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# **17<sup>th</sup> Steering Group Meeting OECD LAC Regional Programme**

**Friday 6 October 2023**

9:00 – 12:00 (San Jose, Costa Rica)

17:00-20:00 (Paris)

**National Convention Center, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Talamanca Room**





**6 October 2023**

09:00 – 11:45 (Costa Rica)

17:00 – 19:45 (Paris)

## OECD LAC Regional Programme 17<sup>th</sup> Steering Group Meeting

### CONTEXT

Created in 2016, in response to a greater demand for engagement of LAC countries with the OECD, the **Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Programme (LACRP)** aims to support the region advance its reform agenda along four key priorities: increasing **Productivity**, advancing **Social Inclusion**, strengthening **Institutions and Governance**, while ensuring **Environmental Sustainability**. It provides policy makers with a space for evidence-based policy dialogue, peer learning and coordinated policy action, helping LAC countries reach OECD standards and best practices.

The **Steering Group** provides the 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).

The [17<sup>th</sup> Steering Group Meeting](#) will take place on **6 October 2023** in San Jose, Costa Rica back to back to the [LACRP Ministerial Summit on Environmental Sustainability](#) at the National Convention Centre in San José, Costa Rica (same venue as the Ministerial Summit).

All the **documents** may be accessed on the [LACRP One Community](#)

### OBJECTIVES

- **Hold a special session on cooperation with Central America and the Caribbean (9-10:15h)** – Following the launch of the Central America Initiative in 2017, and growing engagement of Caribbean countries, this session aims at enhancing co-operation with these two sub-regions and identifying specific priorities of work during the 2022-2025 cycle, in cooperation with regional partners.
- **Adopt the mandates from the [2023 Ministerial on Environmental Sustainability](#) (10:30-11h45)** – Discussion of concrete avenues for implementation of the Action Plan Towards Climate Resilience and Neutrality.

### REGISTRATION

All Steering Group member delegations attending the Ministerial can participate in the Steering Group Meeting. Delegations should fill the Ministerial registration form:

#### IN SITU REGISTRATION

Delegations in Paris and in capitals can follow the discussions by registering in the following link.

#### VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

Please do not hesitate to contact [LACRegionalProgramme@oecd.org](mailto:LACRegionalProgramme@oecd.org) should you have any questions.

### LOGISTICS NOTE

For more information on *in-situ* and virtual participation, please see the [logistics note](#).



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## OECD LAC Regional Programme 17<sup>th</sup> Steering Group Meeting

Talamanca Room

Costa Rica Convention Centre, San José

Registration and welcoming coffee

9:00 – 9:15 (San Jose)  
17:00 – 17:15 (Paris)

### Opening remarks

- Cynthia Filártiga Lacroix, Ambassador of Paraguay to France
- Luis Fernando Medina, Ambassador of Colombia to the OECD
- Andreas Schaal, Director for OECD Global Relations and Co-operation, OECD Sherpa to the G7, the G20 and APEC
- Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir, Director, OECD Development Centre

9:15 – 10:15 (San Jose)  
17:15 – 18:15 (Paris)

### Special Session on Cooperation with Central America & the Caribbean

**Chair:** *Luis Fernando Medina, Ambassador of Colombia to the OECD*

#### Towards a more strategic and targeted cooperation with Central America and the Caribbean

- Manuel Tovar, Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica
- Francisco Lima-Mena, Secretary General of SIECA
- Pauline Antoine Prospere, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Saint Lucia
- Rodolfo Sabonge, Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States

#### Discussion

*What are the key priorities for Central America and the Caribbean?*

*How can the LACRP leverage OECD expertise and partners support to address them?*

**Discussion**

#### Background documents:

[Room document 1: Towards a more structured cooperation with Central America and the Caribbean](#) [ES]

10:15- 10:30 (San Jose)  
18:15 – 18:30 (Paris)

### Coffee break

10:30 – 11:15 (San Jose)  
18:30 – 19:15 (Paris)

### 2023 Ministerial on Environmental Sustainability: follow-up and main outcomes

**Chair:** *Cynthia Filártiga Lacroix, Ambassador of Paraguay to France*

#### Conclusions emanating from the 2023 LACRP Ministerial on Environmental Sustainability

- Franz Tattenbach, Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica

#### Implementation of OECD-LAC Action Plan Towards Climate Resilience and Neutrality

- Mathilde Mesnard, OECD Environment Deputy Director

#### Guiding questions

*How can the LACRP leverage the Action Plan to facilitate the achievement of political commitments on climate action, inclusive sustainable and resilient growth?*

*Where does the region stand with respect to the proposed Action Plan? How can the LACRP monitor and support its implementation? How can partner IOs engage and support this process?*

**Discussion**

#### Background documents:

[Room document 2: Follow Up on the First LACRP Ministerial Summit on Environmental Sustainability and LAC Action Plan Towards Climate Resilience and Neutrality](#) [ES]

[LAC Action Plan Towards Climate Resilience and Neutrality](#) [ES]

(forthcoming) Publication:  
Key Priorities Towards



Climate Resilience and  
Neutrality [ES]

11:15 – 11:30 (San Jose)  
19:15 – 19:30 (Paris)

## 2024 Ministerial on Social Inclusion

### Background documents:

[Concept Note](#)

[Call for Papers](#)

### Update by Colombia on the 2024 Ministerial on Social Inclusion

- Luis Fernando Medina, Ambassador of Colombia to the OECD

### *Discussion*

11:30 – 11:45 (San Jose)  
19:30 – 19:45 (Paris)

## Closing remarks

- Luis Fernando Medina, Ambassador of Colombia to the OECD

12h-14h (San Jose)

## Buffet Lunch\*\*

\*\* Please fill out this [form](#) if you have any dietary restrictions.