



Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
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The Seventh Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development was held in Santiago, Chile, from 15 to 18 April 2024. It was open to all Latin American and Caribbean countries and sponsored by ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean).

Thousands of people, including representatives from the 33 countries of the region, UN agencies and regional and multilateral organizations, as well as representatives from the civil society, the private sector and the academia, participated in the four-day Forum, the main objective of which was to strengthen their commitment to the 2030 Agenda and promote new policies and actions to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and reach 2030 in better conditions to continue working towards a more productive, inclusive and sustainable future for the region.

José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, opened the Forum and stated that ECLAC believes that progress is slow and uneven, that 22% of the targets have been achieved or will be achieved by 2030, while 46% of the targets are moving in a favorable direction but not at the necessary speed as expected, and the remaining 32% will not be met.

Gráfico II.3
América Latina y el Caribe: metas de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS) según la posibilidad de cumplimiento a 2030

Objetivo	Meta																			
ODS 1				1.1	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.a	1.b										
ODS 2				2.1	2.4	2.a	2.2	2.5	2.c	2.b	2.3									
ODS 3		3.4	3.8	3.b	3.d	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.c							
ODS 4				4.1	4.b	4.2	4.6	4.a	4.c	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.7							
ODS 5						5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.b	5.c	5.1	5.6	5.a						
ODS 6			6.4	6.6	6.b	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.a										
ODS 7					7.a	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.b											
ODS 8			8.4	8.5	8.a	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.10	8.8	8.9	8.b						
ODS 9				9.1	9.2	9.5	9.a	9.4	9.b	9.c	9.3									
ODS 10			10.5	10.7	10.b	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.a	10.c	10.1	10.3								
ODS 11						11.1	11.5	11.6	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.7	11.a	11.b	11.c					
ODS 12		12.2	12.3	12.4	12.b	12.c	12.5	12.1	12.6	12.a	12.7	12.8								
ODS 13				13.2	13.3	13.1	13.a	13.b												
ODS 14				14.1	14.a	14.2	14.7	14.b	14.5	14.6	14.3	14.4	14.c							
ODS 15				15.3	15.5	15.1	15.4	15.8	15.2	15.6	15.a	15.b	15.7	15.9	15.c					
ODS 16			16.3	16.6	16.10	16.1	16.2	16.5	16.8	16.a	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.b						
ODS 17		17.1	17.10	17.11	17.13	17.17	17.4	17.7	17.12	17.8	17.3	17.6	17.8	17.9	17.19	17.2	17.5	17.14	17.15	17.16

- La tendencia se aleja de la meta
- La tendencia es la correcta, pero el avance es demasiado lento para alcanzar la meta
- La meta se alcanzó o es probable que se alcance con la tendencia actual
- Sin datos suficientes

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Throughout the four days, participants shared multiple and different voices, positions, experiences, practices, perspectives and visions on the work being carried out by the different countries to strengthen actions regarding the SDGs.

During the Forum, five roundtables were held to analyze SDGs 1 (No Poverty), 2 (Zero Hunger), 13 (Climate Action), 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and 17 (Partnerships to Achieve the Goals).

Within the framework of the Forum, the new document prepared by the ECLAC on the progress and challenges for the achievement of the SDGs was submitted.

[See Seventh Report on the Progress and Regional Challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) The report highlights challenges such as: regional complexity, impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, specific structural challenges of the region: (slow economic growth, complex geopolitical situation, prevalence of precarious employment),

lack of progress in some SDGs (setbacks in important targets, such as promoting the rule of law, access to justice, creating effective and transparent institutions, and ensuring public access to information), and need for innovative and long-term policies.

Based on this analysis, the Report proposes new initiatives to accelerate compliance, together with the need to address six key transitions, set out by the UN Sustainable Development Group, which will have catalytic and multiplier effects across the SDGs and a decisive impact on achieving them. These transitions are the following: i) food systems, ii) energy access and affordability, iii) digital connectivity, iv) education, v) jobs and social protection, and vi) climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

The Forum and the Report also highlighted the need to promote a model based on shared knowledge management, aimed at obtaining effective and efficient results, especially through the creation of partnerships with the local governments, the academic sector and, in particular, with the civil society, which will place the region on the right path to achieve SDG targets 17.16 and 17.17 of the 2030 Agenda's SDGs.

Regarding the Voluntary National Reviews (VNR), which are essential for monitoring progress towards the achievement of the SDGs, it is expected that out of the 38 countries that will submit them in 2024, 8 will be from the Latin America and the Caribbean region: Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Peru, Colombia and Mexico.

As part of the Forum, interactive sessions were held regarding the Summit of the Future, highlighting the importance of establishing an ambitious and visionary Pact of the Future to strengthen international cooperation in five key areas:



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- Sustainable development and financing for development.
- International peace and security
- Science, technology, innovation and digital cooperation.
- Youth and future generations.
- Transforming global governance.

The Summit was an important opportunity to make urgent and necessary changes to address the existing crises and drive development towards a sustainable future.

The Latin American and Caribbean countries actively participated in the consultations for the Summit's outcome document, focusing on topics such as gender inclusion, human rights, and the reform of the international financial architecture. The importance of strengthening the institutional and governance capacities to advance towards the SDGs was emphasized. The Summit of the Future is an opportunity to reaffirm commitments to key international agreements, such as the 2030 Agenda, and to address urgent challenges through comprehensive and cross-sectoral public policies.

On Thursday 18 April, IFLA, in partnership with the Hernán Santa Cruz Library of the ECLAC, organized the Panel: “**Knowledge Management to Achieve the SDGs: Intersections among Open Academia, Open Science, Open Education and Open Government**” at the Hernán Santa Cruz Library to share experiences on the connections among open academia, open science, open education and open government, and how libraries —as key players in knowledge management and citizen access to information— can be empowered by these four ecosystems. The session was attended by a physical audience and more than 200 persons who participated in the event through the Zoom platform.

[See Panel on YouTube](#)

The following persons attended the panel moderated by Wouter Schallier (Chief, Library and Web Services, ECLAC):

Vicki McDonald – IFLA President (via pre-recorded video).

Cristian Plischoff (Chile) - Director of Public Administration, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) / Member of RAGA (***Open Academia: Collaboration with Other Players for the Achievement of the SDGs***).

Claudia Medeiros (Brazil) Professor and Researcher - UNICAMP / World Academy of Sciences / Brazilian Academy of Sciences / Research Data Alliance (RDA) / World Data Systems (WDS). (***Interactions with Other Open Ecosystems: an Open Science Perspective***).



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Javiera Atenas (Chile-UK) / Senior Lecturer in Learning and Teaching Enhancement in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Suffolk and member of the UNESCO Dynamic Coalition on Open Education. (***Open Education: Progress, Challenges and Collaboration with Open Ecosystems***).

Alvaro Ramírez-Alujas (Chile) – Founder, principal investigator and coordinator of the Public Administration area of the Research Group on Government, Administration and Public Policies (GIGAPP, by its Spanish acronym). (***Open Government: Possible Collaborations***.)

Valeria Torres, Officer in charge of the Public Management and Open Government Area-ILPES, ECLAC, delivered the conclusions and closing remarks.

[See programme and agenda of the event](#)

In addition, the Chair of the IFLA LAC Division, Jeanette Lebron, stressed the importance of libraries participating in these conversations to meet the information needs of library users. She also pointed out that libraries are players in the development of electronic resources and educational resources to disseminate and exchange information, discuss, educate and teach users and librarians.



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The session addressed different topics related to the culture of transparency and participation in the academia, the importance of open data in scientific research, and the fundamental role of open government in collaborating to face local and global challenges.

The IFLA President made the welcoming remarks and stressed the importance of the session and the motto of her mandate: “Stronger Together”, related to the initiative raised in the Panel to generate collaborations and connections between all sections to achieve sustainable development. Vicki McDonald highlighted that “one thing that unites them is libraries, as advocates, sources of data, infrastructure, spaces and providers of training and support; from technical tools to cultural change in many committees, we see so much work being done to make progress in each of these areas.” She also expressed that the Pact of the Future offers a great opportunity to reaffirm the importance of meaningful and inclusive access to information for development.

The Panel provided a virtual and physical space for sharing ideas and experiences on knowledge management in the context of the 2030 Agenda’s SDGs, with the aim of promoting concrete actions towards a more sustainable future.

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