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1. On 3-4 June 2025, the OECD Council at Ministerial Level approved the OECD Strategic Framework for Latin America and the Caribbean [[C/MIN\(2025\)6](#), the “Strategic Framework”], which foresees that “*The OECD will develop an Implementation Plan in full consultation and co-operation with partners in the region through existing mechanisms by the 2026 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting*”.
2. This Implementation Plan was developed through a comprehensive consultation process involving OECD Members, LAC countries, OECD Directorates and the Development Centre, and partner International Organisations (IOs).

Implementation Plan

3. The actions proposed in this Implementation Plan are aligned with the objectives and principles outlined in the Strategic Framework. To **increase the value and impact of OECD activities in the region**, the deliverables focus on a whole-of-OECD approach, leveraging relevant contributions by OECD bodies and the Development Centre. The Implementation Plan aims to:

- **Reinforce the interaction and complementarity between the Organisation’s global relations tools**, notably the OECD Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Programme, which in the context of its 10th anniversary, provides a new vision for greater impact during its second decade, the Key Partnership with Brazil; the ongoing accession processes with Argentina, Brazil and Peru; the Country Programme with Paraguay and other potential avenues of structured co-operation.
- **Enhance collaboration with Members, regional organisations, private sector, civil society, and academia.**
- Enhance the activities in the region and promote cross-regional policy dialogues, analyses and mutual learning.
- **Enhance OECD presence in the region**, notably through an active role of the repurposed OECD Centre for Latin American and the Caribbean in Mexico, under the purview of the Global Relations and Co-operation Directorate, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.
- **Increase regional coverage of key indicators** to improve OECD understanding of the region
- **Enhance the pertinence of OECD recommendations and facilitate effective adoption** through capacity building initiatives and greater use of Spanish and Portuguese.

Outputs of the Implementation Plan

4. **Effective reform support at country level:** On a case-by-case basis, upon request, the OECD will leverage its Global Relations tools, starting with the LAC Regional Programme (LACRP), to offer **(1) avenues for structured co-operation** (i.e. MOUs, Action Plans, Country Programmes) with LAC countries interested in aligning with and potentially adhering to OECD standards and increasing participation in OECD bodies. The Secretariat will carry out **(2) technical seminars, capacity-building workshops and policy support**, facilitating engagement, providing information and examples of alignment by the region with key OECD legal instruments contributing to enhancing institutional capacity for country driven reform and implementation of OECD standards.
5. **New vision and greater impact of the LACRP:** **(3) The LACRP Ministerial meetings will focus more on the impact of reforms.** Attention will be placed not only on structural challenges, reflected in its four pillars (increasing productivity, enhancing social inclusion, strengthening institutions and

governance and ensuring environmental policies¹), but also on the interaction between them, and on **cross-cutting themes, linked to emerging challenges and new opportunities** such as regional integration and connectivity, critical minerals, the ocean economy and artificial intelligence and development from a multidimensional perspective. The Co-chairs of the LACRP and Secretariat will enhance the visibility and continue delivering tangible outcomes of LACRP Ministerial meetings, notably through the **(4) monitoring and implementation of the LACRP Action Plans² and the development of new Action Plans³**. Efforts will be made to **(5) reinforce the existing regional policy networks⁴** and enhance their synergies with the Regional Programme, its Ministerial meetings and Action Plans.

6. ***Better use of OECD data for evidence-based policymaking:*** To strengthen the OECD's role as a trusted partner in the design of better and more innovative tailored policy recommendations, the Secretariat will develop **(6) a LAC Scoreboard to monitor socio-economic progress of countries and the region over time**, and as benchmarking tool ensuring, to the extent possible, comparability with the OECD and other regions. Leveraging the Latin American Economic Outlook and thematic regional publications, this will contribute to the **(7) identification and dissemination of regional good practices** and guide evidence-based policymaking, notably around the thematic priorities of the LAC Regional Programme. These efforts will also **(8) contribute to increasing the availability of regional data for key OECD indicators**, with the support of partner IOs, creating synergies with key OECD initiatives⁵.

7. ***Enhanced multilateral co-operation and partnerships with regional IOs:*** To ensure permanent, high-level dialogue with the region and structured communication with leaders, the OECD will **(9) enhance its contribution to regional summits** (Americas, Ibero-America, EU-CELAC, CELAC) **and co-operation with integration mechanisms** (Mercosur, Pacific Alliance, SICA, CARICOM). It will do so through technical, independent and evidence-based contributions, in close interaction with the presidencies while maximising synergies with Members' investment and trade initiatives. Leveraging OECD comparative advantages, convening power and reputation as honest broker, the Secretariat will hold **(10) an annual international partners meeting and explore new co-operation opportunities with development banks and IOs**. This co-operation should allow for **(11) a comprehensive regional partners mapping** of meetings, key projects and networks, and **definition of joint outputs** (i.e. at least one event, publication or output with each of them), to avoid duplication and maximise synergies. The Secretariat will continue **(12) the biannual LACRP Development Co-operation meeting** to enhance synergies between LAC and OECD Members co-operation providers.

8. ***Active role of the OECD Centre for Latin American and the Caribbean in co-ordination, outreach and delivery:*** The OECD will **(13) reinforce the OECD Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean ("Centre for LAC")⁶**, located in Mexico City to effectively act as regional hub for coordination with regional technical co-operation/training centres⁷, international organisations, and Members' embassies in the region. The Centre for LAC will **(14) enhance the local implementation of the Strategic Framework** by facilitating regional engagement, policy dialogue, peer learning and interaction with OECD bodies and fora. It will contribute to enhance visibility of the OECD LAC Regional Programme and the dissemination of OECD work in Spanish and Portuguese throughout the region.

9. ***Greater outreach and engagement with Central America and the Caribbean:*** In the framework of the OECD LACRP, the Centre for LAC will **(15) develop specific whole-of-OECD initiatives for**

¹ As set out in the Regional Programme Documentation [C(2016)1/FINAL] and in the Strategic Framework [C/MIN(2025)6].

² [Lima] Action Plan on Integrity for Good Governance (2018) and [San Jose] Action Plan on Climate Resilience and Neutrality (2023)

³ Depending on topics addressed in prior and future Ministerial meetings for instance, on Informality or Connectivity which address the Productivity and Social Inclusion pillars, which do not have a dedicated Action Plan.

⁴ As of 2026, 16 OECD Regional Policy Networks exist, linked to Committees, often joint with regional partners. See <https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/oecd-latin-america-and-the-caribbean-regional-programme.html>

⁵ Including the Foundations for Growth and Competitiveness (F4GC), the Product Market Regulation (PMR), Indicators Trade and Value Added (TiVA), the Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) databases, inter alia.

⁶ See the Inventory of the OECD entities located outside the Organisation's Headquarters [C(2025)48/REV2].

⁷ OECD Regional Centre for Competition in Latin America, OECD – Mexico Multilateral Tax Centre and the OECD Buenos Aires Academy Centre for Tax Crime Investigation.

Central America and the Caribbean, leveraging existing work at country and sub-regional level⁸, consolidating partnerships⁹, considering their specific challenges and circumstances, including of its small island development states (SIDS). In line with the deliverables 1 and 2 above, the Centre for LAC Office will **(16) provide effective policy support to countries in these sub-regions willing to engage more with the OECD.**

10. *Institutional arrangements for effective coordination, communication and delivery:* The Secretariat will ensure **(17) coordination across all OECD Directorates and the Development Centre, and other entities within the OECD family**, and alignment with the Organisation's priorities and transversal initiatives defined in its Programme of Work and Budget. **(18) A secondment programme** open to OECD Members, LAC partners engaged in structured co-operation and IOs will contribute to enhance OECD-LAC co-operation, partners engagement and improve OECD's understanding of specific challenges in the region. The Secretariat will develop and implement **(19) a Communications Plan** tailored to different channels and stakeholders, including the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, BIAC, TUAC and Youthwise, and enhance dissemination in Spanish and Portuguese for greater accessibility and policy impact, complementing members initiatives¹⁰.

11. *Increased collaboration and knowledge exchange across regions:* The OECD will facilitate interaction between LAC and other regions, through **(20) at least one annual thematic cross-regional dialogue**, leveraging its existing regional programmes and other cross-regional platforms, as well as the interest of OECD countries and partners to act as bridges between regions.

⁸ Notably the OECD-IDB Caribbean Development Dynamics.

⁹ With the Central America Economic Integration System (SIECA) and the Council of Ministers of Trade (COMIECO), the Council of Ministers of Finance of Central America (COSEFIN), the Regional Centre for the Promotion of SMEs (Cenpromype), the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEL), the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Association of Eastern Caribbean States (OEC), the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (Caricom), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

¹⁰ Such as the OECD Group of Friends of the Spanish Language.

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