by the Institute of the Foreign Service of the Nation (ISEN) of Argentina, with recommendation for its continuation.

Application 11:

Organization of the “Update and Training Program for young diplomats on the CELAC-EU strategic association” jointly by the EU-LAC Foundation and ISEN.

Application 12:

Adoption of the “Joint Action Plan for Cooperation on peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology for sustainable development (2022-2023)” between CELAC Member States and the IAEA.

Application 13:

Strengthening the Specialized Working Group on Prevention and Fight against Corruption, including implementation of corruption alerts, whistleblower protection, training, and regional cooperation.

Application 14:

Promotion of joint interventions and strategic alliances with international, regional, and sub-regional organizations such as ECLAC, CAF, FAO, SELA, ACS, OECS, CARICOM, SICA, IICA, and CDEMA.

Application 15:

Reactivation of CELAC Meetings on Migration and the CELAC-EU Structured and Integral Dialogue on Migration.

Application 16:

Support for the “Council of Youth of Latin America and the Caribbean” to foster youth participation in public policy design.

Application 17:

Promotion of the Ibero-American Institute of Indigenous Languages to conserve and promote indigenous languages.

Application 18:

Support for the International Year of Camelids in 2024 as per UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/210.

Application 19:

Support for Brazil’s candidacy to host COP-30 in 2025 in Belém do Pará.

Application 20:

Holding the Regional Conference on the social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapons in February 2023 in San José, Costa Rica.

Application 21:

Promotion of the Bi-Oceanic Integration Rail Corridor Project and Bi-Oceanic Road Corridor to enhance regional physical integration and trade.

Application 22:

Promotion of the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway and sub-regional integration mechanisms for fluvial navigation to facilitate regional trade.

Application 23:

Promotion of regional energy integration infrastructure projects and evaluation of regional electrical interconnection projects respecting national sovereignty and sustainable development.

Application 24:

Celebration and promotion of virtual cultural events and use of technology to strengthen cultural access and preservation.

Application 25:

Cooperation program on Spanish language teaching for Caribbean diplomatic officials in collaboration with the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI).

Application 26:

Support for the development of digital skills and infrastructure to guarantee universal connectivity and narrow digital and gender gaps.

Application 27:

Promotion of open government approaches and transparency in digital transformation of public services.

Application 28:

Cooperation and coordination between States to combat cybercrime, disinformation, and illegal content on the Internet.

Application 29:

Promotion of regional cooperation in disaster risk management with emphasis on Small Island States, landlocked countries, and Central American Isthmus countries.

Application 30:

Support for Haiti through regional and extra-regional consensus and cooperation to address security and humanitarian crises, including participation in a specialized multinational force to combat organized crime and illicit arms trafficking.

Source Files

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