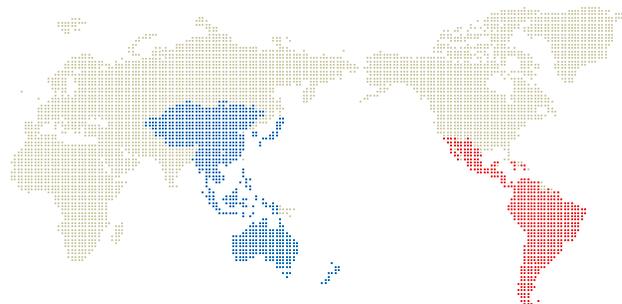


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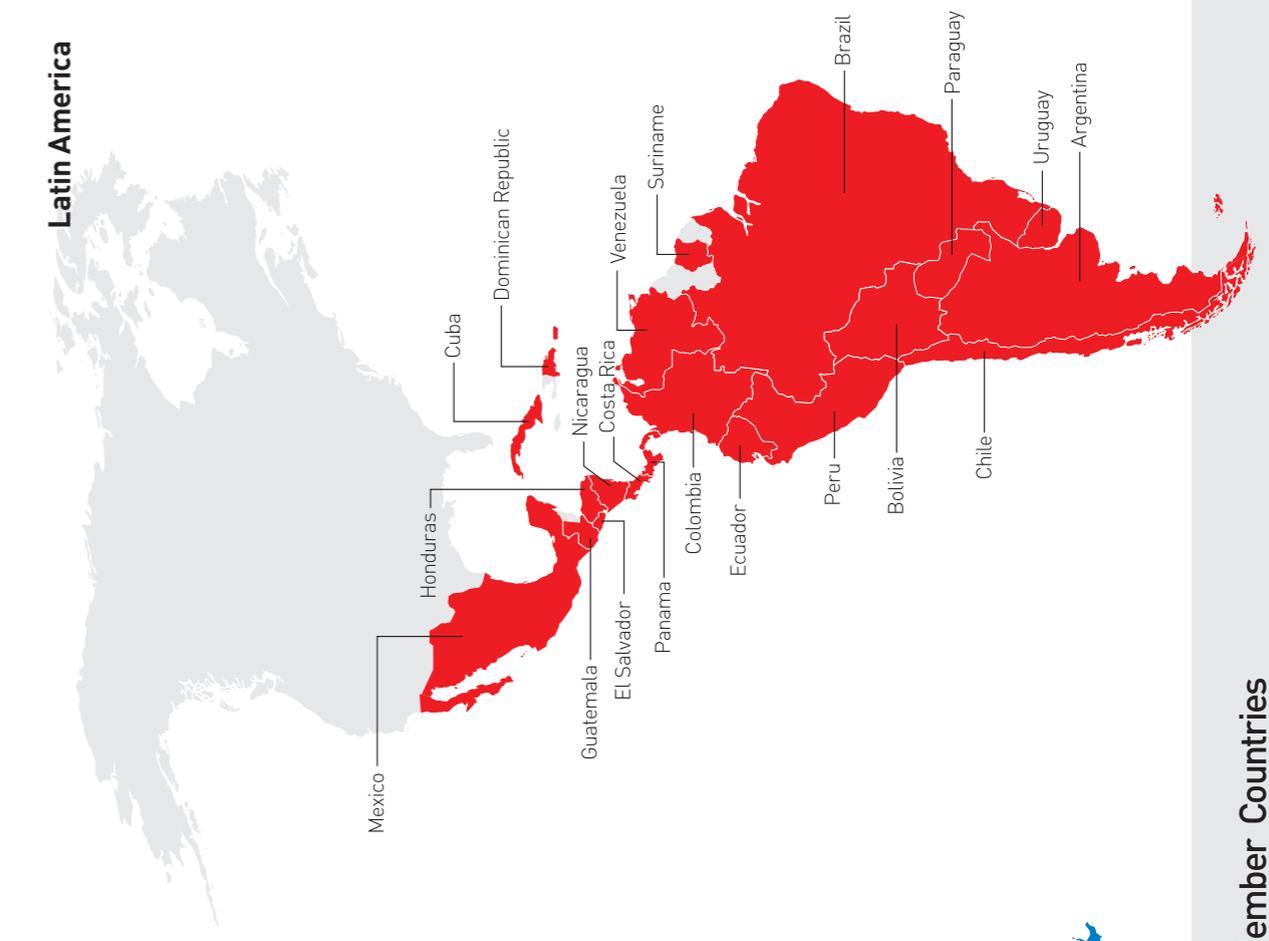


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FEALAC Outline

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1 FEALAC - Definition

- As the abbreviation for 'Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation,' FEALAC is an inter-regional multi-lateral organization launched in 1999 with the aim to increase inter-regional cooperation and understanding between East Asia and Latin America.



2 FEALAC - Background & History

- The regions of East Asia and Latin America serve as the driving force behind the global economic growth in the 21st century but regardless, the cooperation between East Asia and Latin America seemed weak in comparison to that of other regional cooperation. The need thus became evident for a multi-lateral forum to increase bi-regional understanding, dialogue, and cooperation.
- During an official visit to Chile on September 1998, Singapore's Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong suggested to the then President of Chile, Eduardo Frei, ways to increase cooperation between East Asia and Latin America.
 - As a result, the 'East Asia - Latin America Forum (EALAF)' was officially launched at the first Senior Officials' Meeting in Singapore on September 1999.

- At the first Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Santiago, Chile, on March 29-30, 2001, member countries who have agreed to change the name of the Forum from EALAF to FEALAC adopted the "Framework Document" which states the Forum's objectives, direction, and range of cooperation.
- At the 2nd Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in January 2004 in Manila, Philippines, member countries adopted the "Manila Plan of Action" which includes detailed direction on how to increase bi-regional understanding and cooperation.
- At the 3rd Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in August 2007 in Brasilia, Brazil, member countries adopted the "Brasilia Declaration" which states the need for cooperation on global issues such as climate change and the Doha Development Agenda, as well as strengthening cooperation within FEALAC in the areas of trade and investment and regional financial institutions.
- At the 4th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in January 2010 in Tokyo, Japan, member countries adopted the "Tokyo Declaration" which evaluates FEALAC activities over the past decade, emphasizes the need for bi-regional cooperation in the face of global crisis, and agreed to Korea's establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat among other issues.
- At the 5th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in August 2011, member countries adopted the "Buenos Aires Declaration" which includes reform of the global governance mechanism, the strengthening of bi-regional cooperation, establishment of a common position regarding global issues among FEALAC member countries, plans to strengthen cooperation between FEALAC and regional economic and financial institutions such as ECLAC, IDB, ADB, ESCAP among others, and establishment of the Vision Group whose function is to provide FEALAC's mid to long-term goals and strategies for implementation.
- At the 6th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, in June 2013, member countries adopted the "Uluwatu Declaration" which reiterates the commitment of FEALAC member countries to continue and deepen bi-regional cooperation for sustainable development, assented to the Vision Group recommendation which aims at evaluating FEALAC cooperation, and agreed to the necessity to enhance communication between FEALAC members through the utilization of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.

- At the 7th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in San Jose, Costa Rica, in August 2015, under the title 'FEALAC 2015: Two Regions, One Vision' member countries adopted the "Declaration of San Jose" which reaffirms the commitment to enhance comprehensive dialogue and cooperation between the two regions, emphasized the need of a strategic alliance among FEALAC member countries, international organizations and financial institutions of both regions, and adopted the 'Guideline for FEALAC Working Process' to improve FEALAC work process and strengthen the Cyber Secretariat.

3 FEALAC - Main Goals & Principles

A. Goals

- FEALAC's main goals consist of establishing mutual understanding, political dialogue, and new partnerships, and increasing friendly cooperation. Its main goals also include strengthening cooperation in areas such as politics, economy, science, technology, sustainable development, and culture, among others. It also seeks to promote mutual benefits by expanding common position on a range of global issues.

B. Main Principle and Decision Making Process

- FEALAC fundamentally adheres to the main principles of international law and favors forward-looking, voluntary, informal, and flexible management in its working procedures. Furthermore, FEALAC's decision making process, which is based on the basic respect for sovereignty, is carried out by member countries' consensus.

4 FEALAC Member Countries

Table 1 FEALAC's Global Relevance (2014)

Land Area	43,429,155 km ² (33.5% of World Area)
Population	2,794,566,000 (39.1% of World Population)
GDP	US\$ 26,347.10 Billion (34.1% of World GDP)
Total Trade Volume	US\$ 12,248 Billion (33.4% of World Trade) - Export : US\$ 6,234 Billion / Import : US\$ 6,014 Billion
Trade Volume among FEALAC Member Countries	US\$ 5,491 Billion - Export : US\$ 2,631 Billion / Import : US\$ 2,860 Billion

Source : Compilation from IMF (2014)

Image 1 List of FEALAC Member Countries

■ East Asia 16

	Australia Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Malaysia Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Brunei Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Mongolia Date of Entry: January 16, 2010
	Cambodia Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Myanmar Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	China Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		New Zealand Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Indonesia Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Philippines Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Japan Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Singapore Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Korea Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Thailand Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Laos Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Vietnam Date of Entry: September 3, 1999

■ Latin America 20

	Argentina Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Guatemala Date of Entry: January 31, 2004
	Bolivia Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Honduras Date of Entry: August 25, 2011
	Brazil Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Mexico Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Chile Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Nicaragua Date of Entry: January 31, 2004
	Colombia Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Panama Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Costa Rica Date of Entry: March 29, 2001		Paraguay Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Cuba Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Peru Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	Dominican Republic Date of Entry: August 23, 2007		Suriname Date of Entry: August 25, 2011
	Ecuador Date of Entry: September 3, 1999		Uruguay Date of Entry: September 3, 1999
	El Salvador Date of Entry: March 29, 2001		Venezuela Date of Entry: September 3, 1999

* According to the Art. 6 of the "Framework Document", membership of the forum is open to all sovereign states committed to promoting better relations and linkages between East Asia and Latin America.

Table 2 Overview of Member Countries (2014)

	Country	Area(km ²)	Population (Millions)	GDP		Total Trade		
				GDP (US\$ Billions)	GDP Per capita(US\$)	Total (US\$ Millions)	Export (US\$ Millions)	Import (US\$ Millions)
1	Australia	7,682,300	23.626	1,442.72	61,066.15	491,177	240,639	250,538
2	Brunei	5,270	0.413	17.10	41,460.17	16,524	9,365	7,159
3	Cambodia	176,520	15.313	16.55	1,080.82	28,256	10,746	17,510
4	China	9,388,211	1,367.820	10,356.51	7,571.54	4,306,326	2,343,221	1,963,105
5	Indonesia	1,811,570	252.165	888.65	3,524.08	354,470	176,292	178,179
6	Japan	364,560	127.061	4,602.37	36,221.81	1,502,396	690,190	812,206
7	Korea	97,466	50.424	1,410.38	27,970.49	1,098,165	572,651	525,514
8	Laos	230,800	6.898	11.68	1,693.28	12,635	4,686	7,948
9	Malaysia	328,550	30.600	338.11	11,049.28	443,210	234,248	208,961
10	Mongolia	1,553,560	2.925	12.04	4,114.54	10,712	4,832	5,880
11	Myanmar	653,080	51.419	63.14	1,227.85	46,774	22,459	24,315
12	New Zealand	263,310	4.555	197.50	43,363.23	84,127	41,823	42,304
13	Philippines	298,170	99.434	284.62	2,862.38	132,772	61,796	70,976
14	Singapore	707	5.470	307.87	56,286.55	776,376	410,076	366,300
15	Thailand	510,890	68.657	404.82	5,896.36	453,190	225,193	227,997
16	Vietnam	310,070	90.630	185.90	2,051.17	287,597	143,039	144,558
17	Argentina	2,736,690	42.643	543.06	12,735.20	132,673	67,424	65,249
18	Bolivia	1,083,300	11.292	33.24	2,943.46	23,442	12,882	10,560
19	Brazil	8,358,140	202.769	2,346.58	11,572.70	477,065	225,100	251,965
20	Chile	743,532	17.819	258.02	14,479.83	147,842	75,675	72,167
21	Colombia	1,109,500	47.662	377.87	7,928.06	118,824	54,795	64,029
22	Costa Rica	51,060	4.775	49.55	10,378.22	28,436	11,252	17,184
23	Cuba	106,449	11.220	82.38	7,330.00	13,571	3,201	10,370
24	Dominican Republic	48,320	9.883	64.06	6,481.31	28,878	10,266	18,612
25	Ecuador	248,360	16.027	100.54	6,273.18	53,237	25,722	27,515
26	El Salvador	20,720	6.352	25.16	3,961.79	15,783	5,272	10,510
27	Guatemala	107,160	15.870	58.73	3,700.68	28,932	10,672	18,261
28	Honduras	111,890	8.264	19.51	2,360.98	13,376	4,067	9,310
29	Mexico	1,943,950	119.715	1,291.06	10,784.46	837,104	397,129	439,975
30	Nicaragua	120,340	6.198	11.81	1,904.70	11,541	5,237	6,303
31	Panama	74,340	3.928	43.78	11,145.53	14,403	811	13,592
32	Paraguay	397,300	6.901	30.22	4,379.27	22,081	9,652	12,429
33	Peru	1,280,000	31.424	202.64	6,448.53	84,965	38,385	46,581
34	Suriname	156,000	0.553	5.21	9,426.80	3,111	1,284	1,827
35	Uruguay	175,020	3.404	57.47	16,882.46	20,616	9,132	11,484
36	Venezuela	882,050	30.457	206.25	6,771.92	126,972	74,714	52,258
Total	36 Countries	43,429,155	2,794.566	26,347.10	-	12,247,559	6,233,926	6,013,633

Source : Compilation from IMF, Member Countries' Statistics and others

Note : Countries numbered by alphabetical order

5 FEALAC - Organization

A. Basic Organization

- FEALAC meetings consist of Foreign Ministers' Meetings (FMM), Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM), Working Group Meetings, and Coordination Meetings.
 - * The Coordination Meeting was launched at the 7th FMM (August 2015) to strengthen the role of the Regional Coordinators and improve FEALAC's communication mechanism (substituting the Coordinating Board); it serves as a coordinator of the 4 Working Groups and reviews follow-up measures of decisions adopted at the FMM and SOM.
- For the effective management of FEALAC, member countries select one Regional Coordinator from each region by consensus to carry out various roles in relation to FEALAC activities.

B. Regional Coordinators' Main Responsibilities

- Serve as contact points for all FEALAC matters and gather opinions of member Countries
- Mediate opinions unofficially for effective execution and continuity of FEALAC activities
- Facilitate decision-making and consensus-making process to steer FEALAC towards a shared path
- Organize formal meetings and review follow-up of decisions adopted at the FMM and SOM
- Number FEALAC official documents and supervise its overall management

C. History of Regional Coordinators

(1) 1st Regional Coordinator (9.3.1999 - 3.30.2001)

- East Asia : Singapore
- Latin America : Chile
 - * Singapore and Chile both founded FEALAC

(2) 2nd Regional Coordinator (3.30.2001 - 1.31.2004)

- East Asia : Philippines (8.18.2000, 2nd SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Colombia (8.18.2000, 2nd SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

(3) 3rd Regional Coordinator (1.31.2004 - 8.23.2007)

- East Asia : Republic of Korea (11.28.2002, 4th SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Brazil (8.14.2003, 4th SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

(4) 4th Regional Coordinator (8.23.2007 - 1.17.2010)

- East Asia : Japan (10.27 - 28.2005, 7th SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Argentina (10.27 - 28.2005, 7th SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

(5) 5th Regional Coordinator (1.17.2010 - 8.25.2011)

- East Asia : Indonesia (4.7 - 8.2009, 9th SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Argentina (4.7 - 8.2009, 9th SOM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

(6) 6th Regional Coordinator (8.25.2011 - 6.14.2013)

- East Asia : Indonesia (8.25.2011, 5th FMM, Reappointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Colombia (8.25.2011, 5th FMM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

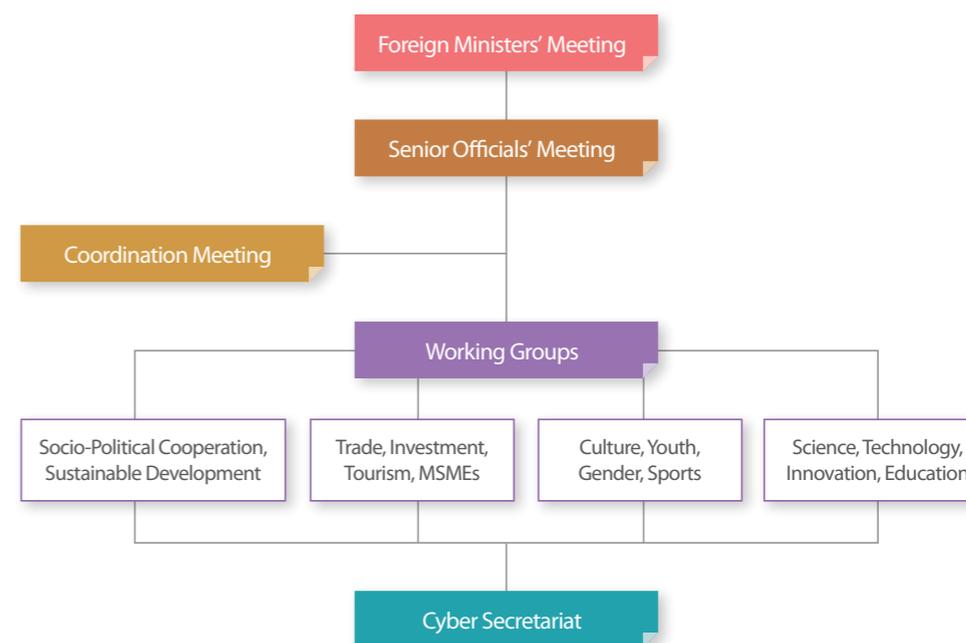
(7) 7th Regional Coordinator (6.14.2013 – 8.21.2015)

- East Asia : Thailand (6.14.2013, 6th FMM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Costa Rica (6.14.2013, 6th FMM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

(8) 8th Regional Coordinator (8.21.2015– Present)

- East Asia : Republic of Korea (8.21.2015, 7th FMM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)
- Latin America : Guatemala (8.21.2015, 7th FMM, Appointed as Regional Coordinator)

Image 2 FEALAC Organizational Chart



6 FEALAC - Main Features

- FEALAC is a comprehensive multi-lateral cooperation forum. It is the sole inter-governmental, multi-lateral cooperation forum connecting East Asia and Latin America. It attaches importance to creating harmony and assigning responsibilities to the two regions. It is responsible for electing Regional Coordinators, one from each region, and Working Group Co-Chairs. Both regions take turns in organizing the Foreign Ministers' Meetings, Senior Officials' Meetings, Working Group Meetings, and Coordination Meetings. Furthermore, the country proposing National Project(s) bears the related expenses.

Table 3 Comparison to other Cooperation Fora

Regional Cooperation (Official Name)	APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation)	ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting)	FEALAC (Forum for East Asia- Latin America Cooperation)
Date of Establishment/ Advocate	Jan.1989 Australia, Korea	Oct.1994 Singapore	Sep.1999 Singapore
Number of Member Countries	21	53 (Includes EU Executive Committee & ASEAN Secretariat)	36
Goals	Establish Economic Community * Create roadmap (Bogor Declaration)	Increase bi-regional trade (Comprehensive Cooperation)	Increase bi-regional cooperation & dialogue (Comprehensive Cooperation)
Organization & Activities	Leaders' Meeting, Sectoral Ministerial Meeting (17), Senior Officials' Meeting,, Working Group (12), Special Task Group (3), Sub-Committees (8) * Private Organization : ABAC * Create APEC Secretariat * Set budget & sharing of expenses	Summit, Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Cabinet Meeting (6), Senior Officials' Meeting * Affiliated Organization : ASEF	Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Senior Officials' Meeting, 4 Working Group Meetings, Coordination Meeting
Decision - making Process	Consensus & Pathfinder approach	Consensus	Consensus
Major Documents	Bogor Declaration, Seoul Declaration, Seattle Declaration	AECF 2000	Framework Document, Manila Plan of Action
Main Activities	Trade & Investment Liberalization & Facilitation (TILF) Economy-Technology Cooperation (ECOTECH), Regional financial cooperation, strengthen cooperation among private enterprises, anti-terrorism cooperation	Terror, international crime, trade tariffs, environment, SMEs, education, transportation, religion, projects in the areas of economy, security, society & culture (seminars, fora, workshops)	Strengthen cooperation among members on sustainable development on climate change, environmental issues (Renewable Energy/ Eco-Tourism Seminar) Strengthen FEALAC Cyber Secretariat
Institutionalization	Established Secretariat (1993)	Established Cyber Secretariat (2006)	Established Cyber Secretariat (2011)
Global Relevance (%)	Area	46	40
	Population	40	63
	GDP	57	58
	Trade	50	66

7 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat

A. History

- Korea established and has been managing FEALAC's official website (www.fealac.org) since 2007.
- At the 4th FMM (1.16 - 17.2010), Korea proposed the establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat in order to increase cooperation and facilitate communication among member countries, which until then had been operating without a secretariat. Member countries adopted the Tokyo Declaration which approved Korea's establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.
- The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat hired a total of 6 employees and began work on February 1, 2011.
- The opening ceremony of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat took place on March 15, 2011, in Seoul and was attended by the foreign delegation representing FEALAC member countries.

B. Activities

(1) Management of Official Website (www.fealac.org)

- Updating and sharing official documents
- Strengthening connectivity between member countries
- Offering Focal Points Zone (Intranet)

(2) FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

- Annually held in Seoul, Korea since the establishment of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat (2011)



2011 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

- Following up FEALAC meetings (FMM, SOM)
- Discussing future directions of FEALAC as well as roles and future plans of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat
- Functioning as a venue for inter-sessional meeting between SOMs
- 1st FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (6.30.2011, Seoul)
 - Total of 37 participants (officials in charge of FEALAC & experts) from 24 countries, discussed ① strategy for FEALAC progress, ② plan to expand National Projects and ③ strengthening functions of the Cyber Secretariat

• 2nd FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (3.12.2012, Seoul)

- Total of 90 participants (officials in charge of FEALAC & experts) from 32 countries, discussed ① FEALAC's role in facilitating East Asia – Latin America cooperation and ② strategies for strengthening FEALAC



2012 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

• 3rd FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (3.15.2013, Seoul)

- Total of 70 participants (officials in charge of FEALAC & experts and officials of international organizations in East Asia and Latin America) from 22 countries, discussed ① FEALAC's role in facilitating East Asia-Latin America Cooperation and ② strategies for strengthening FEALAC



2013 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

• 4th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (3.13.2014, Seoul)

- About 80 participants (Vision Group members and FEALAC focal points from member states), discussed follow-up measures for the imple-



mentation of the Vision Group Final Report Recommendations

• 5th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (3.12.2015, Seoul)

- About 70 participants from 33 member countries of East Asia and Latin America, discussed strengthening solidarity through expanding FEALAC-wide projects



2014 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

(3) Informing Activities of Member Countries (Online Activities)

- FEALAC Newsletter
 - FEALAC Newsletter is quarterly published on the FEALAC website.
- Press Releases
 - FEALAC Cyber Secretariat mails member countries' press releases to the FEALAC Focal Points once a week.



2015 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

(4) Publishing Promotional Materials

- FEALAC Guidebook (English Version)
- FEALAC Brochure (English, Spanish Version)



(5) Facilitating Active Communication

- Sending notice by e-mail to the FEALAC Focal Points in order to inform any updated information or important notices



FEALAC Newsletter and Press Releases

(6) Enhancing Visibility through FEALAC SNS

- Posting FEALAC-related major events and photos through FEALAC SNS (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube)
- Organizing online events on FEALAC SNS (UCC Contest, Facebook Events)

(7) Reporting FEALAC Cyber Secretariat's Activities at the 12th-16th SOM (2011-2015)

- Article 61 of the Buenos Aires Declaration adopted at the 5th FMM states that the Cyber Secretariat contributes to the increase of communication, visibility and cooperation among member countries. It also emphasizes the need to strengthen cooperation between member countries and the Cyber Secretariat on all FEALAC activities and projects.



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FEALAC

Main Activities

- 1. Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)
- 2. Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)
 - 3. Working Group (WG)
 - 4. Core Group Meeting
- 5. Coordinating Board Meeting
- 6. Coordination Meeting
- 7. Vision Group Meeting
- 8. National Projects

1 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)

A. Summary

- The FMM, attended by Foreign Ministers, is the highest decision making body in FEALAC which decides by consensus to establish FEALAC goals, approves main projects, adopts and approves FEALAC's official documents, and admits new member countries.

B. Meeting Cycle

- According to the "Framework Document (2001)," it is held approximately every two years.
 - * The Regional Coordinators serve as host country, and both regions take turn in hosting the meeting.

C. Results

(1) 1st FMM (3.29-30.2001, Santiago, Chile)

- Participants: Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 30 FEALAC member countries
- Main Results
 - Changed official name of the Forum from EALAF (East Asia-Latin America Forum) to FEALAC (Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation)
 - Adopted "Framework Document" of FEALAC
 - Basic document which contains the Forum's goals, extent of cooperation, and management direction
 - New member admission
 - Increase of member countries to 30 with the admission of Cuba, El Salvador, and Costa Rica (15 countries for each region)

(2) 2nd FMM (1.30-31.2004, Manila, Philippines)

- Participants : Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 30 FEALAC member countries
- Main Results
 - Adopted "Manila Plan of Action" which establishes FEALAC's future direction
 - Emphasized need for bi-regional dialogue on economic development, overcoming poverty, and securing the future
 - Korea and Brazil appointed as Regional Coordinators for approximately two years until the next FMM
 - Admission of new members
 - Nicaragua and Guatemala (member countries increased to 32)

(3) 3rd FMM (8.22-23.2007, Brasilia, Brazil)

- Participants : Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 33 FEALAC member countries
- Main Results
 - Adopted "Brasilia Declaration" which states cooperation in the international community and specifies areas of cooperation within FEALAC
 - Shared awareness of global issues such as climate change and change in global financial order, and emphasized expanded cooperation in trade and investment among member countries
 - Japan and Argentina appointed as Regional Coordinators for approximately two years until the next FMM
 - New member admission: Dominican Republic (total number of member countries increased to 33)

(4) 4th FMM (1.16-17.2010, Tokyo, Japan)

- Participants : Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 34 FEALAC member countries
- Main Results
 - Adopted "Tokyo Declaration" which



FEALAC III Foreign Ministers' Meeting

underlines the importance of bi-regional cooperation to overcome global financial crisis and evaluates FEALAC activities over the past decade

- Confirmed need to strengthen cooperation among member countries on climate change, environmental issues, and sustainable development
 - Shared awareness of bi-regional social inclusion and global issues such as UN reform, transnational organized crime, disaster risk reduction and management and response to influenza pandemic
 - Agreed on establishing the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat, hosted by the Republic of Korea
 - Appointed Indonesia and Argentina as Regional Coordinators for approximately two years until the next FMM
- New member admission: Mongolia (total number of member countries increased to 34)

(5) 5th FMM (8.24-25.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Participants : Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 36 FEALAC member countries

• Main Results

- Adopted “Buenos Aires Declaration” which includes issues on reform of global governance mechanism and strategy to strengthen bi-regional cooperation among FEALAC member countries
- Approved establishment of Vision Group with the aim to guide the future direction of this forum and to provide strategic framework for strengthening and deepening the comprehensive cooperation between the two regions
- Appreciated contribution of ADB, IDB, ECLAC, and ESCAP in promoting bi-regional cooperation and encouraged these organizations to play a greater role in



FEALAC IV Foreign Ministers' Meeting



FEALAC V Foreign Ministers' Meeting

FEALAC's progress

- Appreciated Cyber Secretariat's contribution to FEALAC's progress and asked for member countries' continuous cooperation in FEALAC Cyber Secretariat's activities
 - Indonesia and Colombia appointed as Regional Coordinators for approximately two years until the next FMM
- New member admission : Honduras, Suriname (total number of member countries increased to 36)

(6) 6th FMM (6.13-14.2013, Bali, Indonesia)

- Participants : Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 36 FEALAC member countries

• Main Results

- Adopted “Uluwatu Declaration” which reiterates the commitment of FEALAC member countries to continue and deepen bi-regional cooperation for sustainable development
- Confirmed Vision Group recommendation which demonstrates strong commitment of both regions to strengthen and deepen bi-regional partnership of FEALAC based on openness and cooperation
- Concurred with the proposal made by Republic of Korea to hold FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop in March 2014 to discuss follow-up measures of Vision Group Report
- Underlined the necessity to enhance communication between FEALAC members by utilization of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat
- Thailand and Costa Rica were appointed as Regional Coordinators for approximately two years until the next FMM



FEALAC VI Foreign Ministers' Meeting



(7) 7th FMM (8.20-21.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)

- Participants : Foreign (or Deputy) Ministers of 36 FEALAC member countries
- Main Results
 - Adopted “Declaration of San Jose” which reaffirms the commitment to enhance comprehensive dialogue and cooperation between the two regions, as well as the preparation of the New FEALAC Action Plan for the celebration of the FEALAC’s 20th anniversary
 - Approved the ‘Guidelines for FEALAC Working Processes’ proposed by Thailand
 - Appreciated Cyber Secretariat’s contribution to FEALAC process through the ‘FEALAC Project Review Survey’ and ‘Guidelines on the Use of FEALAC Logo’



FEALAC VII Foreign Ministers' Meeting

2 Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)

A. Summary

- It is attended by senior officials, oversees the Working Group Meetings, and makes real decisions regarding FEALAC.

B. Role

- It approves Working Groups’ discussions and that of other key meetings, reports them to the FMM, and selects other key topics to be discussed at the FMM.

C. Meeting Cycle

- It is held at least once a year.

D. Results

(1) 1st SOM (9.1-3.1999, Singapore, Singapore)

- Agreed on EALAF’s principles and modalities
 - Decision-making by consensus based on sovereignty
 - Pursue unofficial, gradual cooperation and avoid excessive systematization
- Reviewed range of cooperation and specific cooperation projects
 - Seek comprehensive cooperation in all areas including politics, economy, society, education, sports, and culture
- Discussed issues regarding policy admission as member country and selection of regional coordinator
 - Designated participants of launching meeting as member countries and reviewed issue of expanding member countries
 - Appointed Singapore and Chile as Regional Coordinators

(2) 2nd SOM (8.16-18.2000, Santiago, Chile)

- Agreement regarding the FMM
 - Reviewed Chile hosting the 1st FMM in 2001
 - Agreed on hosting FMM every two years in East Asia and Latin America alternatively
- Drafted the “Framework Document”
 - Agreed on Singapore preparing the final draft by January 2001, which was then adopted at the 1st FMM
- Election of Deputy Coordinator
 - Elected Philippines and Colombia as Deputy Coordinators
 - Agreed on term of Regional Coordinator starting right after and until the next FMM

(3) 3rd SOM (3.28-30.2001, Santiago, Chile)

- Adopted draft of “Framework Document”
- Discussed admission of new member countries
 - Agreed on presenting admission of El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Cuba at the FMM
- Changed official name of Forum
 - Suggested changing the official name of ‘EALAF’ at the FMM

(4) 4th SOM (11.26-28.2002, Bogota, Colombia)

- Republic of Korea, Appointed as Deputy Coordinator
 - Deputy Coordinator is automatically appointed as Regional Coordinator after the 2nd FMM and serves as Deputy Coordinator until the launch of the 3rd FMM
- Establishment of FEALAC Core Group
 - Agreed to Philippines’ proposal to establish Core Group
- Admission of new members
 - Admission of Nicaragua and Guatemala to be presented at the next FMM

(5) 5th SOM (8.13-14.2003, San Jose, Costa Rica)

- Discussed date for the 2nd FMM
- Discussed draft of Manila Plan of Action
- Elected Latin America’s Regional Coordinator : Brazil

(6) 6th SOM (1.28-29.2004, Manila, Philippines)

- Discussed the 2nd FMM
- Adopted draft of “Manila Plan of Action”
- Transferred ‘Education’ from Education, Science and Technology WG to Politics, Culture WG

- Elected next co-chairs of each Working Group
 - Politics, Culture, and Education WG : Singapore, Colombia
 - Economy and Society WG : Japan, Argentina
 - Science and Technology WG : Thailand, Costa Rica

(7) 7th SOM (10.27-28.2005, Seoul, Korea)

- Discussed the 3rd FMM
- Elected Regional Coordinators
 - Latin America : Argentina
 - East Asia : Japan
- Discussed new member admission (Dominican Republic)

(8) 8th SOM (8.20-21.2007, Brasilia, Brazil)

- Agreed on submitting draft of “Brasilia Declaration” at the 3rd FMM
- Discussed cooperation on each area of working groups such as creating information network on trade and investment within FEALAC

(9) 9th SOM (4.7-8.2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Discussed agenda of the 4th FMM and related administrative matters
- Discussed systematizing National Projects and enhancing management and effectiveness of FEALAC
- Discussed admission of new members (Mongolia, Honduras)

(10) 10th SOM (1.14-15.2010, Tokyo, Japan)

- Agreed to submit draft of “Tokyo Declaration” to the 4th FMM
- Discussed and agreed on strengthening FEALAC cooperation mechanism



FEALAC IX Senior Officials’ Meeting

- Japan suggested establishment of Coordinating Board Meeting
- Korea suggested establishing FEALAC Cyber Secretariat
- Suggested introducing proposal on creating Sub-Working Group on Tourism and Bi-Regional Center for the Development of SMEs at the 4th FMM
- Elected next co-chairs for each Working Group
 - Politics, Culture, Education, and Sports WG : Korea, Colombia
 - Economy and Society WG : Philippines, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology WG : New Zealand, Brazil
- Discussed admission of new members (Mongolia, Suriname)

(11) 11th SOM (11.3.2010, Bali, Indonesia)

- Approved final reports of 3 Working Groups
- Korea presented FEALAC Cyber Secretariat activities and proposed establishment of Vision Group
- Indonesia and Argentina proposed including issue of FEALAC Summit at the 5th FMM
- Discussed admission of new member (Suriname)



FEALAC XI Senior Officials' Meeting

(12) 12th SOM (8.24.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Adopted draft of "Buenos Aires Declaration" and Final Reports of 3 Working Groups
- Agreed to adopt document on establishment of Vision Group and to introduce it to FMM
- Reported results of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat activities and future plans



FEALAC XII Senior Officials' Meeting

- Adopted National Project Format and Format for Business Information
- Elected co-chairs of each WG for next term
 - Politics, Culture, Education and Sports WG : Japan, Argentina
 - Economy and Society WG : Vietnam, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology WG : Korea, Brazil
- Elected Regional Coordinators for next term
 - Latin America : Colombia
 - East Asia : Indonesia
- Discussed admission of new members (Honduras, Suriname)

(13) 13th SOM (10.17.2012, Bogota, Colombia)

- Approved Final Reports of 3 Working Groups
- Reviewed results of the 1st and the 2nd Vision Group Meeting and expected Final Report to be ready prior to the FMM VI and the SOM XIV
- Discussed re-organizing of Working Group
- Agreed to intensify the usage of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat for any FEALAC activities to enhance coordination and cooperation



FEALAC XIII Senior Officials' Meeting

(14) 14th SOM (6.12.2013, Bali, Indonesia)

- Adopted draft of "Uluwatu Declaration" and Final Reports of 3 Working Groups
- Reviewed Final Report of Vision Group



FEALAC XIV Senior Officials' Meeting

- Agreed to realign Working Group as stipulated below
 - Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development WG
 - Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs WG
 - Culture, Youth and Gender, Sports WG
 - Science and Technology, Innovation, Education WG
- Approved 'FEALAC University Network' as the Bi-Regional Project for next year and establishment of Bi-Regional Development Center for SMEs
- Reported results of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat activities and future plans
- Elected co-chairs of each WG for next term
 - Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development WG : China, Ecuador
 - Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs WG : Argentina
 - Culture, Youth and Gender, Sports WG : Ecuador
 - Science and Technology, Innovation, Education WG : Japan, Brazil (Reappointed)
- Elected Regional Coordinators for next term
 - Latin America : Costa Rica
 - East Asia : Thailand

(15) 15th SOM (8.22.2014, Bangkok, Thailand)

- Approved final reports of each Working Group
- Reported results of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat activities and future plans
- Discussed the improvement of FEALAC work process and strengthening of Cyber Secretariat
 - Thailand proposed 'Improvement of the Work Process and the Strengthening of



FEALAC XV Senior Officials' Meeting

Cyber Secretariat'

(16) 16th SOM (8.20.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)

- Discussed agenda of the 7th FMM and approved the agenda
- Discussed 'Guideline for the FEALAC Working Process' proposed by Thailand and adopted the first draft
- Reported results of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat activities and future plans
 - Approved 'Guideline on the Use of FEALAC Logo' and 'FEALAC Project Review Survey' presented by Cyber Secretariat
- Elected next co-chairs for each Working Group
 - Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development : China, Costa Rica
 - Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports: Vietnam, Ecuador
 - Commerce, Investment, Tourism and MSMEs : Indonesia, Honduras
 - Science, Technology, Innovation and Education : Japan, Colombia
- Elected Regional Coordinators for next term
 - Latin America : Guatemala
 - East Asia : Republic of Korea

3 Working Group (WG)

A. Summary

- It maintains continuity of FEALAC activities and is responsible as project manager in specifying details of plans of cooperation.

B. Type

- 3 Working Groups based on the areas of 'Politics, Culture, Education and Sports', 'Economy and Society', and 'Science and Technology'.

- Realigned Working Group at 6th FMM
 - 「Socio-Political Cooperation, Sustainable Development,」, 「Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs,」, 「Culture, Youth, Gender, Sports,」 and 「Science, Technology, Innovation, Education,」

C. Management & Role

- Each Working Group operates by electing one co-chair from each region.
- It meets more than once a year to discuss on modification and development of projects and to report it to Senior Officials' Meeting.

D. Co-chairs

- 1st Co-Chairs (3.30.2001, FMM I - 1.29.2004, SOM VI)
 - Politics and Culture WG : Singapore, Chile
 - Economy and Society WG : Japan, Peru
 - Education, Science and Technology WG : Australia, Costa Rica
- 2nd Co-Chairs (1.29.2004, SOM VI - 8.21.2007, SOM VIII)
 - Politics, Culture and Education WG : Singapore, Colombia
 - Economy and Society WG : Japan, Argentina
 - Science and Technology WG : Thailand, Costa Rica
 - * Thailand was appointed as co-chair since 6.14. 2004
- 3rd Co-Chairs (8.21.2007, SOM VIII - 4.7.2009, SOM IX)
 - Politics, Culture and Education WG : Indonesia, Colombia
 - Economy and Society WG : Korea, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology WG : New Zealand, Panama
- 4th Co-Chairs (4.7.2009, SOM IX - 1.14.2010, SOM X)
 - Politics, Culture and Education WG : Korea, Colombia
 - Economy and Society WG : Philippines, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology WG : New Zealand, Brazil

- 5th Co-Chairs (1.14.2010, SOM X - 8.24.2011, SOM XII)
 - Politics, Culture, Education and Sports WG : Korea, Colombia
 - Economy and Society WG : Philippines, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology WG : New Zealand, Brazil
- 6th Co-Chairs (8.24.2011, SOM XII - 6.12.2013, SOM XIV)
 - Politics, Culture, Education and Sports WG : Japan, Argentina
 - Economy and Society WG : Vietnam, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology WG : Korea, Brazil
- 7th Co-Chairs (6.12.2013, SOM XIV - 8.20.2015, SOM XVI)
 - Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development WG : China, Ecuador
 - Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs WG : Argentina
 - Culture, Youth and Gender, Sports WG : Ecuador
 - Science and Technology, Innovation, Education WG : Japan, Brazil (Reappointed)
- 8th Co-Chairs (8.20.2015, SOM XVI – Present)
 - Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development WG : China, Costa Rica
 - Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs WG : Indonesia, Honduras
 - Culture, Youth and Gender, Sports WG : Vietnam, Ecuador
 - Science and Technology, Innovation, Education WG : Japan, Colombia

E. Results of Meetings

– Before Realignment

(1) Politics, Culture, Education and Sports WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (5.1-3.2002, Singapore, Singapore)
 - Reviewed current projects
- 2nd Meeting (5.8-9.2003, Chile, Santiago)
 - Discussed FEALAC Academic Network and International Arts Festival

- 3rd Meeting (9.9-10.2004, Singapore, Singapore)

- Discussed Singapore Young Parliamentarian projects and cooperation in policies on drug trafficking and terrorism

- 4th Meeting (2.27-28.2006, Bogota, Colombia)

- Interim review of National Projects and proposal of new projects

- 5th Meeting (7.16.2008, Bali, Indonesia)

- Reviewed progress of FEALAC official website and follow-up measures on issues agreed at the 3rd FMM



5th Working Group Meeting on PCE in Bali, Indonesia

- 6th Meeting (3.18.2009, Bogota, Colombia)

- Discussed strategies to avoid duplication of National Projects and effective management of Working Groups

- 7th Meeting (11.1.2010, Bali, Indonesia)

- Evaluated National Projects and introduced new National Projects

- 8th Meeting (8.23.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Agreed on the need of Iconic FEALAC-Wide Project
- Agreed to develop Brazil's proposal 'FEALAC University Network' as FEALAC Iconic Project

- 9th Meeting (10.16.2012, Bogota, Colombia)

- Reviewed FEALAC University Network Project

- 10th Meeting (6.11.2013, Bali, Indonesia)

- Evaluated National Projects and introduced new National Projects

(2) Economy and Society WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (3.7-8.2002, Tokyo, Japan)

- Discussed cooperation in areas of development, poverty eradication, SME, IT

- 2nd Meeting (3.17-18.2003, Tokyo, Japan)

- Sought cooperation through comparative analysis of current issues in the areas of economy and society facing East Asia and Latin America

- 3rd Meeting (11.23-25.2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Discussed establishing FEALAC Business Council or Forum

- 4th Meeting (6.7-8.2006, Tokyo, Japan)

- Discussed CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) cooperation among FEALAC member countries, Development of SMEs through ICT, and the ways of expand cooperation with regional economic organizations such as IDB, ADB

- 5th Meeting (10.18-19.2007, Seoul, Korea)

- Discussed strengthening SMEs, establishing Sub-Working Group on Tourism, information exchange network among businesses organizations

- 6th Meeting (11.25 26.2008, Quito, Ecuador)

- Proposed establishment of Center for SMEs, adoption of modality for Sub-Group of Tourism

- 7th Meeting (11.1.2010, Bali, Indonesia)

- Reported results of the 1st Sub-Working Group on Tourism, discussed establishment of FEALAC finance, trade and business network

- 8th Meeting (8.23.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Adopted Final Report of the 2nd Sub-Working Group on Tourism and reviewed plan proposed by Ecuador on the establishment of SME Development Center



6th Working Group Meeting on ES in Quito, Ecuador

- 9th Meeting (10.16.2012, Bogota, Colombia)
 - Adopted Final Report of the 3rd Sub-Working Group on Tourism and reviewed modified plan on the establishment of SME Development Center



10th Working Group Meeting on PCEs in Bali, Indonesia

- 10th Meeting (6.11.2013, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Adopted Final Report of the 4th Sub-Working Group on Tourism and reviewed plan proposed by Argentina on establishment of FEALAC Investment Opportunities Database

(2-1) Sub-Working Group on Tourism (Sub WG) Meeting

- 1st Meeting (10.31.2010, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Exchanged opinions on increasing bi-regional cooperation on tourism and agreed to share tourism information of each member country through FEALAC official website
- 2nd Meeting (8.22.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
 - Agreed on develop format for tourism information in order to expand tourism exchange among member countries and circulation of Brazil's proposal 'Framework between the member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation for the Tourism Development'
- 3rd Meeting (10.16.2012, Bogota, Colombia)
 - Discussed measures and mechanisms to increase tourist flows between both regions and reviewed 'Framework between the member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation for the Tourism Development'
- 4th Meeting (6.11.2013, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Discussed plan to stimulate bi-regional tourist flows through Visa Facilitation and the promotion of Cultural and Natural Heritage and agreed to approve guideline for cooperation among the member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation on the Development of Tourism

(3) Science and Technology WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (6.4-5.2002, Canberra, Australia)
 - Discussed need for cooperation in the area of Education, Science and Technology
- 2nd Meeting (8.11-12.2003, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Discussed plan for each country to create FEALAC website
- 3rd Meeting (3.7-8.2005, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Discussed projects of cooperation within FEALAC
- 4th Meeting (6.29-30.2006, Bangkok, Thailand)
 - Discussed projects of cooperation within FEALAC
- 5th Meeting (2.10-11.2009, Panama City, Panama)
 - Discussed to strengthen information sharing through official website and increase participation of experts of science and technology
- 6th Meeting (11.2.2010, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Discussed National Projects and New Zealand presented research on greenhouse gases in rural areas
- 7th Meeting (8.22.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
 - Discussed Brazil's Sectorial Action Plan and agreed on submitting information of new National Projects to FEALAC Cyber Secretariat through Regional Coordinators
- 8th Meeting (10.16.2012, Bogota, Colombia)
 - Discussed follow-up measures of Sectorial Action Plan and introduced new National Projects
- 9th Meeting (6.11.2013, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Discussed further details of follow-up measures of Sectorial Action Plan and introduced new National Projects

– After Realignment

(1) Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (8.21.2014, Bangkok, Thailand)
 - Reported ongoing and concluded National and Regional projects by Thailand, Mexico, Vietnam and China
 - Presented new proposals of National and Regional projects by Peru, China, Argentina, Thailand, Vietnam and Ecuador (on behalf of Chile, Colombia, Peru, Members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, CPPS)
 - Thailand suggested that the Working Group for 2014-2016 may consider focusing some areas like ① climate change, environment, biodiversity, natural disaster management, ② health and healthcare, ③ community empowerment, ④ transnational crime such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, etc. and ⑤ other areas such as public management, marine cooperation, etc
 - Indonesia proposed more cooperation on illegal drug eradications closely related with sustainable development
- 2nd Meeting (8.19.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Reported new and ongoing National and Regional projects by Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Singapore, China and Thailand

(2) Trade, Investment, Tourism and MSMEs WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (8.21.2014, Bangkok, Thailand)
 - Guest speaker Mr. Ko Jun Seok, the Director of the Division for Knowledge Service Start-Up of Small and Medium Business Administration of Korea made a presentation on the SME policies of Korea
 - Presented National Projects carried out in the period of 2013-2014 & plans and proposals for new/ongoing projects by Argentina, Thailand, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Korea
 - Made suggestions for enhancing cooperation in the field of trade, investment, tourism and MSMEs
- 2nd Meeting (8.19.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Presented National Projects carried out in the period of 2014-2015 & plans and proposals for new/ongoing projects by Costa Rica, Panama, Korea, Colombia, Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico and China

(3) Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (8.21.2014, Bangkok, Thailand)
 - Reported ongoing and concluded National Projects by Vietnam, Mexico, Colombia and Korea
 - Presented new proposals of future projects by Indonesia, Thailand, Peru, Vietnam, Mexico and Colombia
 - Identified prioritized areas of the Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports WG
 - Culture : Connecting FEALAC cultural cities and institutions, Promoting cultural exchange through cultural festivals, Spanish language
 - Youth : Youth vocational training, Youth entrepreneurship, Online communication and discussion for youth
 - Gender : FEALAC Women Entrepreneurs' Network, Effective implementation of laws and regulations on gender equality, Containing gender violence, Protecting women and children in migration, disaster and conflict situations
 - Sports : Promotion of traditional sports and sports for disabled people, Social inclusion through sports, Exchanging experiences in organizing international sporting events
- 2nd Meeting (8.19.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Presented National and Regional projects carried out in the period of 2014-2015 & plans and proposals for new/ongoing projects by Costa Rica, Vietnam, Colombia, Thailand, Indonesia, Peru, Mexico and China

(4) Science, Technology, Innovation and Education WG Meeting

- 1st Meeting (8.21.2014, Bangkok, Thailand)
 - Made reports on projects implemented in the period of 2013-2014 and new proposals by Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Japan, Indonesia and Korea
- 2nd Meeting (8.19.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Presented National and Regional projects carried out in the period of 2014-2015 & plans and proposals for new/ongoing projects by Colombia, Japan, Peru, Brazil, Panama, Indonesia, Korea, Brunei and Argentina

4 Core Group Meeting

A. History & Summary

- At the 4th Senior Officials' Meeting (December 2002), as the Regional Coordinator of East Asia, Philippines proposed the need for a separate meeting to improve consistency in the FEALAC process, and effectiveness and long-term progress of the Forum.
- Consequently, member countries agreed to establish the Core Group Meeting in order to obtain more efficiently the goals stated in the FEALAC Framework Document.

B. Organization & Management

- It is composed of two Regional Coordinators, two Deputy Coordinators, and six Working Groups' Co-Chairs and is open to interested countries.
- In principle, officers in charge of FEALAC of each member country attend the meeting, which takes place right after Working Group Meetings.

C. Outline of Meetings

- 1st Meeting (3.18-19.2003, Tokyo, Japan)
 - Discussed desirable management plan and structure of FEALAC
- 2nd Meeting (5.10.2003, Santiago, Chile)
 - Discussed management of FEALAC and organization of the 2nd FMM
- 3rd Meeting (3.29-30.2006, Tokyo, Japan)
 - Discussed the 3rd FMM meeting

5 Coordinating Board Meeting

A. History & Summary

- At the 10th SOM (January 2010, Tokyo), in order to strengthen the role of the Regional Coordinator and activities of the Working Groups as well as to facilitate FEALAC progress and activities, Japan proposed the creation of the Coordinating Board, to which member countries agreed.
- It is included in the "Tokyo Declaration" of the 4th FMM, and was launched to substitute the Core Group Meeting.

B. Organization & Management

- It is composed of two Regional Coordinators, Working Group Co-Chairs, and the host country of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.
- It serves to carry out preliminary discussions on the direction of each meeting, election of the next Regional Coordinator, election of WG Co-Chairs and strategies to strengthen FEALAC.

C. Outline of Meetings

- 1st Meeting (10.31.2010, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Eight participating countries, discussed on the 11th SOM agenda and statement on future FEALAC management plan
- 2nd Meeting (8.23.2011, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
 - Discussed the agenda for establishing the Vision Group, agenda for the 12th SOM and appointment of the next Regional Coordinators
- 3rd Meeting (10.15.2012, Bogota, Colombia)
 - Discussed the agenda for the Science and Technology Working Group Meeting
 - * This Meeting was carried out via teleconference due to 'Día de la Raza'

- 4th Meeting (6.11.2013, Bali, Indonesia)

- Discussed specific ideas to realign the Working Groups, Bi-Regional Cooperation Projects and appointment of the Regional Coordinators as well as Co-Chairs of each Working Group for the next term



5th FEALAC Coordinating Board Meeting

- 5th Meeting (8.20.2014, Bangkok, Thailand)

- Discussed the Guideline for the FEALAC work process and reviewed the agendas for the SOM and proposed projects

6 Coordination Meeting

A. History & Summary

- At the 15th SOM (August 2014, Bangkok), the Guideline for FEALAC working Process was proposed by Thailand, which includes the establishment of the Coordination Meeting, which would succeed the Coordinating Board in order to strengthen the role of the regional coordinators and improve communication among member countries.
- At the 7th FMM, held in San Jose, Costa Rica (August 2015), FEALAC decided to create the Coordination Meeting to substitute the Coordinating Board Meeting, which is included in the "San Jose Declaration."

B. Organization & Management

- It is composed of two Regional Coordinators, Working Group Co-Chairs, previous Regional Coordinators, if possible, incoming Coordinators, the Cyber Secretariat, and its host country, which serve to carry out preliminary discussions on the agendas of the meetings.

- The Coordination Meeting is consecutively held with the SOM and FMM, before the SOM. If necessary, additional Meetings are recommended in between the SOMs for more coordination and consultations among the Coordinators and the Working Group Co-Chairs.

C. Outline of Meetings

- 6th Meeting (8.18.2015, San Jose, Costa Rica)
 - Thirteen participating countries, discussed the agendas for the 7th FMM and reviewed FEALAC's regional projects

7 Vision Group Meeting

A. History & Summary

- At the 11th Senior Officials' Meeting (November 2010), Korea proposed the establishment of the Vision Group whose function is to provide FEALAC's mid to long-term goals and strategies for implementation.
- At the 5th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 2011), member countries decided to create the FEALAC Vision Group with the aim to guide the future direction and to provide strategic framework for strengthening and deepening of comprehensive cooperation between the two regions.

B. Organization & Management

- It is composed of Vision Group Members from FEALAC member countries. The Final Vision Group Report is submitted to the 6th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia (June 2013).

C. Outline of Meetings

- 1st Meeting (3.13.2012, Seoul, Korea)
 - Elected Dr. Won-Ho Kim as the 1st chair and Dr. Carlos Aquino as the 2nd chair
 - constituted the committee as below with a key editor and a co-editor for each section
 - International Situation and the Strategic Objectives of FEALAC
 - Politics, Culture and Sports
 - Economy and Society
 - Science & Technology and Education
 - Institutional Arrangements
- 2nd Meeting (10.11-12.2012, Lima, Peru)
 - Presented the draft of Vision Group Report and standardized the format of the report
- 3rd Meeting (3.7- 8.2013, Cali, Colombia)
 - Reviewed and discussed the agenda and methodology of the report
- 4th Meeting (6.4- 6.2013, Bali, Indonesia)
 - Reviewed and discussed chapter by chapter the final draft and reached the consensus on the Final Report
 - Submitted the Final Report to the FMM



1st FEALAC Vision Group Meeting



4th FEALAC Vision Group Meeting

Table 4 History of FEALAC Meetings

Meeting	Date	Host Country/ Venue	Key Issues / Decisions
FMM	1st	Chile/ Santiago	Adopted name of FEALAC and "Framework Document" / Admission of new member country: Cuba, El Salvador and Costa Rica
	2nd	Philippines/ Manila	Adopted Manila Plan of Action / Appointed Korea and Brail as Regional Coordinators / Admission of new member country: Nicaragua , Guatemala
	3rd	Brazil/ Brasilia	Adopted Brasilia Declaration which states future key direction of activities / Adopted Foreign Ministers' statement on the Hostage Situation in Afghanistan / Admission of new member country: Dominican Republic
	4th	Japan/ Tokyo	Adopted "Tokyo Declaration" which states the increasing role of FEALAC / Global economic crisis and social integration/ Admission of new member country: Mongolia
	5th	Argentina/ Buenos Aires	Adopted "Buenos Aires Declaration" which states reforming global governance mechanism and strengthening bi-regional cooperation / Approved establishment of Vision Group/ Admission of new member country: Suriname , Honduras (total 36 member countries)
	6th	Indonesia/ Bali	Adopted "Uluwatu Declaration" which reiterates the commitment of FEALAC member countries to continue and deepen bi-regional cooperation for sustainable development / Confirmed the Vision Group recommendation
	7th	San Jose / Costa Rica	Adopted "Declaration of San Jose" which reaffirms the commitment to enhance comprehensive dialogue and cooperation between the two regions, as well as the preparation of the New FEALAC Action Plan for the celebration of the FEALAC's 20th anniversary
SOM	1st	Singapore / Singapore	Agreed on EALAF principles and implementation process
	2nd	Chile/ Santiago	Agreed on FMM / Election of Regional Coordinators : Philippines, Colombia
	3rd	Chile/ Santiago	Adopted "Framework Document" / Proposed change of official name of Forum at FMM
	4th	Colombia/ Bogota	Appointed Korea as Deputy Coordinator / Established Core Group
	5th	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Elected Brazil as Deputy Coordinator / Discussed FMM II date and "Manila Plan of Action"
	6th	Philippines/ Manila	Adopted "Manila Plan of Action" / Election of Co-Chairs for each WG

Meeting		Date	Host Country/ Venue	Key Issues / Decisions	
	7th	10.27-28.2005	Korea/ Seoul	Discussed current situation and implementation plans of FEALAC National Projects / Election of Deputy Coordinators : Japan, Argentina	
	8th	8.20-21.2007	Brazil/ Brasilia	Adopted WG Final Reports / Election of next Co-Chairs of WG / Reviewed "Brasilia Declaration"	
	9th	4.7-8.2009	Argentina/ Buenos Aires	Discussed enhancing FEALAC effectiveness / Reviewed agenda of the 4th FMM and preparations	
	10th	1.14-15.2010	Japan/ Tokyo	Discussed "Tokyo Declaration" / Korea's proposal of establishing FEALAC Cyber Secretariat and agenda to be presented at the 4th FMM	
	11th	11.3.2010	Indonesia/ Bali	Approved final reports of 3 WGs (evaluation of National Projects and introduction of new projects) / Korea's proposal of establishment of Vision Group	
	12th	8.24.2011	Argentina/ Buenos Aires	Agreed on proposal of establishment of Vision Group / Reported Cyber Secretariat activities and development plan / Agreed on "Buenos Aires Declaration"	
	13th	10.17.2012	Colombia/ Bogota	Approved final reports of 3 WGs / Reviewed results of the 1st and the 2nd Vision Group Meeting / Discussed re-organizing of WGs	
	14th	6.12.2013	Indonesia/ Bali	Adopted draft of Uluwatu Declaration and final reports of 3 WGs / Reviewed Final Report of Vision Group / Agreed to realign WGs / Approved FEALAC University Network and establishment of Bi-Regional Development Center for SMEs	
	15th	8.22.2014	Bangkok/ Thailand	Approved final reports of each Working Group / Discussed the improvement of FEALAC work process and strengthening of Cyber Secretariat	
	16th	8.20.2015	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Discussed agenda of the 7th FMM and approved the agenda/ Discussed 'Guideline for the FEALAC Working Process' proposed by Thailand and adopted the first draft / Approved 'Guideline on the Use of FEALAC Logo' and 'FEALAC Project Review Survey' presented by Cyber Secretariat / Election of Regional Coordinators: Republic of Korea, Guatemala	
	WG	Politics · Culture · Education · Sports	1st	Singapore/ Singapore	Discussed projects of cooperation within FEALAC
			2nd	Chile/Santiago	Proposed projects of cooperation within FEALAC
			3rd	Singapore/ Singapore	Discussed Singapore's Young Parliamentarian's Forum / Cooperation regarding drug trafficking and terrorism
			4th	Colombia/ Bogota	Evaluated projects of Politics, Culture and Education / Discussion on new projects

Meeting		Date	Host Country/ Venue	Key Issues / Decisions		
		5th	Indonesia/ Bali	Agreed on establishment of FEALAC Academic Network / Report on Indonesia's seminar on terrorism and execution of projects of Politics, Culture, Education / Simultaneous organization of 3 WGs and discussed enhancing effectiveness of FEALAC		
		6th	Colombia/ Bogota	Discussed increasing use of FEALAC official website, avoiding duplication of National Projects and making effective management of projects / Proposal of new projects of Politics, Culture, Education and Sports		
		7th	Indonesia/ Bali	Evaluated National Projects and introduced new projects		
		8th	Argentina / Buenos Aires	Raised need to develop FEALAC Iconic Project, agreed on Brazil's proposal to develop FEALAC University Network as a pilot project		
		9th	Colombia/ Bogota	Reviewed FEALAC University Network Project		
		10th	Indonesia/Bali	Evaluated National Projects and introduced new National Projects		
		WG	Economy · Society	1st	Japan/ Tokyo	Institution and governance for development / Poverty eradication / Corporate activities and SMEs / IT revolution
				2nd	Japan/ Tokyo	Institution and management system / Economic and social development and poverty eradication / Trade and investment / Corporate activities and SMEs / Agreement on establishment of FEALAC Website
				3rd	Argentina / Buenos Aires	FEALAC Business Council
				4th	Japan/ Tokyo	Discussed establishing FEALAC Business Council and cooperation on CDM / ICT cooperation for Development of SMEs / Election of next Co-Chairs (Korea, Ecuador)
5th	Korea/ Seoul			Discussed ways to Strengthen SME activities / Established Sub-Working Group on Tourism / Creation of FEALAC website		
6th	Ecuador/ Quito			Discussed strengthening official website / Promotion of SMEs / Adopted modality for Sub-Working Group on Tourism		
7th	Indonesia/ Bali			Discussed Final Report of Sub-Working Group on Tourism and established "FEALAC finance, trade and investment information network"		
8th	Argentina / Buenos Aires			Adopted the 2nd Sub-Working Group on Tourism Final Report and reviewed plan to establish inter-regional Development Center for SMEs		

Meeting		Date	Host Country/ Venue	Key Issues / Decisions
	9th	10.16.2012	Colombia/ Bogota	Adopted the 3rd Sub-Working Group on Tourism Final Report and reviewed modified plan on the establishment of SME Development Center
	10th	6.11.2013	Indonesia/ Bali	Adopted the 4th Sub-Working Group on Tourism Final Report and reviewed plan proposed by Argentina on the establishment of FEALAC Investment Opportunities Database
WG	Science- Techno- logy	1st	Australia/ Canberra	Discussed the need for cooperation in areas of education, science and technology
		2nd	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Agreed on each member country establishing FEALAC Website
		3rd	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Established integrative FEALAC portal / Cooperation on natural disaster / El Niño cooperation project
		4th	Thailand/ Bangkok	Cooperation on renewable energy / Role of international and regional financial institutions within FEALAC / Regional cooperation on natural disasters / Discussion on establishment of FEALAC web portal
		5th	Panama/ Panama City	Shared experience on execution of science and technology policies / Discussed strengthening exchange between scientific and technological institutions / Invitation of IDB, ADB officials of East Asia and Latin America
		6th	Indonesia/ Bali	Discussed National Projects and presented study on greenhouse gases of New Zealand's rural areas
		7th	Argentina/ Buenos Aires	Discussed Brazil's Sectorial Action Plan and agreed to submit information on new National Projects to Cyber Secretariat through Regional Coordinators
		8th	Colombia/ Bogota	Discussed follow-up measures of Sectorial Action Plan and introduced new National Projects
		9th	Indonesia/ Bali	Discussed further details of follow-up measures of Sectorial Action Plan and introduced new National Projects
WG	Socio- Political Cooperation- Sustainable Development	1st	Thailand/ Bangkok	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals / Suggested some areas that WG for 2014-16 may focus on
		2nd	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals
WG	Trade- Investment- Tourism- MSMEs	1st	Thailand/ Bangkok	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals / Presentation on SME policies of Korea/ Suggestions for enhancing cooperation in the field of trade, investment, tourism and MSMEs
		2nd	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals

Meeting		Date	Host Country/ Venue	Key Issues / Decisions
WG	Culture- Youth- Gender- Sports	1st	Thailand/ Bangkok	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals / Identified prioritized areas of Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports WG
		2nd	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals
WG	Science- Technology- Innovation- Education	1st	Thailand/ Bangkok	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals
		2nd	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Reported ongoing and concluded projects and presented new proposals
Core Group Meeting	1st	3.18-19.2003	Japan/ Tokyo	Discussed FEALAC organization and desirable management plan
	2nd	5.10.2003.	Chile/ Santiago	Discussed management plan of FEALAC and organization of FMM II
	3rd	3.29-30.2006	Japan/ Tokyo	Discussed date for 3rd FMM / Evaluated WG activities / Reviewed hosting SOM and WG meetings back-to-back
Coordinating Board Meeting	1st	10.31.2010	Indonesia/ Bali	Discussed agenda of 11th SOM and future management direction of FEALAC
	2nd	8.23.2011	Argentina / Buenos Aires	Discussed establishment of Vision Group and agenda of 12th SOM
	3rd	10.15.2012	Colombia / Bogota	Discussed agenda for Science and Technology WG Meeting (accomplished by teleconference)
	4th	6.11.2013	Indonesia/ Bali	Discussed specific ideas to realign WG, Bi-Regional Cooperation Project and appointment of Regional Coordinators as well as Co-Chairs of each WG for next term
	5th	8.20.2014	Thailand/ Bangkok	Discussed the Guideline for the FEALAC Work Process and reviewed the agenda for the 15th SOM
Coordination Meeting	6th	8.18.2015	Costa Rica/ San Jose	Discussed the agenda of the 7th FMM and reviewed the proposed FEALAC regional projects
Vision Group Meeting	1st	3.13.2012	Korea/ Seoul	Elected Chairs and constituted the committee
	2nd	10.11-12.2012	Peru/ Lima	Elected Chairs and constituted the committee Presented the draft of Vision Group Report and standardized the format
	3rd	3.7-8.2013	Colombia / Cali	Reviewed and discussed the agenda and methodology of the report
	4th	6.4-6.2013	Indonesia/ Bali	Finalized and submitted the Final Vision Group Report to the 6th FMM

8 National Projects

Table 5 FEALAC National Projects by Country (1999 - Mar. 2014)

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
Argentina	2011	2011 Seminar "First Interregional Dialogue on South-South Cooperation – Perceptions on Asia in Latin America and on Latin America in Asia"	PCES
Argentina	2009	Social Sports Seminar	PCES
Argentina	2009	Infrastructure for Integration	PCES
Argentina	2009	Project Inap	PCES
Argentina	2009	CELU - Certificado de Espanol : Lengua y uso	PCES
Argentina	2003	Early Warning for Emergencies and/or Disaster	PCES
Australia	2002	Young Executive Exchange Program	PCES
Australia	2002	Activities of the Council on Australia-Latin America Relations	PCES
Brazil	2014	FEALAC University Network	PCES
Brazil	2012	FEALAC Seminar on Exchange of Best Practices in the Field of Innovation in Biotechnology Applied to the Pharmaceutical Industry	ST
Brazil	2011	Course for Football Coaches	PCES
Brazil	2009	Proposal of inclusion of Sports issues	PCES
Brazil	2007	Publication of the Catalogue on 3rd FMM and 8th SOM	PCES
Brazil	2007	Bi-regional entrepreneurial meetings	PCES
Brazil	2007	FMM Decision to adopt Tourism as Subgroup	PCES
Brazil	2007	Report on Academic Seminar	PCES
Brazil	2007	Visit to Ethanol Refinery	ST
Brazil	2001	Seminar "Brazil and Asia in the 21st century"	PCES
Chile	2012	I Working Meeting for Women Entrepreneurship	ES
Chile	2009	Diplomatic Academy of Chile and East Asia Linkages	PCES
Chile	2003	FEALAC Academic Network - FAN	PCES
Chile	2002	Inter-regional Approaches to Globalization	PCES
Chile	2002	Academic Seminar on First FMM	PCES
Chile	2002	Diplomatic Academy of Chile and East Asia Linkages	PCES
Chile	2001	New Mining Synergy	PCES
Chile	2000	Globalization Seminar: Experiences of East Asia and Latin America	PCES
China	2013	Seminar for Press Officials and Journalists of Latin American Countries	PCES
China	2013	Multilateral Seminar for Latin American Political Parties	PCES
China	2013	The 1st FEALAC Young Diplomats Visiting Program	PCES

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
China	2013	The 4th Sino-Latin America People's Friendship Forum	PCES
China	2013	International Seminar on "Soft power and Construction of China- Latin America partnerships"	PCES
China	2013	7th Sino-LAC Business Summit	ES
China	2013	Seminar for Environment Protection Officials of Developing Countries	ES
China	2013	Seminar for Economic and Technical Cooperation Officials of Latin America and Caribbean Countries	ES
China & Ecuador	2013	The 1st FEALAC Law Forum	PCES
China	2012	Season for Chinese Contemporary Art	PCES
China	2012	China-LAC High Level Academic Forum	PCES
China	2012	Micro-finance and Micro-credit International Seminar	ES
China	2012	6th Sino-LAC Business Summit	ES
China	2012	Seminar on fight against drug trafficking for high-level officials	ES
China	2012	China-LAC Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum	ES
China	2012	Seminar for Press Officials and Journalists of Latin American Countries	PCES
China	2011	Seminar for trade officials for Latin American and the Caribbean	ES
China	2011	5th Sino-LAC Business Summit	ES
China	2011	3rd Sino-Latin America People's Friendship Forum	PCES
China	2011	Multilateral Seminar for Latin American Political Parties	PCES
China	2011	Special Exhibition of Chinese Culture	PCES
China	2011	Seminar for Leaders of Friendship-with-China Organizations in Latin America and Caribbean Countries	PCES
China	2011	International Academic seminar of East Asia and Latin America Regional Economic and Financial Cooperation	ES
China	2010	Training Program on Agricultural Products Processing Technologies	ST
China	2010	Biogas Training Course	ST
China	2010	The 3rd ASEAN Plus Three Forum on Biomass Energy	ST
China	2009	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2009	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2008	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2008	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2007	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2007	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2006	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2006	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2006	FEALAC University Presidents Forum	PCES

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
China	2005	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2005	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2005	Seminar on "Chinese Finance Reform and Opening Up"	PCES
China	2004	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2004	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2004	Latin American Civil Service Staff Training Course	PCES
China	2004	Chinese Folk Dance Group Visiting Latin America	PCES
China	2004	Seminar on "Modality of Chinese Economy Growth"	ES
China	2004	Seminar for Sino-Latin America Trade and Mutual Investment	ES
China	2004	Seminar for Economy Managing Officials of Mercosur	ES
China	2003	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2003	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2002	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2002	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2002	Micro-hydropower Technology Training Course	ST
China	2002	Acupuncture Training Course	ST
China	2001	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2001	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2001	Visiting Program for Latin American Journalists	PCES
China	2001	Solar Energy Application Technology	ST
China	2001	Bio-gas Technology Training Course	ST
China	2001	Agricultural Machinery Training Course	ST
China	2000	Visiting Program of Senior Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	2000	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	1999	Visiting Program of Young Latin American Diplomats	PCES
China	1999	International Seminar "Regional Economy Integration of the West Hemisphere"	ES
Colombia	2014	2nd Spanish Language course for Tourist Guide	PCES
Colombia	2013	2nd FEALAC Seminar on Social Inclusion through Sports	PCES
Colombia	2013	1st Spanish Language Course for Tourist Guides	PCES
Colombia	2013	Network of scientific-technological convergence	ST
Colombia	2013	Colombian Academic Mobility	PCES
Colombia	2012	FEALAC Business Dialogue	ES
Colombia	2012	3rd Conference on Tourism and Nature	ES
Colombia	2011	Colombia Academic Mobility	PCES

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
Colombia	2011	Colombia Cyber Education SENA	PCES
Colombia	2011	Colombia's Experience on Public Policy for SMSs	ES
Colombia	2010	Colombia Academic Mobility	PCES
Colombia	2010	Media Leaders and International Media Meeting	PCES
Colombia	2009	World Drug Problem Seminar	PCES
Colombia	2006	Sharing Information Against Drug	PCES
Colombia	2006	Colombian Drug Observatory	PCES
Cuba	2010	Yo, Si Puedo Programme	PCES
Ecuador	2012-ongoing	Feasibility Project for the Establishment of a Bi-regional Center for the Development of SMEs	ES
Ecuador	2008	Feasibility Study for the Bi-Regional Center Dev. SMEs	ES
Ecuador	2001	Map of Inter-regional Complementarity	PCES
Guatemala	2010	Central American Associate Degree on Cultural Rights	PCES
Indonesia	2013	FEALAC Youth Leaders' Dialogue (YLD)	PCES
Indonesia	2013	FEALAC Journalists' Visit Programme (JVP) 2014/Familiarization Trip	PCES
Indonesia	2013	FEALAC Seminar on Sustainable Tourism and Tourism Ethics	ES
Indonesia	2013	FEALAC Culinary Week	PCES
Indonesia	2013	2nd Meeting of International Cooperation Officials of FEALAC Countries: "The Bi-Regional Dialogue on International Cooperation"	ES
Indonesia	2012	FEALAC Children Film Festival (FCFF)	PCES
Indonesia	2012	6th FEALAC Outreach Programme	PCES
Indonesia	2011	FEALAC Outreach Program	PCES
Indonesia	2010	Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship Program, DCSP	PCES
Indonesia	2010	Darmasiswa Scholarship Program	PCES
Indonesia	2010	FEALAC Outreach Program	PCES
Indonesia	2010	Enhancing Pedagogy Skills for Teacher Trainers	PCES
Indonesia	2009	FEALAC 10th Anniversary	PCES
Indonesia	2009	FEALAC Outreach Program	PCES
Indonesia	2009	FEALAC Journalist Familiarization Trip (JFT)	PCES
Indonesia	2008	FEALAC Journalist Visit Program	PCES
Indonesia	2008	FEALAC Eco-Tourism Conference	ES
Indonesia	2007	FEALAC Workshop Counter Terrorism	PCES
Indonesia	2007	FEALAC Seminar on SMEs	PCES
Indonesia	2007	FEALAC Journalist Visit Program	PCES
Indonesia	2006	FEALAC Journalist Visit Program	PCES

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
Indonesia	2006	Workshop Against Terrorism	PCES
Japan	2013	The 13th Invitation Program for Young Leaders of FEALAC	PCES
Japan	2012	FEALAC Eco-Business Promotion Conference	ES
Japan	2012	2012 FEALAC Young Leaders Invitation Program	PCES
Japan	2011	2011 FEALAC Young Leaders Invitation Program	PCES
Japan	2011	Young Diplomats of FEALAC "Environmental Business and Disaster Risk Reduction"	PCES
Japan	2010	Prep Meeting for High Level Meeting on Environmental Business	PCES
Japan	2008	Young Leaders Invitation Program CDM	PCES
Japan	2008	Young Leaders Invitation Program	PCES
Japan	2007	Cooperation on CDM Projects	PCES
Japan	2005	Young Leaders Invitation Program on Sustainable Development	PCES
Japan	2005	Young Leaders Symposium	PCES
Japan	2004	Young Leaders Invitation Program SMEs Promotion	PCES
Japan	2004	Young Leaders Symposium	PCES
Japan	2004	Japanese Language Program for Foreign Service Officers	PCES
Japan	2004	Future Navigators Initiative: FEALAC Young Leaders Encounter	PCES
Japan	2003	IT Forum	PCES
Japan	2002	Japan-Singapore Partnership Program for 21st century	PCES
Japan	2002	Symposium for Intellectuals	PCES
Japan	2002	East Asia - Latin America Young Leaders Symposium	PCES
Japan	2001	Training Course of Japanese for Young Diplomats	PCES
Japan	2001	East Asia - Latin America Young Leaders Symposium	PCES
Korea	2013	FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Youth Forum	PCES
Korea	2013	Seminar on University-Industry Collaboration	ST
Korea	2012	FEALAC Seminar on Science and Technology Park	ST
Korea	2012	Korea-Latin America Youth Forum	PCES
Korea	2011	Forum on Promotion of Traditional Sports 2011	PCES
Korea	2011	3rd FEALAC Expert Meeting on Current Issues - E-learning	PCES
Korea	2010	2nd FEALAC Expert Meeting on Current Issues - E-Learning	PCES
Korea	2010	2nd FEALAC Eco-Tourism Conference	ES
Korea	2009	1st FEALAC Expert Meeting on Current Issues-Renewable Energy	ES
Korea	2009	FEALAC SME Promotion Tour	ES
Korea	2008	Seminar on Best Practices & Innovation on Self-governing	ES

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
Korea	2006	10th Korea - Latin America Cooperation	PCES
Korea	2004	Korea-Mexico Joint Culture Committee	PCES
Korea	2003	Korea-MERCOSUR Journalist and Scholar Exchange Program	PCES
Mexico	2013	6th Course on Spanish Language for Foreign Diplomats	PCES
Mexico	2013	9th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Foreign Diplomats	PCES
Mexico	2013	19th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Latin American and Caribbean Diplomats	PCES
Mexico	2012	8th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Foreign Diplomats	PCES
Mexico	2012	5th Course on Spanish Language for Foreign Diplomats	PCES
Mexico	2011	7th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy	PCES
Mexico	2011	4th Spanish Course for Foreign Diplomats	PCES
Mexico	2010	Mexico - East Asia Members Links	PCES
New Zealand	2010	Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases	ST
New Zealand	2003	Strengthening Political & Cultural Links	PCES
Paraguay	2003	Strengthening Political & Cultural Links	PCES
Peru	2003-ongoing	Latin America and East Asia Cooperative Program on the Evaluation, Monitoring and Modeling of El Nino-Southern Oscillation(ENSO) and its Impacts on the Marine Ecosystem	ST
Peru	2010	Telemedicine	PCES
Peru	2010	East Asia - Latin America Cooperative Program	PCES
Peru	2010	Scholarship Program for Diplomats	PCES
Peru	2005	Scholarship Program Diplomatic Academy of Peru	PCES
Peru	2004	Information Exchange Matrix for SMEs	PCES
Peru	2004	East Asia - Latin America Cooperative Program	PCES
Peru	2003	East Asia - Latin America Cooperative Program	PCES
Philippines	2012	5th International Conference of the Latin American Studies Council of Asia and Oceania(CELAO) 2012, jointly organized by CELAO and the Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin American Studies(PACLAS)	PCES
Philippines	2008	PACLAS	PCES
Philippines	2002	PACLAS	PCES
Philippines	2002	Sustainable Urban Development	PCES
Philippines	2002	Development of SMEs	PCES
Philippines	2002	Combating Transnational Crimes	PCES
Singapore	2013	14th Forum for FEALAC Journalists' Visit Program	PCES
Singapore	2012	13th Forum for FEALAC Journalists' Visit Program	PCES

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Singapore	2012	9th Edition of the Latin Asia Business Forum	ES
Singapore	2011	Climate Change and Energy Sustainability	PCES
Singapore	2011	International Disaster Management Programme	PCES
Singapore	2011	Tourism Development and Management	PCES
Singapore	2011	Singapore Cooperation Programme	PCES
Singapore	2010	FEALAC Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP)	PCES
Singapore	2010	FEALAC Journalists Visit Programme (JVP)	PCES
Singapore	2010	Education Excellence in Public Schools	PCES
Singapore	2010	Airport Terminal Operations and Managements	PCES
Singapore	2010	Executive Course in Disaster Management	PCES
Singapore	2009	FEALAC 10th Anniversary	PCES
Singapore	2009	Journalists Visit Program	PCES
Singapore	2009	Environment Protection and Management	PCES
Singapore	2009	Civil Aviation Management Program	PCES
Singapore	2009	Environmental Protection and Health Management	PCES
Singapore	2008	Journalists Visit Program	PCES
Singapore	2008	Airport Terminal Operations & Mgt.	PCES
Singapore	2008	Urban Planning & Environment Mgt.	PCES
Singapore	2007	Journalists Visit Program	PCES
Singapore	2005	Young Parliamentarian Forum	PCES
Singapore	2005	Journalists Visit Program	PCES
Singapore	2004	Journalists Visit Program	PCES
Singapore	2003	Trans-Pacific and Investments: Overcoming Obstacles and Impediments	PCES
Singapore	2003	FEALAC Academic Network	PCES
Singapore	2003	Journalists Visit Program (JVP)	PCES
Singapore	2002	Japan-Singapore Partnership Program for 21st century	PCES
Singapore	2002	Cultural Cooperation FEALAC Members	PCES
Thailand	2013	The 3rd Workshop on Drug Law Enforcement Cooperation for FEALAC countries	PCES
Thailand	2013	The 2013 Buakaew Roundtable International on Sufficiency Economy and OTOP(One Town One Project)	PCES
Thailand	2013	Annual International Training Course : • Sufficiency Economy (Mar 4-19) • Early Childhood Health Care Management (Mar 4-30) • Appropriate Technology and Local Knowledge in Agricultural Waste Recycling (Mar 5-25)	PCES

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Management and Community Empowerment towards Healthy Community (Mar 11-29) • Food Security - Postharvest, Processing and Quality Assurance of Selected Agro-Industrial Products (May 1-31) • Grassroots Economic Development followed Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (Jun 17-Jul 26) • Health Care System Strengthening (Jul 1-26) • Modern Technology for Sustainable Agricultural System (Jul 8-19) • Local Wisdom and Thailand Agricultural Studies Center for Development (Aug 13-30) • Waste Management for Sustainability (Sep 5-24) 	
Thailand	2012	Forum on Inter-regional cooperation in trade and investment	ES
Thailand	2011	Buakaew International Roundtable 2011 "Sufficiency Economy, Eco-tourism and Management Program"	PCES
Thailand	2011	Buakaew Roundtable International	PCES
Thailand	2009	Integrated Coastal Zone Management	PCES
Thailand	2009	Diversified Farming Practices	PCES
Thailand	2009	Water Recycling for Sufficiency Agriculture	PCES
Thailand	2009	Micro-Finance and Income Generation Management	PCES
Thailand	2009	Income Generation and Poverty Reduction for Development	PCES
Thailand	2009	Tourism in Thailand: Development, Management and Sustainability	PCES
Thailand	2009	SMEs Promotion Training Course	PCES
Thailand	2009	Narcotics Law Enforcement	PCES
Thailand	2009	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Problem Alleviation	PCES
Thailand	2009	International Symposium on FEALAC Academic Network(FAN)	PCES
Thailand	2009	International Symposium FEALAC's Pan-Oceanic Cooperation	PCES
Thailand	2009	Buakaew Roundtable International	PCES
Thailand	2009	FEALAC Symposium on Pan-Oceanic Cooperation on Disaster	PCES
Thailand	2009	Micro-Finance and Income Generation Management	PCES
Thailand	2009	Sufficiency Economy	ES
Thailand	2009	Grassroots Economic Development, One Tambon One Product	ES
Thailand	2009	Hotel Management	ES
Thailand	2008	Income Generation and Poverty Reduction for Development	PCES
Thailand	2008	Tourism in Thailand: Development, Management and Sustainability	PCES
Thailand	2008	Postgraduate Programmes/ Degree Training Programmes	PCES
Thailand	2008	Buakaew Roundtable International	PCES
Thailand	2008	Grassroots Economic Development, One Tambon One Product	PCES
Thailand	2008	Hotel Management	PCES

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Thailand	2007	Micro-Finance and Income Generation Management	PCES
Thailand	2007	Income Generation and Poverty Reduction for Development	PCES
Thailand	2007	Buakaew Roundtable International	PCES
Thailand	2006	Income Generation and Poverty Reduction for Development	PCES
Thailand	2006	Tourism in Thailand: Development, Management and Sustainability	PCES
Thailand	2006	FEALAC Inter-regional Workshop on Clean Fuels and Vehicle Technologies	PCES
Thailand	2006	Buakaew Roundtable International	PCES
Thailand	2006	Hotel Management	ES
Thailand	2005	Drug Control Cooperation	PCES
Thailand	2005	Income Generation and Poverty Reduction for Development	PCES
Thailand	2005	Staff and Students Exchange Programmes	PCES
Thailand	2005	Buakaew Roundtable International	PCES
Thailand	2004	Workshop for Drug Control Cooperation	PCES
Thailand	2004	Thai International Cooperation Program	PCES
Thailand	2001	Symposium on Pan-Oceanic Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction	PCES
Venezuela	2012	Information Exchange and Cooperation Program Between Latin America and Asia through TELESUR	ST
Venezuela	2012	Program of Scholarships in the Integral Community Medicine Area	PCES
Vietnam	2013	International Conference: "Experiences of FEALAC countries in transforming growth model towards sustainable Development"	ES
Vietnam	2012	East Asia-Latin America Cultural Exchange through 2012 Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2012	Vietnam-Latin America Ministerial Forum on Trade and Investment	ES
Vietnam	2010	Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2009	Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2008	Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2007	Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2006	Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2005	Hue Festival	PCES
Vietnam	2004	Hue Festival	PCES

Source : Reports of the Working Groups and FEALAC Website

Table 6 FEALAC National Projects by Country (2014-2015)

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
Argentina	2015	Articulation between Universities and Research Centers, East Asia-Latin America and the Caribbean Academic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation Databank	STIE
Argentina	2015	Experience Exchange Project in Electronic Phytosanitary Certification Systems	TITM
Brazil	2014	Draft Action Plan to build upon the Seminar on "Biotechnology, Biomedicine and Life Sciences : Current Situation and Future Cooperation among FEALAC Member Countries"	STIE
Brunei Darussalam	2015	FEALAC University Discovery Year (FUDY)	STIE
China	2014-2015	"Chinese Art, New Look" Large Scale Chinese Cultural Display	CYGS
China	2015	"Bridge to the Future" Training Camp for Young Leaders from China and Latin America and the Caribbean	SPCSD
China	2015	Happy Chinese Spring Festival	CYGS
China	2015	Media Management and Technical Training Courses	SPCSD
China	2015	Seminar for the Political Parties between China and Latin America and the Caribbean	SPCSD
China	2015	The 3rd Latin American Art Season and 2nd Caribbean Music Festival	CYGS
China	2015	The 5th China-Latin America and Caribbean Region People-to-People and Latin America and the Caribbean	SPCSD
China	2015	The 6th Seminar for Young Cadres of Latin America and the Caribbean	SPCSD
China	2015	The 9th China-Latin America and the Caribbean Business Summit	TITM
China	2014	Conference "Investment in Latin America-Environment and Social Responsibility"	SPCSD
China	2014	Research Center for China's Politics and Economics in Latin America	SPCSD
China	2014	Seminar for the Latin American and Caribbean Think-Tank	SPCSD
China	2014	Seminar for the Officials of Climate Change and Environmental Protection of the Caribbean and the South Pacific	SPCSD
China	2014	The 3rd China International Friendship Cities Conference	SPCSD
China	2014	The 8th China-Latin America and the Caribbean Business Summit	TITM
Colombia	2015	Financing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum	TITM
Colombia	2015	Spanish Course for Tourist Guides or Journalists Specialized in Tourism from FEALAC East Asia Countries	CYGS
Indonesia	2015	FEALAC Youth Conferenc (IFYC) Theme : "Empowering the Atlantic-Pacific Net"	CYGS
Indonesia	2014	FEALAC Address Program	STIE

Country	Year	National Projects	WG
Indonesia	2014	The 1st ASEAN-FEALAC Joint Workshop :“Initiatives on Bio-Resources for Bio-Energy: Potential Cooperation between East Asia and Latin America”	STIE
Korea	2015	FEALAC Industry-University Cooperation	STIE
Korea	2014	Industry-Academic Collaboration	STIE
Mexico	2015	11th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Foreign Diplomats	CYGS
Mexico	2015	21st Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Latin American and Caribbean Diplomats	CYGS
Mexico	2015	8th Course on Spanish Language for Foreign Diplomats	CYGS
Mexico	2014	10th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Foreign Diplomats	CYGS
Mexico	2014	20th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Latin American and Caribbean Diplomats	CYGS
Mexico	2014	7th Course on Spanish Language for Foreign Diplomats	CYGS
Panama	ongoing	Visitors and Interpretation Center for the Castillo de San Lorenzo el Real de Chagres	CYGS
Peru	ongoing (website)	FEALAC Network on Good Practices in Public Management	SPCSD
Peru	2015	Latin America and East Asia Cooperative Program on the Evaluation, Monitoring and Modeling of El Niño- Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and its Impacts in the Marine Ecosystem	STIE
Singapore	2015	16th FEALAC Journalists' Visit Programme	CYGS
Thailand	2015	FEALAC Health and Healthcare and Community Empowerment Networks	CYGS

Table 7 FEALAC Regional Projects by the Working Group (2014 - Present)

WG	Country	Regional Project
Socio-Political Cooperation, Sustainable Development (SPCSD)	China	The 2nd FEALAC Young Diplomats Visiting Programme
	China	The 3rd FEALAC Young Diplomats Visiting Programme
	China	The 2nd FEALAC Law Forum
	Indonesia	The Establishment of Networkings among Drug Law Enforcement Officials
	Vietnam	FEALAC Dialogue on Sustainable Development
Culture, Youth, Gender, Sports (CYGS)	Argentina/ Thailand	FEALAC Women Entrepreneurs' Network
	Thailand	FEALAC Friendship Schools Network
	Peru	FEALAC Network of Cultural Institutions
	Vietnam	FEALAC Network of Cultural Cities
	Vietnam	Promoting East Asia-Latin America Cultural Exchange through Hue festival 2016
Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs (TITM)	Argentina/ Republic of Korea	FEALAC Investment Opportunity Database
	Ecuador	Bi-Regional Virtual Centre for the Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
	Indonesia	The Enhancement of Industrial and Technological Infrastructure
Science, Technology, Innovation, Education (STIE)	Brazil	FEALAC University Network
	Colombia	Network of Scientific and Technological Convergence
	Japan	Invitation Program For Young Leaders of FEALAC
	Japan	FEALAC Award / Participation from Asia to one category in IEEE Latin American Robotic Competition
	Thailand	STI Policy Dialogue
	Peru	FEALAC Network of Institutions engaged in Research, Prevention and Control of Tropical and Emerging Diseases



National Project of Indonesia in 2008 <Ecotourism Conference>



National Project of Vietnam in 2013
<Seminar on Experience of FEALAC countries in transforming growth model towards sustainable development>



National Project of Korea in 2009 <SME Promotion Tour>



National Project of Korea in 2011
<2nd FEALAC Expert Meeting on Current Issue e-learning>



National Project of Indonesia in 2013
<The Seminar on Sustainable Tourism and Tourism Ethics>



National Project of Colombia in 2013
<2nd FEALAC Seminar on Social Inclusion through Sports>



National Project of Colombia in 2014
<2nd Spanish Language course for Tourist Guide>

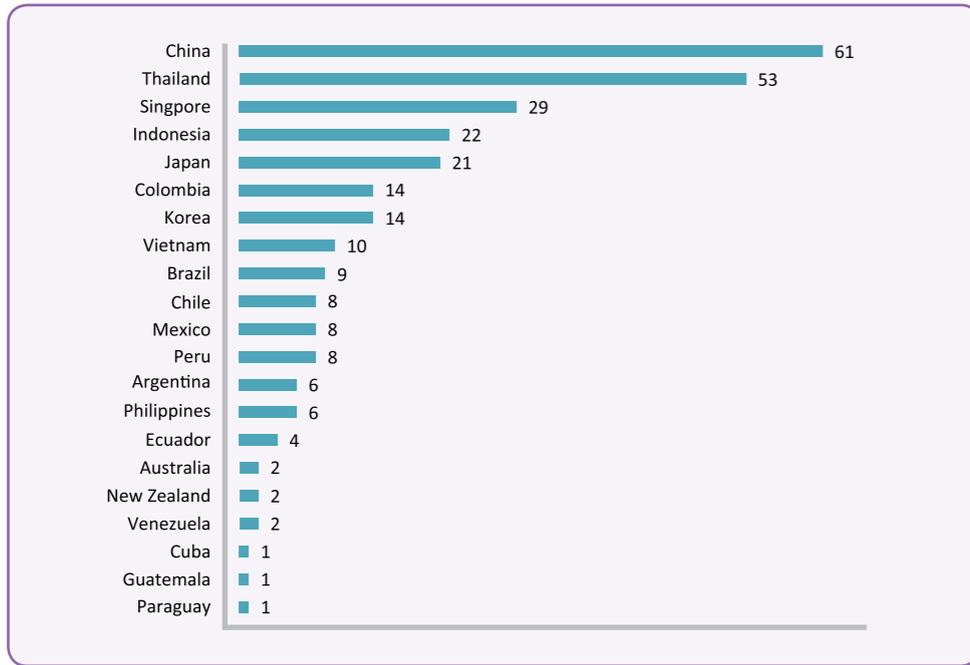


National Project of Japan in 2015
<FEALAC Award/Participation from Asia to one category in IEEE Latin America Robotic Competition>



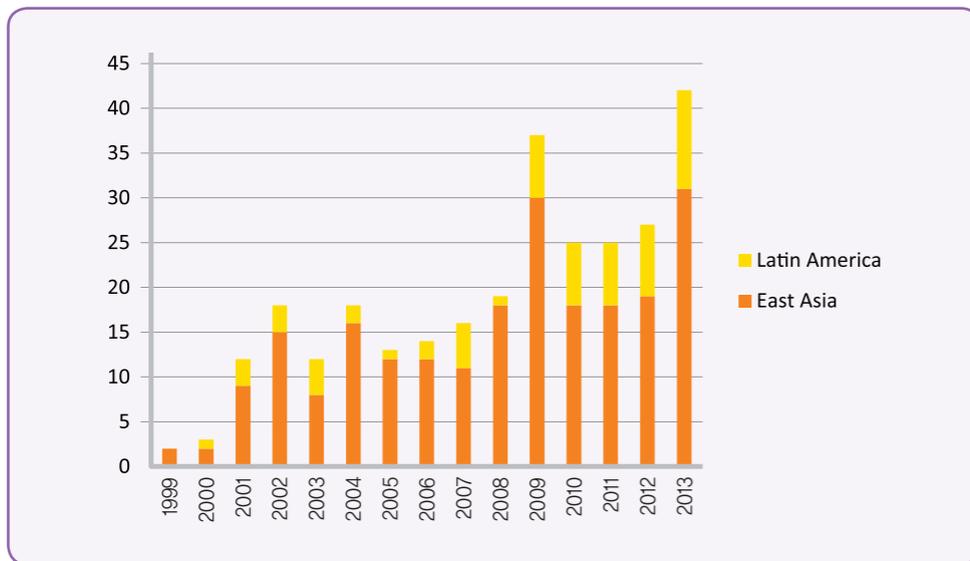
National Project of Korea in 2015
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Graph 1 National Projects by Country (1999 - 2013)



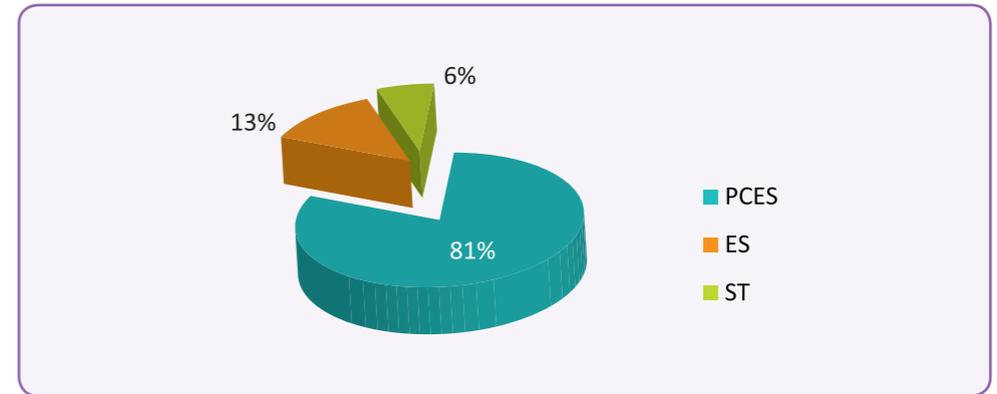
Source : Reports of the Working Groups and FEALAC Website

Graph 2 National Projects by Region and Year (1999 - 2013)



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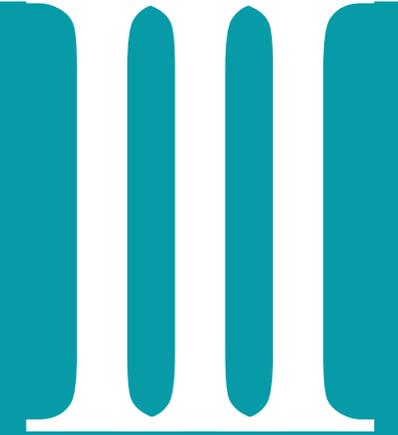
Graph 3 National Projects by Subject (1999 - 2013)



Source : Reports of the Working Groups and FEALAC Website



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Official Documents

Joint Declarations of Foreign Ministers' Meeting

1. FEALAC Framework
- Adopted at the 1st FMM (3.29- 30.2001)
2. Manila Plan of Action
- Adopted at the 2nd FMM (1.30-31.2004)
3. Brasilia Declaration
- Adopted at the 3rd FMM (8.22-23.2007)
4. Tokyo Declaration
- Adopted at the 4th FMM (1.16-17.2010)
5. Buenos Aires Declaration
- Adopted at the 5th FMM (8.25.2011)
6. Uluwatu Declaration
- Adopted at the 6th FMM (6.13-14.2013)
7. San Jose Declaration
- Adopted at the 7th FMM (8.21.2015)

FRAMEWORK FOR A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA

FEALAC I Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM I : 3.29 - 30.2001)

1. Global interdependence is a reality that cannot be ignored. But the global market is highly uneven in its effects and does not in itself create international cohesion. The dichotomy between the economic and political dimensions of global interdependence should be addressed. A sense of global cohesiveness and of the inter-connections between regions must be encouraged as a means to ensure that interdependence benefits all and that international peace and stability are preserved.

Rationale

2. Technology has mitigated the effects of geographic distance between East Asia and Latin America and created the opportunity to realise the full potential of closer interactions between these regions. East Asia and Latin America are comprised of mainly developing countries who share many similar concerns and problems. East Asia and Latin America are economically dynamic and are complementary to each other. The Forum will address common issues and problems and explore new avenues for cooperation. There is great scope for political, social, cultural, academic, economic and other kinds of cooperation. Closer linkages and cooperation between East Asia and Latin America will be mutually beneficial and contribute to both regional and international peace and stability.

Purpose

3. The purpose of the Forum is to promote better understanding, political and economic dialogue and cooperation in all areas so as to achieve more effective and fruitful relations and closer cooperation between the two regions. It will avoid duplication with other existing forums. It shall take a multidisciplinary approach and could involve both the public and private sectors.

Objective

4. The key objectives of the Forum are:
 - To increase mutual understanding, trust, political dialogue and friendly cooperation among member states with a view to enriching and sharing experiences and developing new partnerships.
 - To tap the potential of multidisciplinary cooperation, inter alia, in economics, trade investment, finance, science and technology, environment protection, culture, sport, and people-to-people exchanges.
 - To expand common ground on important international political and economic issues with a view to working together in different international fora in order to safeguard our common interests.

Principles

5. The Forum should be forward looking and future oriented. It will be voluntary, informal and flexible in its working procedures. It will conduct itself in accordance with basic principles of international law, in particular:
 - Respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
 - Non-interference in each other's internal affairs;
 - Equality, mutual benefit and the common goal of development;
 - Respect for each other's unique cultures and social values; and
 - Decision-making by consensus.

Participation

6. The Forum comprises sovereign states participating in their individual national capacities. Membership of the forum is open to all sovereign states committed to promoting better relations and linkages between East Asia and Latin America. New members shall be admitted on basis of consensus.
7. The Forum's activities and projects are limited to its members. Other sovereign states as well as international and regional organizations may participate in specific projects and activities on the basis of consensus among members.

Modalities

8. Regular meetings of Foreign Ministers are envisaged and could be held approximately every two years. The possible participation of Economic or other Ministers and the possibility of having a Summit of Leaders can be discussed by the Foreign Ministers.
9. The agenda of the Foreign Ministers' Meeting should be relevant to the concerns of both regions and decided by consensus. Senior Officials Meetings (SOM) should be held to prepare for the Foreign Ministers' Meetings. SOMs should be held at least once a year, as well as back to back with Foreign Ministers' Meetings. The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of member countries shall be the focal points for the Forum.
10. Two Coordinators, one from each region, will be appointed to provide focal points of contact in between formal meetings of officials and Ministers. The appointments shall be on the basis of consensus within their respective regions. To ensure continuity and greater partnership, two Deputy Coordinators, who will be the future Coordinators will also be appointed. These will assume as Coordinators at the end of the Ministerial Meetings.
11. The venue of meetings should be alternate between the two regions and be decided on the basis of consensus.
12. The Forum shall endeavour to make progress incrementally, always seeking common ground and putting aside differences in order to foster understanding and cooperation, and moving at a pace comfortable to all its members.

Projects

13. To enhance substantive cooperation between East Asia and Latin America, participating countries are encouraged to submit specific projects with interregional scope. For the purposes of this Forum, a project is an initiative aimed at raising awareness and fostering better understanding between East Asia and Latin America that one or more countries pledge to implement within a certain period of time. At the initial stage, projects should be modest in scope and in their numbers.
14. Initiators of projects should be responsible for securing funding. Implementation of projects should be voluntary. Projects should be mutually beneficial and contribute towards advancing, the overall objectives of the Forum.

MANILA PLAN OF ACTION TO FURTHER ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA

FEALAC II Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM II : 1.30-31.2004)

1. We, the Foreign Ministers of the thirty-two member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) met in Manila, Philippines, on 30 and 31 January 2004 to deepen and broaden the links between our two regions. In this context, we welcomed the admission of Guatemala and Nicaragua as new members of the Forum.
2. Our meetings were conducted in a transparent and constructive atmosphere and were built upon the work begun at the First FEALAC Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM I), held in Santiago, Chile on 29-30 March 2001.
3. We noted the Forum's progress with satisfaction and recognized that it has accomplished much despite being a relatively new intergovernmental entity. FEALAC continues to demonstrate its value through the advancement of important inter-regional projects in various fields. This has shown that the Forum has a valuable complementary role in the international system.
4. We reiterated our commitment to abide by the Framework Document as FEALAC's guiding beacon. We resolved at this meeting in Manila that we will set a more focused direction for the Forum that will make full use of the momentum generated since the FMM I.
5. We reiterated that enhanced economic and cultural links would lead to closer and deeper political ties. We enjoined our officials responsible for the Forum to ensure that FEALAC stays true to this path. The FMM I gave the Forum its foundation. The forthcoming biennium will be a critical period of consolidation that will give FEALAC its determining character. Therefore, now is the time to move to a more substantive direction.

6. We recognized that FEALAC can help in promoting peace and strengthening multilateral cooperation in all fields in today's international environment. We appreciated the importance of building on our achievements and seizing opportunities to make FEALAC more agile and responsive to the changing international environment.
7. We acknowledged that FEALAC plays a valuable part in bringing together countries from two very diverse regions for dialogue and cooperation. We agreed that better understanding among FEALAC member countries on matters of mutual interest could be useful in addressing issues in the relevant multilateral fora, particularly in forging better cooperation where our views converge.
8. We agreed that while FEALAC plays an important complementary role to activities in other fora, it should not duplicate existing efforts. We recognized that FEALAC has an important role in adding value through its inter-regional, consensus-based approach.
9. We acknowledged that the three Working Groups established at the FMM I developed many useful projects. The Working Groups brought the two regions closer through more frequent contacts among individuals from the member countries. We attached particular importance to those projects that promote a greater understanding between the two regions, including through greater information dissemination and people-to-people contact through, among others, modern information technologies. There is a need for further dialogue and cultural exchange among the Forum's members in order to better appreciate and understand their respective cultures and ways of life.

Enhancing Economic Ties to Further Economic Development and Creating Opportunities to Overcome Poverty

10. We noted the important roles of stability and security in promoting economic development and agreed that they should be enhanced through strengthening the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security as well as cooperation at the national, regional and global levels, while respecting the sovereignty of nations, to allow development to take place at a sustained and sustainable pace.
11. We reaffirmed that one of the cornerstones of FEALAC's foundation is to enhance economic ties and expand cooperation between the two regions,

- including through South-South Cooperation. We recalled the important roles of the business and academic sectors in socio-economic development, and the part that trade and investments should play in promoting the prosperity of our populations, taking into account the challenges presented by today's global economy.
12. We reiterated that one of FEALAC's priorities is overcoming poverty and providing equal opportunities including by promoting among our people, particularly among the disadvantaged and marginalized, including women and youth, a world view that embraces entrepreneurship and the right to a better life, thus contributing to socio-economic advancement. We can achieve this through the economic empowerment of our populations and the enhancement of social justice. We expressed our determination to strengthen national efforts and work together towards ensuring that the positive effects of globalization are enjoyed more broadly and equitably and that its negative effects will not contribute to the marginalization of any sectors of human society, particularly those in developing countries including landlocked developing countries and the less developed countries.
 13. We recognized that education is one of the best means of empowering our people and promoting sustainable development. In this regard, we noted the importance of embarking on projects complementary to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, which will begin in 2005.
 14. We recognized that most FEALAC member countries face the challenge of developing at a fast enough pace while safeguarding the environment. We recognized the importance of allocating the necessary resources to accomplish this, including through the promotion of employment and social services, including health and education for all. We reiterated the importance of accomplishing the internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals, the actions set forth in the Monterrey Consensus, and the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. We expressed the need for work to continue urgently to ensure that the results of the Doha Development Round will contribute to a fairer and more equitable international trading system, bringing gains for all economies, particularly developing countries, via agricultural reform, improved market access for goods and services, and clarification and improvement of trade disciplines. We also expressed our support for the abolition of all forms of agricultural export subsidies in accordance with the Doha mandate.

15. We entrusted the SOM to coordinate the efforts of the working groups so that FEALAC may better contribute to fostering economic opportunities among FEALAC member countries, and encouraged the sharing of lessons learned and Best Practices. The SOM should ensure that the Working Groups undertake relevant projects in this regard, putting special attention on those projects that have a direct impact on our communities.
 - a. We encouraged efforts to strengthen trade and investment cooperation in FEALAC with particular attention given to the development of micro, small and medium enterprises as well as projects and fora that further build their capacity including through the strengthening of entrepreneurship and human resources.
 - b. We noted the need for a public-business sector partnership in FEALAC to promote socio-economic development and create opportunities to help overcome poverty and facilitate individual and social progress. We called for an increasing role of the various economic agencies in our respective countries to better interface between FEALAC's public, business, and academic sectors. There is a need to promote exchanges of Best Practices to, among others, enhance governmental infrastructure to combat corruption, minimize red tape in bureaucracy, and strengthen the enabling environment for business and sustainable socio economic development. We encourage the participation of the FEALAC member countries in trade promotion programs offered by the International Trade Center (ITC), which is jointly sponsored by the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Furthermore the establishment, therefore, of a FEALAC Business Council and a FEALAC Academic Exchange Program could be considered as important means to strengthen partnerships between the two regions.
 - c. We recognized that the provision of economic opportunities must be combined with a climate favorable to development. We noted the role of the international financial institutions in development and considered it imperative to foster important reforms in the international financial architecture to enhance their participation in developing countries' efforts to eradicate poverty and promote economic and social progress and alleviate the problem of external debt affecting many countries. We further recognized the contributions of multilateral specialized agencies and programs. We also recognized the contributions of regional financial institutions, such as the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American

Development Bank, in promoting bi-regional exchanges. We encouraged them to improve their efforts to uplift the poor and underprivileged, and to make East Asia-Latin America Cooperation a priority area.

- d. We viewed the economic role of technology, especially information and communications technology, as an important engine of development. FEALAC should promote more exchanges and other technology transfers as well as collaborative research, while improving communications at all levels of the Forum to translate into better business opportunities. We encouraged activities that contribute to bridging the growing digital divide, particularly among and within FEALAC member countries including initiatives set forth in the Program of Action at the World Summit on the Information Society. Attention should also be placed on the exchange of best practices in the fields of environmental, agricultural and health technology.
- e. We acknowledged that it would be useful for FEALAC member countries to share experiences and Best Practices in promoting, among others, urban renewal, urban planning, land-use planning and infrastructure development and urban transport, mass housing and waste management, as well as rural development concerns.

Securing the Future

16. We noted that, while increased interdependence between nations has brought about certain advantages, including accelerated communications and economic interaction, it has also increased the vulnerability of countries and individuals to transnational threats. We believe that enhancing security for the well being of all people contributes positively to global sustainable development. It is therefore necessary to renew our commitment to combat crime, terrorism, and other transnational threats, including by understanding their root causes.
17. We acknowledged as important the need to mitigate against threats to human lives while realizing the full potential and security of each individual and state. In this context, a holistic approach that takes into account challenges such as environmental degradation, natural disasters, extreme poverty and hunger, illicit drugs, infectious diseases, human trafficking, transnational crime and terrorism, must be elaborated to secure the future of our people. Recognizing that it remains the principal responsibility of the state to promote

the well being of its citizens, we highlighted the importance of enabling our populations to confront these tests as united societies.

18. We entrusted the SOM to coordinate the efforts of the Working Groups so that FEALAC may better contribute in addressing challenges to our security in an integrated and efficient manner.
 - a. We emphasized that the dialogue on matters affecting security should be broadened and deepened and relevant projects, including those to promote interfaith and inter-cultural understanding, be undertaken at the appropriate time. These efforts could include a program of interfaith dialogue so as to minimize religious prejudices, including as a result of the fight against terrorism.
 - b. We recognized the importance of cooperation between the two regions on disaster reduction, mitigation, relief and rehabilitation, and the strengthening of our efforts including in the various fora of the United Nations, and as part of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction. The SOM should therefore promote projects in this regard in the appropriate Working Groups with emphasis on projects related to early warning for natural and epidemic emergencies.

Strengthening FEALAC to Further Inter-Regional Dialogue

19. We agreed on the following to enhance our on-going inter-regional dialogue:
 - a. We authorized the Senior Officials to establish an ad referendum mechanism to secure the imprimatur of the Foreign Ministers once they have already reached consensus on procedural and administrative matters. Such a mechanism shall be used only if and when necessary. This is to ensure that decisions can be finalized with a minimum of delay while maintaining consensus-based decision-making in the Forum.
 - b. We agreed that sub-regional and inter-regional contacts at the official and unofficial levels, including the business and academic sectors, as well as the exchange of youth and cultural troupes, should continue to be enriched and that these interactions should serve to reinforce the intergovernmental nature of the Forum.

- c. We instructed the SOM to avoid duplication of efforts and to evaluate projects, *inter alia*, with regard to their effectivity in the accomplishment of their respective goals; in furthering FEALAC's objectives; and in involving a significant number of member countries. We recognized that existing projects have contributed to accomplishing these objectives.
 - d. We agreed that while it is preferable for Co-Chairs and Regional Coordinators to host FEALAC meetings, and that they should be the choice of first instance, a greater degree of flexibility could be exercised in selecting hosts for meetings. Such a selection should be on the basis of consensus.
20. We agreed to meet again at the level of Foreign Ministers when appropriate, at a venue to be decided upon on the basis of consensus.
 21. We expressed our appreciation to the out-going coordinators of the Forum, the Philippines and Colombia. We welcomed the new Regional Coordinators, Brazil and the Republic of Korea. We also expressed our appreciation to the Government of the Philippines for the excellent arrangements and warm hospitality accorded to all delegations.

BRASILIA DECLARATION

FEALAC III Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM III : 8.22 - 23.2007)

1. We, the Foreign Ministers of member countries of the Forum for East Asia and Latin America Co-operation (FEALAC), met in Brasilia, on the 22nd and 23rd of August, 2007, to strengthen the links between our regions, broaden the areas of our co-operation and enlarge the membership. In this context, we welcomed the admission of the Dominican Republic as a new member of the Forum.
2. Recalling the outcome of the I Foreign Ministers Meeting, held in Santiago, in 2001, when the foundations of FEALAC were established, and of the II Foreign Ministers Meeting, held in Manila, in 2004, which resulted in the Manila Plan of Action, we have unanimously adopted this Brasilia Ministerial Declaration, reaffirming the objectives and purposes of the Forum and building upon existing accomplishments, with a view to further enhancing our bi-regional cooperation.
3. In the course of two days of active and friendly discussions, we have reached basic consensus on various points, which will serve as further guidelines for future joint and co-operative actions.
4. We noted, with concern, the continuous growth of challenges present at the time of the last FEALAC Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM), such as the widening income gap between developed and developing countries, the increasing poverty and hunger, the difficulties faced by many countries to meet their energy requirements adequately; the threats to the environment including climate changes, the loss of biodiversity and the unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, and their adverse effects to sustainable development; the difficulties faced by many communities to meet their basic needs and to provide the new generations with education and health services; the increasing threats of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and

their means of delivery, the persisting phenomena of terrorism, as well as the increase of illicit drug trafficking and other trans-national organized crime, and the ominous threat of new pandemics as well as the existing limits to get the sufficient financial means to resist this deterioration.

5. Aware that the world drug problem represents a threat to the security of our citizens, and recognizing that drug abuse is a public health problem that affects society as a whole, we attach great importance to prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers as an essential part of national health care systems. Conscious also of the need for continued progress in the fight against the production and trafficking of illicit drugs, and frequently related crimes, such as laundering of assets, illicit arms and weapons trafficking, and the illicit diversion of pharmaceutical products and chemical substances, we acknowledged the value of strengthened international co-operation towards combating transnational organized crime in all its forms, particularly the illicit drug trafficking, based on the principle of shared responsibility between producing and consuming countries, and within the framework of respective domestic legislation and international conventions on the matter. We also recognized the importance of fighting against trafficking and smuggling of persons.
6. We recognized the importance of looking into the phenomenon of international migration in an integrated manner.
7. At the same time, we noted that scientific progress achieved in new areas, such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, information technology, the space technology and new and renewable sources of energy is very promising, and should, as much as possible, be shared world-wide. Therefore, we pledged to respond to those challenges identified in this renewed initiatives.
8. Reiterating our commitment to strengthening the multilateral climate change regime, we recall the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the acknowledgement that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, coordinated with social and economic development in an integrated manner, and in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions. We look forward to measures to address climate change within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate

Change and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, to be held in Bali, Indonesia, in December, 2007. We also look forward to the UN Secretary-General's high-level event, which is to take place in New York on 24 September 2007.

9. We highly appreciated the works of the three FEALAC Working Groups and determined to promote co-operation in the specific areas of priorities which those Working Groups identified as core programs in FEALAC activities: "Academic Exchange", "Exchange of Expertise of Addressing Narcotics, Drugs and Illicit Drug Trafficking" and "Parliamentarians, journalists and Young Leaders Exchange" for the Political Cultural and Education Working Group;
 - "Sustainable Development, especially Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)", "Utilization of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)", "Promotion of Small Medium Enterprises(SMEs)", and "Poverty Reduction" for the Economy and Society Working Group; as well as "Renewable Energy", "Natural Disaster Management" and "Epidemic Diseases" for the Science and Technology Working Group.
10. We expressed our concern that progress towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, remains slow and uneven. In that regard, we shared the view that urgent actions by each country and the international community are imperative to meet the needs of the world's poorest, of the middle income countries that still need the support of the international cooperation to overcome the remaining areas of poverty still left and to foster sustainable development in all of them. We reiterate the importance of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals until 2015. We recognised the value of developing innovative financial mechanisms on a voluntary basis and other financial mechanisms as meaningful complementation of the official Development Aid (ODA). In this context, we encouraged interested countries to explore projects, actions and innovative financial mechanisms.
11. We reaffirmed the objectives of upholding and safeguarding an open and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, as expressed in the Doha Ministerial Declaration. We shared the intention to co-operate to bring the Doha Round negotiations of the WTO to a satisfactory term, pursuant to the Ministerial Declaration of November 2001 on the Doha Development Agenda, which explicitly recognizes the need for all our peoples to benefit from the increased opportunities and welfare gains that the multilateral trade

system generates. We expressed our full support for the timely, balanced and successful conclusion of the Doha Round.

12. In the current complex and multifaceted world order, no single country, or group of countries, would be able to tackle alone the interconnected threats facing the international community. Therefore, there must be broad, deep and sustained multilateral cooperation among States, including stronger co-operation among States from different regions. One of the ways could be fostering the triangular cooperation.
13. We reaffirm our strong belief in multilateralism with the United Nations at its center. We emphasized the need for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations, to make it more effective, accountable, efficient and transparent, and shared the intention to co-ordinate the efforts of our delegations in New York in this matter. In this regard, we reaffirmed our commitment to the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly in October 2005 (A/RES/60/1-2005 World Summit outcome) that called for the strengthening of the General Assembly, the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, the advancement of the Peacebuilding Commission and "early reform of the Security Council - an essential element of our overall effort to reform the United Nations - in order to make it more broadly representative, efficient and transparent and thus to further enhance its effectiveness and the legitimacy and implementation of its decisions".
14. We recalled that both regions uphold the importance of a democratic international order, based on among others respect for the principles of the International Law and the Charter of the United Nations, national sovereignty, mutual benefits, upholding of human rights, promotion of sustainable development and strengthening of multilateralism.
15. We pledged to continue fostering mutual understanding and respect, trust and dialogue, in order to explore fully the potential for cooperation and increase convergence and commitment, with the purpose of working together in different international fora towards safeguarding our common interests.
16. We acknowledged that FEALAC plays a valuable part in bringing together countries from two very diverse regions for dialogue and cooperation. In this sense, we reaffirmed our interest to engage in joint projects, with a view to fostering mutual knowledge between the two regions and bearing tangible fruits for our populations. We recognised that better understanding among

FEALAC member countries on matters of mutual interest could be useful in addressing issues in the relevant multilateral fora, particularly in forging better co-ordination where our views converge. We recognised that while FEALAC plays an important complementary role to activities in other fora, it should avoid duplication of existing efforts.

17. In this context we welcomed the Alliance of Civilizations initiative launched by the UN Secretary-General to build bridges between societies, to promote dialogue and understanding and to forge the collective political will to address the world's imbalances, and commended the Report of its High Level Group which included representatives from both regions.
18. We noted with appreciation that the relationship between East Asia and Latin America has evolved from one marked by political approximation to one that includes a growing dimension of economic, technological and cultural approximation.
19. We decided to confer high priority to trade and investment co-operation in FEALAC, as an important means to promote development, prosperity and social inclusiveness for our populations as well as a way to promote an even more meaningful and substantive relationship between our regions.
20. We reaffirmed the particular importance of the development of micro, small and medium enterprises continuing with initiatives, projects and fora aimed at building their capacity, including by strengthening entrepreneurship and developing human resources, as well as by providing trade promotion.
21. We reaffirmed the need to raise awareness about FEALAC among civil society and population in member states, to promote the visibility of FEALAC and to encourage involvement of all different areas of the national administration.
22. We decided that, upon selection of priority projects for cooperation, we will give particular attention to those which encompass a large number of members and reconcile the goals of fostering a knowledge-based economy, promoting inclusive and sustainable development and alleviating poverty.
23. We expressed our determination to strengthen national efforts and work together towards ensuring that the positive effects of globalization are enjoyed more broadly and equitably and that its negative effects will not contribute to the marginalization of any sectors of human society, particularly those in developing countries including landlocked developing countries,

small island developing states and the least developed countries.

24. We recognized the importance of deeper involvement of economic, educational, Science and Technology, social, cultural and other sectors of member countries into the process, and we pledged that the projects being carried out by the working groups should reflect that understanding.
25. We recognized the importance of positive contributions of international and regional financial institutions to promoting bi-regional exchanges, such as Latin America/Caribbean and Asia-Pacific Economic and Business Association(LAEBBA) initiative co-ordinated by the Asian Development Bank(ADB) and Inter-American Development Bank(IDB). We encouraged those international and regional financial institutions to play greater roles and enhance collaborations for FEALAC projects. We also welcomed and encouraged the collaboration between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific(ESCAP) to further promote and develop bi-regional projects which would strengthen the relations between two regions. We expressed our wish that those two commissions would also play roles as permanent think tanks for FEALAC.
26. Based, inter alia, on the above points, we resolved to direct and support the following course of initiatives for FEALAC :
 - Senior officials should evaluate regularly the initiatives presented in the context of the Working Groups on Politics, Culture and Education, Economy and Society, Science, and Technology. The Working Groups are encouraged to conceive and perform concrete actions with a gradual and realistic approach, in order to enhance co-operation in such areas;
 - Share experience in combating trans-national organised crimes, among others; illicit narcotics and drug trafficking, and terrorism;
 - Assist trade promotion events, such as fairs, expositions, business, seminars and conferences, among other initiatives, in countries of both regions. Such initiatives should be aimed at allowing businessmen and business enterprises to share expertise and experience and explore mutually beneficial business opportunities;
27. Share information on common projects and activities on a regular basis, including through web-sites. In this regard, the FEALAC member countries

accept with appreciation the generous offer of the Republic of Korea to develop and maintain the common official FEALAC's internet site and encourage the Government of the Republic of Korea to open the web-site as soon as possible;

- Organize cultural events showcasing unique aspects of each country;
 - Co-operate in the areas of rural development, credit and insurance to household farmers and cooperatives;
 - Organize exchange programmes for students and scholars of both regions to increase linkages among academic institutions of the two regions;
 - Share expertise and promote co-operative ventures pertaining to water treatment; waste management; biotechnology and biomedicine.
 - Share experience on developing new and renewable sources of energy and share research and experiences aimed at saving energy with the use of efficient technologies and the implementation of sustainable approaches for the generation, transmission and consumption of energy;
 - Encourage initiatives among member countries of FEALAC aiming at the eradication of illiteracy, in the fulfillment of the Second Millennium Development Goals by 2015.
 - Strengthen efforts in the promotion of projects on disaster prevention, reduction, mitigation, relief and rehabilitation. To this end, we share the intention to continue to explore ways of combining our efforts in all international fora, including the United Nations, and in the context of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, as well as in regional institutions established for these purposes. In this regard, we will place special emphasis on regional initiatives and projects related to early warning for natural disasters and disaster risk reduction, and pandemic emergencies, such as HIV/AIDS, SARS and avian flu.
28. We welcomed the holding of the two synergetic activities that were conducted in Brasilia, alongside and in the framework of the III FMM, namely the Business Seminar between East Asia and Latin America, as well as the Academic Seminar that congregated members of research institutes of the two regions and took note of their recommendations. In this regard, we welcomed the participation of members from the media and the NGOs in those events as a valuable contribution to FEALAC activities.

29. In concluding the discussions, we reached general consensus that the continuation and strengthening of co-operation between East Asian and Latin American countries are one of the most desirable and fruitful endeavor, bearing in mind that East Asia and Latin America are two of the most dynamic, fast-growing and multi-culturally interactive regions of the world.
30. We decided to meet again at the level of Foreign Ministers at a venue and on a date to be decided by consensus.
31. We expressed our appreciation to the outgoing coordinators of FEALAC, Brazil and the Republic of Korea, and welcomed the new Regional Coordinators, Argentina and Japan.

Statement of the III FEALAC Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Hostage Situation in Afghanistan

- We, Ministers of State and other Head of Delegations gathered here in Brasilia to participate at the III Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the East Asia-Latin America Cooperation Forum, expressed concern on the current situation of Afghanistan and shared the view that the recurring terrorist attacks in the region and elsewhere demonstrated that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations remains a persistent, evolving and long-term threat to peace, security and prosperity. In particular, we condemned the hostage taking in Afghanistan and shared the grief and sorrow of the families of hostages and victims. At the same time, we called for the immediate unconditional and safe release of the remaining hostages.

TOKYO DECLARATION

FEALAC IV Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM IV : 1.16-17.2010)

Introduction

1. We, the Foreign Ministers of the member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), met in Tokyo, on 16th and 17th of January, 2010, to strengthen the links between the two regions and broaden the areas of our cooperation. On this occasion, we welcomed the admission of Mongolia as a new member of the Forum.
2. Recalling the achievements of the previous three Foreign Ministers' Meetings, we unanimously adopted this Tokyo Declaration.

10 years of FEALAC and Beyond

3. Ten years have passed since the creation of FEALAC. We recognized that the relations between East Asia and Latin America have deepened considerably. We especially noted that the bi-regional trade between East Asia and Latin America has quadrupled, far outpacing the increase of other region-to-region trades in the world. The links between the two regions and their peoples, once described as missing, are getting broader and deeper.
4. We acknowledged that FEALAC has developed from its infancy to its youth in these years, by taking root as a useful forum to promote closer interactions and dialogue between the two regions. We reaffirmed that FEALAC is a unique forum that plays critical roles in promoting mutual learning of best practices in the both regions, in multiplying mutual benefits by cooperation and exchanges among countries of the regions and in collaborating to meet common global challenges in the international community. The cooperation through FEALAC, which represents 40 % of the world population, 26% of the

world economy and more than 40 % of the world trade, has global relevance.

5. In this context, we committed ourselves to further strengthening our activities and interactions through the frameworks of FEALAC, in order to make the most of the vast potential in the bi-regional cooperation as well as to jointly tackle major challenges that we face in the world of today and future.

Major Challenges that Fealac Member Countries Face

- **Financial and economic crisis**
6. We recognized that the global economy appears to have emerged from the worst stage of crisis and we are in the midst of transition from crisis to recovery although we must remain vigilant. We recognized the important role of the G20 in tackling the global financial and economic crisis. We appreciated that our experience of the past crises and our responsive fiscal and monetary policies toward the latest crisis played a key role in confronting this grave challenge and stopping the sharp decline in economic activities that the crisis could have brought.
 7. We shared the recognition that the impact of the crisis still continues to impact negatively on both regions, hampering our effort for recovery, and, in particular, undermining the most vulnerable countries. We reaffirmed the importance of taking wise fiscal policies and prudent financial management policies to build a resilient and viable international economy and of developing strategies to mitigate the impact of the crisis and to prevent future crisis, particularly for the poor. These include, combating all forms of protectionism and promoting global trade and investment including through an ambitious and balanced conclusion of the WTO Doha Development Round Negotiations, consistent with its mandate including development goals, in the year of 2010 based on the progress already made including with regard to its modalities. In this context, we stress the importance of accomplishing the quantified targets of IMF and the World Bank governance reform endorsed by 2009 IMF World Bank annual meeting in Istanbul, and restructuring International Financial Institutions, and undertaking actions necessary to achieve inclusive, sustainable and balanced growth. In this regard, we welcomed the Framework for Strong, Sustainable, and Balanced Growth launched at the G20 Pittsburgh Summit in September 2009. We also reiterated that the crisis of such global dimension requires the participation of all nations in the search for fair and

viable solutions, in an inclusive and democratic framework, with the important role of the United Nations. We, therefore, reinforced our determination to continue working together to accelerate economic recovery by sharing our own experiences, wisdom and best practices that both regions obtained as they got over the past crises. We believe that FEALAC is an appropriate international forum to provide opportunities for such cooperation between countries of both regions.

8. We supported international and regional efforts to reduce hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity through international cooperation and investment in food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development. This includes promoting and cooperating in the research, development, including transfer, of technologies, practices and process in the agriculture sector, particularly those that improve the efficiency and productivity of agriculture systems in a sustainable manner and those that could support adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change.

- **Social inclusion**

9. We believe that economic growth must entail social inclusion through active policies and further involvement by member countries as well as through greater international cooperation. We are acutely aware that the global financial and economic crisis affects, above all, those who live in poverty and in disadvantageous circumstances. We emphasized the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts for fostering individual and collective well-being, under sustainable patterns through increasing the income level of people, and consolidating social safety nets. We also reaffirmed the importance of promoting the inclusive development that will strengthen skills of those who live in poverty and in disadvantageous circumstances and create job opportunities and provide decent work for them in order to maintain a productive and competitive workforce in the countries. We also acknowledge the importance of the migrant workers. We recommend that the working group on economy and society includes the topic in the discussion with an integrated approach. We welcome the next IV Global Forum on Migration and Development to be held in Mexico in 2010 with a constructive and successful conclusion. Moreover, we emphasize the need to further co-operate in efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to enhance human progress and development, particularly in the

areas of poverty reduction and food security, and thus to realize a prosperous and equitable society in our regions. We agreed on the need to consider cooperation and dialogue on social inclusion and social policies as one of the main objectives and working areas on which FEALAC should focus for the orthcoming years.

- **The Environment and Sustainable development**

10. We recognize that the environmental issues, including climate change, affect all humankind, especially in developing countries and those more vulnerable among them, and require greater, concerted and coordinated action by the international community. FEALAC is a useful forum for member countries to share experiences, exchange views and promote cooperation in meeting these challenges. We shared the view that cooperation and mutual learning through sharing of experiences and technologies, capacity building, knowledge and lessons in particular the development and transfer of environmental friendly technology is beneficial and should be further promoted.
11. We reaffirmed the importance of tackling climate change issues and our determination to engage in efforts towards the resolution of such issues through international cooperation, based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. In this context, building on the result at UN conference on climate change in Copenhagen, we recognized that much work has to be done to strengthen the climate change regime. And we reaffirmed our commitment to work constructively to ensure a successful conclusion of the 16th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 6th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to be held in Mexico in 2010.
12. We stressed the need to seek ways and means to ensure that the efforts for the environmental protection are compatible with economic and social development. In this context, we recognized that coordinated global action will create new opportunities and incentives for the transfer of environmental technologies, in particular to developing countries including environmental goods and services such as organic products, energy efficient products, clean-energy transports, solar power generation and clean energy businesses. While we welcomed the inclusion by a significant number of countries of environment-related investment in their economic stimulus packages, we also acknowledged budgetary and financial restrictions hampering environment-

related investment in developing countries and the current clean technology gap between these and developed ones. In view of this, we stressed the importance of ensuring favorable conditions for the development of green industries in developing countries so that they can further benefit from trade in environmental goods and services and are in a better position to contribute to global efforts for the fulfillment of the objectives enshrined in international environmental agreements. It is important that such initiatives result in net environmental benefits and are not a disguise for trade protectionism. We also stressed the importance of participating actively in the negotiation on the reduction or, as appropriate, elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers to environmental goods and services in the WTO Doha Development Round Negotiations.

13. We shared the view that the FEALAC countries should utilize effectively their rich natural resources to implement environment - friendly measures that also realize sustainable growth to the benefit of our populations. We recognize the principle of sovereign rights of States to manage and regulate their natural resources. In this regard, we encourage the member countries to promote cooperation in areas including agroforestry, sustainable forest management and eco-tourism, as they are home to more than one third of the world's forests. We also underlined the importance of the conservation, the sustainable use and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits derived from biodiversity as a base for all the kind of human activities, particularly in Asia and Latin America that enjoy rich flora and fauna. We thus confirmed to co-operate with each other to establish action-oriented global targets beyond 2010 constructively and to conclude the negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit sharing at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan.

Other Global Challenges

- **Nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation**

14. We shared the necessity of strengthening our efforts in the fields of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful use of nuclear energy. We will co-operate to ensure successful outcome of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons(NPT) so as to strengthen the Treaty's regime.

15. We recognized the importance of the full implementation of the September 2005 Joint Statement through early resumption of the Six-party talks.

- **United Nations Reform**

16. We reaffirmed our strong belief in multilateralism with the United Nations at its center and the commitment to uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter. We thus reaffirmed the need for a comprehensive reform of the UN, including the Security Council, to make it more effective, democratic, accountable, efficient and transparent. We reaffirmed our commitment to the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly in October 2005 (A/RES/60/1-2005 World Summit Outcome).

- **Human rights**

17. We reaffirmed our commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, including through the ratification and implementation of relevant international human rights instruments.

- **Transnational Organized Crime**

18. We express our deep concern for the threat that transnational organized crime poses to the wellbeing and development of all States and their peoples, and express our commitment to redouble our efforts in the framework of the United Nations to ensure the universality and full implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto. We express our intention to contribute with our ideas and experiences to strengthen the fight against transnational organized crime.

- **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management**

19. We recognized that disasters continued to cause significant impact to the economy, society and well being of the people of East Asia and Latin America. We, therefore, reaffirmed the importance of further strengthening bi-regional cooperation, expanding the network of technical support and cooperation and sharing information and expertise among FEALAC members and international and regional institutions.

- **Response to influenza pandemic**

20. We recognized that the timely information sharing and mutual cooperation at global and regional levels has played an important role in the fight against the current Influenza Pandemic (H1N1). We also stressed the need to share lessons learnt from our experience between Asia and Latin America, with a view to strengthening the preparedness for a possible future pandemic.

Prospects of FEALAC Activities

21. We highly appreciated the progress made by the three FEALAC Working Groups in the cooperation in the areas specified as core programs in the Brasilia Ministerial Declaration. We also welcomed that, as described in the reports produced by the three Working Groups, a wide variety of national projects presented by each member country have contributed to deepen mutual understanding and cooperation between both regions.
22. We recognized that FEALAC's activities should be more focused and systematic for better coordination and effective management. We thus reaffirmed the need to carry out thorough stocktaking of the ongoing projects, properly categorize them under the relevant working groups and actively identify the areas of cooperation that reflect the common interests of East Asia and Latin America.
23. We therefore decided to address with a sense of urgency major challenges such as the global financial and economic crisis, sustainable development including environmental protection and climate change and social inclusion through the activities of the three Working Groups. We thus instructed the three Working Groups respectively to engage in the following priority areas in the period until the next Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

(1) the Politics, Culture, Education and Sport Working Group;

- Academic, cultural and intellectual exchange,
- Exchange of parliamentarians, policy makers and journalists
- Promotion of environmental awareness
- Sports as a means of social inclusion

(2) the Economy and Society Working Group;

- Environment and sustainable development
- Poverty reduction and social inclusion

- Trade and investment promotion
- Utilization of information and communication technology(ICT)
- Promotion of small and medium enterprises(SMEs)
- Tourism
- International Migration
- Infrastructure and integration

(3) the Science and Technology Working Group

- New and renewable energy
- Green House Gas mitigation technology
- Disaster risk reduction and management
- Technological innovation to strengthen the competitiveness
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases

24. In this regard, we welcomed the new projects and initiatives as well as those already introduced in the Working Groups proposed by member countries and commended those member countries for their valuable contributions to deepen and further promote cooperation and exchanges through FEALAC process.
25. We decided to reform the modality of Working Group meetings to make them more cost effective and sustainable by holding the three Working Group meetings consecutively in one venue. On this new modality, the Regional Coordinators will host the three Working Group meetings, SOM and FMM, unless otherwise decided by consensus.
26. We also decided to create the Coordinating Board which aims at making FEALAC activities more effective and consistent by establishing follow-up mechanism of the decisions taken by Foreign Ministers and SOM, as well as by improving the coordination among three Working Groups.
27. We decided to create the Cyber-secretariat by further developing the current FEALAC official website and eventually establishing a secretariat for the better management and promotion of the Forum. We appreciated Korea's willingness to host the Cyber-secretariat and make necessary changes to the existing website so that communication and coordination among the members could be enhanced. We also directed our respective officials to intensify their efforts in supporting Korea to achieve this objective.
28. We also instructed each Working Group to consider and assess co-operation offers and demands as well as needs and capacities of member countries in the

areas or subjects discussed in each group. A segment for technical cooperation will thus be created with a view to optimize the utilization of the cooperation resources of both regions while respecting Member States national priorities and development policies.

29. We recognized that this meeting provided a timely opportunity to consolidate and strengthen FEALAC. We requested the Senior Officials to undertake a stocktake of the forum's progress, achievements, membership issues, and the forum's future direction.

Outreach

30. We recognized the contributions made by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in order to address major challenges in their respective regions. We also appreciated the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) to promote bi-regional cooperation. We encouraged these organizations to play a greater role in the FEALAC process. In this regard, we instructed each Working Group to explore ways to enhance financial and technical cooperation with these organizations and others from these regions to carry out the FEALAC projects.
31. We appreciated an informative and constructive dialogue with the representatives of ADB, IDB and the World Bank participated in the FMM IV and recognized the importance of continuing this kind of dialogue between these international financial institutions and FEALAC.
32. We emphasized the necessity of promoting the publicity of FEALAC inside and outside the FEALAC member countries. We also consider it important to mobilize the private sector and other stakeholders of the member countries, as appropriate, for the FEALAC activities.

Conclusion

33. The next Foreign Ministers' Meeting will be held at a venue and on a date to be decided by consensus.

34. We expressed our appreciation to the outgoing Coordinators of FEALAC, Argentina and Japan, and welcomed the new Coordinators, Argentina and Indonesia.

Buenos Aires Declaration

FEALAC V Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM V : 8.25.2011)

Introduction

1. We the Foreign Ministers of the member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), met in Buenos Aires, on August 25th, 2011, to strengthen the links between the two regions and broaden the areas of our cooperation. On this occasion, we welcome Suriname and Honduras as new members of the Forum.
2. Recalling the achievements of the previous four Foreign Ministers' Meetings, we unanimously adopt this Buenos Aires Declaration.

Fealac Present and Future

3. In the first decade of its creation, FEALAC has evolved from a forum of dialogue into a more solid and stable mechanism for cooperation. During this period FEALAC has grown quantitatively, in terms of its member countries and activities, as well as qualitatively, in terms of its scope and areas of cooperation, covering common economic and social development goals. In its initial stage this forum has found its ground and begun to be widely recognized by the international community. Undoubtedly, the Forum has been able to make steady progress towards its intended goals.
4. We recognize that FEALAC has taken root as a useful forum to enhance mutual understanding and to increase economic, social and cultural ties and dialogue between the two regions and among its members. FEALAC is a unique forum that plays critical roles in promoting mutual acknowledgement of best practices in the two regions, in multiplying mutual benefits through cooperation and exchanges among countries of the regions and in

collaborating to meet common global challenges. Cooperation through FEALAC, which represents 40% of the world population, 32 % of the world economy and more than 40 % of the world trade, has global relevance. FEALAC is an ideal forum to widen opportunities for deeper cooperation between East Asia and Latin America.

5. FEALAC has consolidated over the last 10 years, as a broad-based and effective forum for interregional cooperation. The process has had a crucial and progressive role in promoting cooperation and partnership between East Asia and Latin America. Entering the second decade of FEALAC, it becomes necessary for its member countries to enhance their participation in its initiatives and activities, so that FEALAC can further develop. We consider that it is the right time to pursue this task and strengthen efforts to promote the FEALAC process with a view to building long-term strategic interregional relations based on consistency, trust and cooperation in international fora.
6. We underline that economic growth must go hand in hand with social and economic policies that favor a sustainable, fairer and more equitable creation and distribution of wealth and strengthen links between the two regions including trade, foreign investment, aid and other relevant flows. Countries also need to share their experiences in the field of social inclusion.
7. As the world is today confronted by a number of multifaceted and interconnected global problems and challenges - such as financial crises, social exclusion, food and energy security, nutrition, socio-natural disasters, transnational organized crime, illegal traffic in narcotic drugs, terrorism, nuclear proliferation and climate change -, FEALAC must increase its effectiveness. In this context, this forum offers the opportunity to work together to deepen and broaden inter-regional relations between East Asia and Latin America to face common challenges and to achieve development goals. These efforts should be consistent with and supportive of the commitments adopted at the United Nations by its Member States.
8. We recognize science, technology and innovation as essential features of the 21st century. In this context, we encourage all FEALAC member countries to further develop projects to promote cooperation in these areas (including the education field), creating synergies and using the ability to interconnect and interact in order to create, produce, distribute, adopt, and use scientific and technical knowledge. We welcome the FEALAC Action Plan on Science and Technology, which shall facilitate and foster cooperation in these fields.

Major Challenges Faced by Fealac Member Countries

• The Global Financial and Economic Crisis, Reform of the International Financial System and Trade Relations

9. The recent global financial and economic crisis with the increase of uncertainties and downside risks underlined the need for an international financial and economic architecture oriented toward strong, inclusive, sustainable and balanced growth. FEALAC mindful of the central role of the United Nations in addressing solutions for ongoing global challenges, values the goals set by the G20 to address global economic challenges and also acknowledges the importance of debates in the G20 regarding macroeconomic coordination, international monetary system reform, financial regulation, and sustainable development that need to take into consideration the interests of all countries.
10. The global economy faces major challenges and a robust recovery from the world financial crisis needs to be sustained in a more balanced way. We express deep concern that the ongoing recovery has not yet resulted in sufficient employment, social inclusion, and adequate growth rates for all economies. Even in some advanced economies unemployment is still high, and there remain social, fiscal, and financial vulnerabilities such as slow progress in fiscal consolidation, sovereign debt crisis, increasing concentration of wealth, and incomplete financial sector recovery and reform.
11. We reaffirm the importance of promoting inclusive and sustainable development that will strengthen the employable skills of those who live in hunger, poverty and unfavorable circumstances, and create job opportunities and encourage the promotion of decent work for them in order to improve their living standards, including their access to food, income, land and essential social services, and to maintain a decent productive life and competitive workforce in the countries. In this context, we recognize that coordinated global efforts, such as the G20 Seoul Development Consensus and other initiatives that have been carried out, to promote capacity building in developing countries, should be sustained and strengthened.
12. The ministers underscore the need to continue strengthening regional financial safety nets, such as the Chiang Mai Initiative and the Latin America Reserve Fund to cope with tensions in the world financial markets and also

welcome the Union of South America Nations (UNASUR) decision to create a Council on Economy and Finance as coordinating body to assess concrete alternatives to enhance and expand RFAs in South America.

13. We support global, regional and national efforts to eradicate poverty, hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity through regional and international cooperation and investment in food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and rural development, including the exchange of information on and transfer of technology and capacity building in animal and plant health, and in the use of new technologies to enhance productivity in agriculture, livestock, aquaculture and food processing. We stress the importance of ensuring the sufficient and stable availability of food in our region and the timely and uninterrupted access to it, and recognize the importance of promoting small scale agriculture and establishing school feeding programs. We recognize the need to increase food production while combating climate change to which agricultural greenhouse gases are a contributing factor. In this regard we acknowledge the work of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases.
14. In this context, we recall the paramount importance of pursuing reform of trade in agriculture in accordance to the agreement on agriculture and the Doha Development Agenda and promoting the role of transparent, rules-based, and well-functioning agricultural markets underpinning the efficient production and distribution of food, including the transparency of public and private food stocks.
15. We recognize the challenge for many countries of price volatility in the food and oil markets. We support greater efforts in responsible fora to address the need for greater stability through improved markets.
16. We also welcome the approval of FAO's Resolution 15/2011 "International Year of Quinoa", which acknowledged the high nutritional value of this resource for the attainment of food security and nutrition, the eradication of poverty and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals. Furthermore, we undertake to work together for endorsement by the next UN General Assembly.
17. Having just four years left before the target year of the MDGs, we stress the need to accelerate collective efforts toward the achievement of the MDGs through a reinforced global development partnership. In this regard, we take note of the concerted efforts including the MDGs Follow-up Meeting held

- in Tokyo, Japan in June as well as the upcoming Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness scheduled to take place in Busan, Republic of Korea in late November this year.
18. We reinforce our strong support to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in its role of eradicating hunger and strengthening food security and we welcome the election of the new Director-General of FAO.
 19. We stress our determination to continue working together to accelerate economic recovery by sharing the experiences, know-how and best practices that both regions obtained as they overcame crises in the past. We believe that FEALAC is an excellent international forum to provide opportunities for such cooperation between and among countries of both regions.
 20. We reaffirm the need to strengthen efforts to fulfill internationally agreed development goals, and we are committed to making every effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015. In this regard, we underline the importance of efforts to reach the target of 0.7 percent of gross national product (GNP) for official development assistance (ODA) and to improve aid effectiveness, in order to help developing countries meet the MDG's target in a timely manner.
 21. We underline our commitment to preserving and enhancing the open and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system embodied in the WTO. We express our concern about the lack of significant progress in the current negotiations and agree to make further efforts to achieve an ambitious, balanced, successful and comprehensive conclusion of the WTO Doha Development Agenda negotiations, in light of development dimensions as mandated in Ministerial Conferences of Doha(2001) and Hong Kong(2005).
 22. As a first step towards that aim, and recognizing the special difficulties that least developed countries face in the global economy, we support the present exploration for potential outcomes for those countries, deliverable by the Eighth WTO Ministerial Conference this December.
 23. In the face of renewed strains on financial markets, there remains a possibility of increasing protectionist pressures in the future. We reaffirm our intention to comply with WTO agreements as well as to continue to ensure transparency and predictability in implementing measures that impact on trade and investment. We commit to refrain from adopting protectionist or trade distorting measures and commit to rectify such measures as they arise.

• The Environment and Sustainable Development

24. We recognize that the environmental issues, including climate change, affect life on the planet including humankind, especially to developing countries and require greater, concerted, coordinated and urgent action by the international community. FEALAC is a useful forum for the member countries to share experiences and best practices, exchange views and promote cooperation in attempting to meet these challenges. We share the view that cooperation and mutual learning through the sharing of experiences and technologies, capacity building initiatives, and know how, particularly concerning the development and transfer of environmentally friendly technology are beneficial and should be further promoted, taking into account national circumstances and priorities.
25. We will work closely together for the success of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), which will be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2012, and which shall reaffirm the commitment of all nations to sustainable development.
26. We reaffirm the importance of addressing climate-change issues and our determination to engage in efforts towards the solution of such issues through cooperation by all countries based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. In this respect, we reaffirm our commitment to work constructively to further fulfill the Bali Road Map, to implement the Decisions adopted in Cancun last December 2010 at the 16th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 6th Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties of the Kyoto Protocol, as well as to ensure the successful conclusion of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 7th Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties of the Kyoto Protocol to be held in South Africa in 2011.
27. We are fully aware of the danger that sea level rise poses, specially to coastal nations, and reiterate our determination to use every effort to cope with this threat and alleviate its impacts.
28. We stress the need to seek ways and means to ensure that the efforts for the protection of the environment are compatible and mutually reinforcing with socio-economic development. In this context, we recognize that coordinated global action must create new opportunities and incentives for the transfer and deployment of environmentally friendly technologies, in particular to developing countries.

29. We reaffirm the sovereign rights of States over their natural resources and biodiversity. In this regard, we encourage the member countries to promote cooperation in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, including sustainable forest management and water resource management as one of the key sectors in the environmental, social and economic fields. We also underline the importance of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge as a contribution to sustainable development and to poverty eradication, particularly in East Asia and Latin America.
30. We are committed to cooperating constructively with each other to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as the Resource Mobilization Strategy set forth by the international community and to support also the early ratification and implementation of the "Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization" to the Convention on Biological Diversity, adopted at the tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2010.

- **United Nations Reform**

31. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the important role of multilateralism and a multilateral international system with the United Nations at its heart. We reaffirm that the need for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations remains a priority for the Organization in order to most effectively address today's global challenges and ensure an effective support for its members, including addressing the needs of developing countries. We stress the importance of the reform in order to achieve a more democratic, representative, legitimate, efficient, effective and accountable UN Security Council, a revitalized General Assembly, and an enhanced Economic and Social Council.

- **Human Rights**

32. We reaffirm the universal validity of human rights and our commitment to its promotion and protection, including through joining and implementing relevant international human rights and humanitarian law instruments.
33. We express our willingness to work on the promotion and protection of

human rights through the exchange of experiences, best practices and cooperation within the Human Rights Council and other specialized bodies in human rights, in order to contribute to strengthening their work and impact around the world.

34. We stress the value of international cooperation as a means to help meet the challenges pending in this respect, as well as ongoing cooperation with specializing human right entities supporting the state actions.

- **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management**

35. The earthquakes that took place in Chile and Christchurch, and the earthquake and tsunami which occurred in Japan, as well as other emergencies suffered by different FEALAC countries, pointed out the impact of socionatural disasters on the economy, society and human beings of East Asia and Latin America. We, therefore, reaffirm the importance of further strengthening inter-regional cooperation, expanding the network of technical support and cooperation and sharing information and expertise among FEALAC the participation of civil society. We stress the need for the Second members and international and regional institutions in the area of disaster risk reduction, preparedness and management. We reaffirm that disaster risk, reduction polices should aim at reducing socioeconomic vulnerabilities and promoting local resilience and FEALAC Symposium on Pan-Oceanic Cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction taking into account the Hyogo Framework for action to be held based on the participation of many countries. In this regard, we welcome Japan's proposal to hold an International Conference in 2012 to share its experiences and lessons learned on the Great East Japan Earthquake, as well as to host the Third World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015.
36. Japan expressed its deep appreciation for the support and solidarity rendered by FEALAC member countries after the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011. We commended Japan's expressed determination towards both reconstruction and continuing fulfillment of its role as a leading member of the international community.
37. We reiterate our solidarity for the reconstruction process of respective countries seriously affected by natural disasters and reaffirm our strong commitment to share the information among FEALAC countries in a timely manner so that the recovery in trade and investment in affected countries could be duly accelerated.

- **Transnational Organized Crime**

38. We express our deep concern for the threat that transnational organized crime poses to the security, well-being and development of all States and their peoples, and we call on all countries to join and implement fully the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto. We confirm our intention to contribute with our knowledge and best practices to strengthen the fight against transnational organized crime, including illegal traffic in narcotic drugs.
39. We reaffirm our commitment to promoting regional actions in addressing the world drug problem that requires an integrated and balanced approach, under the principle of common and shared responsibility, respect for state sovereignty, territorial integrity, noninterference in internal affairs and respect for human rights, in order to reduce the supply of drugs and their demand.

- **Corruption**

40. Corruption threatens the stability and security of societies, distorts fair competition and market integrity, undermines the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice and jeopardizes sustainable development and the rule of law. We are therefore committed to ratifying and implementing the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and to cooperating in the fight against this menace.

- **Terrorism**

41. We express our most vehement condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as we consider it criminal and unjustifiable under any circumstances, regardless of where and by whom it is committed, and because it constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security as well as to human life and dignity, peaceful and civilized coexistence.
42. We reaffirm our strongest conviction to work together, in the spirit of joint effort and close and continue cooperation, founded on the absolute respect for international law, including humanitarian law, human rights law, refugee law and the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations - at the regional and international levels - to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism.

- **Illicit Traffic of Cultural Property and Clandestine Excavations**

43. We recognize that the illicit acquisition, import, export and transfer of cultural property, as well as the clandestine excavations are two of the main causes of the impoverishment of the cultural heritage of our countries and that international co-operation constitutes one of the most efficient means of protecting each country's cultural property against all the dangers resulting there from. Therefore, FEALAC members undertake to oppose such practices with the means at their disposal.

Cooperation between East Asia and Latin America

44. We share the view that emerging East Asia and Latin America have been among the fastest growing regions of the world economy during the last years. We recognize that the regions that make up FEALAC have been more dynamic and less affected by the crisis. In this context, we encourage both Latin American and East Asian governments and enterprises as well as global business partners operating in the regions to continue working together to ensure and facilitate the quicker exchange and greater flows of goods, investments and services between the two regions, including through trade liberalization considering the asymmetries among countries and stress the importance of promoting greater efforts aimed at enhancing economic cooperation between East Asia and Latin American countries, bearing in mind the special needs of those vulnerable economies such as landlocked and small island states.
45. We also recognize that FEALAC's cooperation needs to be crosscutting and action-oriented to produce tangible benefits and substantial results. Activities of the Working Groups should be more focused and systematic for better coordination and effective management to avoid duplication. We also share the view that the working groups should concentrate their cooperative efforts towards those priorities with the greatest impact on common interests between East Asia and Latin America regarding the priority areas identified in the Tokyo Declaration, issued during the Fourth FEALAC Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo, 2010). Thus, we urge the Working Groups to focus on exploring the huge potentials of its members in their natural resources and enhancing less-explored areas, such as innovation, science and technology and tourism, especially ecotourism and sports.

46. We recognize the potential of the South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation as mechanisms that allow sharing the strengths and institutional capabilities of the countries of both regions, to contribute to their social and economic development and to strengthening linkages between the government, academic, productive, entrepreneurial and other relevant sectors of the region. Therefore, we urge to continue working on the bi-regional agenda, with strong coordination between the two regions.
47. We reaffirm that people-to-people contacts also constitute a very important part of East Asia-Latin America partnership. We stress that further substantial efforts must be made to bring FEALAC closer to our citizens and civil society and to reach out to peoples of East Asia and Latin America by funding programs in this area. No efforts should be spared to enhance the visibility of partnership and the transparency of the FEALAC process.
48. We emphasize the importance of engaging the private sector of the member countries in FEALAC activities. In addition, we recognize the relevance to strengthen the development of cooperation activities in the field of culture and education, especially student exchange for the promotion of the activities of this forum, as well as its significance for the two regions.
49. We welcome and take note of the non paper titled "Revitalization, Enhanced Visibility and Future Direction of FEALAC" (Annex G of the Report of the XI Senior Officials Meeting), and direct Senior Official to prepare recommendations for consideration by us at our next meeting.
50. We decide to create the "FEALAC Vision Group" with the aim to guide the future direction of this forum and to provide strategic framework for strengthening and deepening of comprehensive cooperation between the two regions including taking into consideration the recommendations mentioned in paragraph 43 (SOM XI Report). We emphasize active participation of Regional Coordinators for the Vision Group to be launched within six months and for the final report of the Vision Group to be submitted to the next Foreign Ministers Meeting.
51. We recommend that Working Groups in FEALAC should prioritize technical cooperation as one of the tools for the exchange of experiences, training and knowledge to achieve objectives that are to be identified. We shall encourage Working Groups to develop studies to establish mechanisms that enable the full or partial funding of bi-regional cooperation initiatives in the framework of this forum.

52. We recognize that politics, culture, education, and sports are key topics in our process of deepening cooperation within our two regions. Thus, we recommend member countries to put into practice iconic FEALAC-wide projects, such as the university network as a pilot project. We also encourage the use of the Cyber Secretariat for this purpose so as to create closer ties among FEALAC countries by facilitating exchanges of information on bi-regional cooperation projects.
53. We recognize science, technology and innovation as key themes in the process of deepening cooperation within FEALAC. Thus, we urge Member Countries to put into practice the Sectorial Action Plan on Science and Technology, and to encourage cooperation among research and development institutions existing in the two regions, so as to create closer ties among FEALAC countries in this area, inter alia by identifying joint mechanisms for developing bi-regional cooperation projects.
54. Regarding the establishment of the FEALAC Financial Business and Commercial Information Network, we approve the Format for Business Information for the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.
55. Argentina presented a proposal to establish a FEALAC Database of Investment Projects, a FEALAC Investment Network and a FEALAC Business Forum which will include participation from the private sector. The proposal is a contribution to create awareness on existing investment opportunities in both regions.
56. The Working Group on Economy and Society had an active discussion regarding the Feasibility Project for the Bi-Regional Center for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), document VI/ESWG/ECU/2008/07 and recognized the need for a Technical Revision of the document, which will entail Work Plan and Funding. The Group decided the following course of action:
 - Ecuador will update the project proposal and re-circulate among members for comments from the respective technical agencies, for this to be discussed before the 9th Working Group Meeting.
 - Through these actions, the Working Group will be in a position to make recommendations, as instructed by the Foreign Ministers' decision.
57. The Sub-Working Group on Tourism emphasized the importance of sharing information about tourism flows, touristic information, regulations of entry, stays and exits, as well as to address the issue of improving interregional connectivity and conduct studies in air access and investments. It recom-

- mended the creation of the “Format for Tourism Information”, as well as the approval in the future of the framework on Tourism between Latin American and East Asian countries, aimed at increasing tourism cooperation between the two regions and agreed to provide FEALAC Cyber Secretariat with brief information on upcoming major tourism events.
58. We highly appreciate the progress made by the Working Groups in Bali (XI SOM) and in Buenos Aires (XII SOM). We also welcome the fact that, as described in the reports of the Working Groups and the Sub-Working Group on Tourism, a wide variety of national projects presented by each member country has contributed to deepening communication, mutual understanding and cooperation between both regions.
 59. In this regard, we welcome the new projects and initiatives submitted in the Working Groups proposed by member countries and commend those member countries for their valuable contributions to deepening and further promoting cooperation and exchanges through FEALAC process.
 60. We recognize the Coordinating Board as a useful mechanism to make FEALAC activities more effective and consistent by establishing a follow-up mechanism of the decisions taken by Foreign Ministers and SOM, as well as by improving the coordination among the Working Groups.
 61. We express our satisfaction for the efforts and contributions made by the Cyber Secretariat to facilitate communication among member countries and to enhance FEALAC's visibility by reinforcing the FEALAC website and hosting the “2011 FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop.” We also support the Cyber Secretariat’s eventual development as an effective support mechanism to further strengthen FEALAC’s role and efficiency in promoting bi-regional cooperation. In this regard, we renew the request to member countries to make continuous and timely cooperation with the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat in all matters related to FEALAC.
 62. We appreciate the contributions made by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank, in order to address major challenges in their respective regions. We also appreciated the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) to promote bi-regional cooperation. We encouraged these organizations to play a greater role in the FEALAC process. In this regard, we instructed

the Coordinating Board to explore ways to enhance financial and technical cooperation with these organizations and others from these regions to implement the FEALAC projects.

63. We furthermore recognize the importance of other initiatives for dialogue and convergence that promote regional integration while also fostering closer ties between East Asia and Latin America.
64. While acknowledging the request to have Spanish language as a working language of FEALAC and its existing technical problems, the discussion of having Spanish Language in FEALAC should be further explored. SOM XII encouraged the members to continue the current practice of having simultaneous Spanish translation in every Foreign Ministerial Meeting.
65. The next Foreign Ministers’ Meeting will be held in 2013 in Indonesia on a date to be decided by consensus.
66. We express our appreciation to the outgoing Coordinator of FEALAC, Argentina, and welcome the next Coordinator for Latin America, Colombia. We express our deep gratitude to Indonesia for having accepted to continue as the Regional Coordinator for East Asia.

ULUTWATU DECLARATION

FEALAC VI Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM VI : 6.13-14.2013)

Introduction

1. We, the Foreign Ministers of the Forum for East Asia and Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) member countries, met in Bali on 13 and 14 June 2013 at the FEALAC FMM VI, which was co-chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, as FEALAC Regional Coordinator for East Asia, and by the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, as FEALAC Regional Coordinator for Latin America. After having substantive discussions, we adopted this "Uluwatu Declaration".

FEALAC and the Global Architecture

2. We recognize that since the creation of FEALAC 12 years ago the world has undergone major changes. Globalization and interdependence are the characteristics of contemporary international relations. While there have been greater opportunities, we are also increasingly facing global challenges that affect all countries and their people and the sustainable development of all humankind, which have to be addressed in a democratic and transparent manner.
3. We further note that our world has also seen a shift in global and regional political and economic situation. New markets and players are emerging, many of whom are member countries of FEALAC. Today emerging developing countries play an important role as the engine for global economic growth and development, where FEALAC economies contribute 33.43% of the world's GDP and 29.82% of global trade.

4. Addressing new and emerging challenges in today's globalized and interdependent world requires efficient collaboration, cooperation and coordination among nations and other actors. This is particularly important if we are to ensure fair and inclusive globalization and development. In this context, we recognize efforts made in regional level to create new financial institutions as source of development among the countries participating in their dynamics and to address deficiencies of the current international financial architecture.
5. Within this evolving global and regional architecture, we recognize that FEALAC can play an important role in facilitating and strengthening inter-regional cooperation and collaboration between East Asia and Latin America. We will therefore work to reinvigorate our cooperation and collaboration, reducing inequalities and gaps within and among member countries and to support the attainment of sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth and development, including the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals in Latin American and East Asian countries.

Promoting Connectivity of FEALAC

6. We share the common view that in order to promote an increasing inter-connectivity of our two regions, the deepening and broadening of the existing bi-regional cooperation play crucial roles. Various issues of common interest should be identified to be further explored. In light of which, we reaffirm our commitment to take effective measures of cooperation in order to overcome the needs and difficulties of states with vulnerable economies, including the landlocked developing countries and small island developing states.
7. In order to ensure a fair and sustainable development, we encourage cooperation and dialogue on macroeconomic policies and development strategies among FEALAC member countries. In this regard, we welcome the outcomes of the Seminar on "Experiences of FEALAC countries in transforming growth model towards sustainable development" held in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, 5-8 June 2013.
8. Towards this end, we underline the importance of connectivity between the two regions in narrowing the distance gaps. In this regard, we support efforts to explore cooperation in air transportation by promoting direct flights and code sharing between the two region's air carriers, as well as enhancing

cooperation in sea transportation in order to facilitate greater movement of people and goods, according to international rules and laws. We also encourage institutional connectivity between the two regions, including social connectivity through academic and journalist exchanges as well as business sector mobility.

9. In view of global population growth, food security and nutrition has become a central issue. We therefore support international and regional efforts to ensure provision of sufficient, affordable and nutritious food through increased international cooperation, investment, promotion of research and development in the field of sustainable agriculture, fisheries and rural development, and concerted efforts to reduce food waste. We must aim to reduce stunting for all children under five, recognizing that this is an investment in future economic and social growth.
10. We believe that Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the FEALAC economies and the largest source of domestic employment across all economic sectors in both rural and urban areas. The MSMEs sector also provides opportunities for women and youth to participate in the economic development of the country. We encourage the public-private sectors to develop MSMEs programs, which contribute to the economic development and prosperity in our regions. In this regard, we support Ecuador's initiative to develop a bi-regional center of development of the MSMEs. We also take note of the importance of exploring possible synergies with other relevant regional forums, so as to share views on ways to enable MSMEs development.
11. We reaffirm our commitment to the promotion of cooperation in the area of education, which is an essential part of economic growth and development. As an effort to achieve greater linkage between the two regions, we support Brazil's proposal of FEALAC University Network, to identify potential fields of cooperation in science and technology and to enhance the exchange of information, knowledge and experience in research and development. We welcome the Japanese initiative on FEALAC Latin America Robot Contest in which universities in FEALAC member countries have shown interest, as an important initiative to promote science and technology as well as academic cooperation. We also welcome the Colombian proposal of FEALAC "Network of Scientific-Technological convergence", that seeks to promote the joint and collaborative bioregional networking between research center

and groups. We shall also explore collaboration focusing on technology based entrepreneurship including transfer of knowledge; joint knowledge management such as initiatives related to training and research projects; academic and business mobility including exchange of professors and students, as well as business associations in tech and labor-intensive areas.

12. We recognize that natural disasters exacerbated by climate change continue to affect the economic, physical, social and environmental assets of the people in East Asia and Latin America. We therefore underline the importance of disaster risk reduction and reaffirm the necessity to further strengthening inter-regional cooperation, expanding the network of technical support and cooperation and sharing information and expertise among FEALAC members and international and regional institutions in the area of disaster risk reduction, preparedness and management. This cooperation should be in line with major multilateral agreements.
13. We emphasize the importance of supporting existing regional and national initiatives amongst FEALAC members to build resilience, as well as the need to develop collaboration between regional centers on disaster risk reduction in order to respond more effectively to any future disasters, especially in its immediate aftermath, with the aim of maximizing life-saving efforts. In this sense, a feasibility study on the possibility to develop a bi-regional early warning system is foreseen as significant. We reiterate our solidarity for the reconstruction process of respective countries seriously affected by natural disasters and reaffirm our strong commitment to share the information among FEALAC countries in a timely manner so that the recovery in trade and investment in affected countries could be duly accelerated.
14. We reaffirm our commitment to increase efforts to develop cooperation on tourism, bearing in mind that tourism creates jobs, by stimulating easier movement of tourists, promoting eco-tourism and increasing involvement of youth. All these measures are taken in line with tourism ethics, which works as a fundamental frame of reference for responsible and sustainable tourism, and such tourism aims at maximizing benefits while minimizing its potentially negative impacts on the environment, cultural heritage and societies across the globe. In this regard, it is foreseen that in the future FEALAC may develop new research to provide enhanced better understanding of the tourism industry in developing resources in the tourism sector.

15. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthen socio-cultural cooperation and promote greater people to people interactions through increasing cultural education, sports and academic exchange, parliamentarians and civil societies. We acknowledge the possibilities for greater collaborations between centers of excellence and think tanks in both regions.
16. We underline the important contribution of our private sector in developing interregional trade and investment as well as a major actor in spurring greater growth. In this regard, we will facilitate greater business connectivity and networking as well as promote regular business forums. We will also facilitate greater ease of travel and movement for our business people, in accordance with national regulations.
17. Noting the important role of media as bearer of real-time information, we share the view of promoting greater connectivity between our media institutions through media linkages and journalist visits in order to increase the visibility of FEALAC within each of its member countries and contribute to a greater presence in the world.
18. We recognize the importance of enhancing international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime. In this regard, we reaffirm our commitment to take efforts to develop closer collaboration in preventing and combating transnational organized crime, including illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, corruption, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons, particularly women and children, which has grave impacts on human rights, the rule of law, security and social economic development. We further acknowledge the importance of creating a safe cyberspace, including by enhancing international cooperation to combat cybercrime. With this end, we share the importance of cooperation in the field, which may include, information exchange, sharing of best practices and promotion of capacity building. We reconfirm our commitment to cooperate together in regional and multilateral fora in strengthening the fight against transnational organized crime and terrorism within the framework of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its relevant protocols and relevant international instruments on counter-terrorism.
19. We recognize the potential of the South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) as mechanisms that allow the sharing and promotion of the strengths and institutional capabilities of the countries of both regions, based on solidarity and guided by the principles of respect for national sovereignty

and free from any conditionalities, to contribute to their social and economic development and to strengthen linkages between the governments, academics, producers, entrepreneurs and other relevant sectors of the region. In this regard, we support Indonesia's initiative to build country-led knowledge hubs in the context of SSTC, which include institutional strengthening, knowledge exchange, coordination, bilateral and triangular cooperation, sustained engagement, as well as monitoring and evaluation.

20. We reaffirm our commitment to support the development of strategies on the energy sector which includes the development of clean technologies and renewable energy as well as expansion of access to energy services for people in remote areas through South-South cooperation, Triangular Cooperation, encouragement for innovation and increasing peoples' awareness on sustainable energy. In this regard, we welcome the outcome of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit held on 19-20 May 2013 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and the forthcoming 22nd World Energy Congress, to be organized by the World Energy Council and held in Daegu, the Republic of Korea, from 13 to 17 October 2013.

FEALAC and the Global Challenges

21. We underscore that the ultimate goal of sustainable development is to end poverty in all its forms. We believe that achieving this objective requires that we promote sustained and inclusive economic growth with equity. With an equitable distribution, such growth will reduce inequality and meet the needs of the present without compromising the need of future generation.
22. We therefore reaffirm our commitment to fight against poverty, achieve all the MDGs and work towards an ambitious and implementable Post-2015 Development Agenda that place at its center poverty eradication, promotion of sustainable development, and equitable and inclusive growth.
23. In this context, we welcome the work that has been undertaken by the UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the report that it has submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General. Furthermore, we hope that the report would serve as an input to the intergovernmental process that is inclusive, open and transparent that aims to agree on Post-2015 Development Agenda.

24. We recognize the importance of multilateralism in the global trading system and the commitment to achieving an open, rule-based, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system that contributes to growth, sustainable development and employment generation in all sectors. We further reiterate our commitment to concluding the WTO Doha Development Agenda of multilateral trade negotiation which places the need and the interest of all developing countries, including least developed countries, at the heart of the Doha Work Program, and call for the necessary political will and flexibilities from all parties to achieve convergences and to break the impasse in the negotiation.
25. We are ready to work closely with other WTO Members to have a fruitful and comprehensive discussion towards a conclusion of the Doha Round negotiation in accordance with its mandate through a transparent and inclusive process with a view to upholding and safeguarding the integrity of the multilateral trading system that benefits all. In this context, we express our commitment to ensuring the success of the WTO Ministerial Meeting to be held in Bali in December 2013.
26. We reaffirm our commitment to enhance inter-regional investment and in this regard, we welcome efforts to develop innovative mechanism to promote and facilitate trade and investment flows. With the objective of improving investment flows and the overall establishment of strategic associations between firms of both regions, it is relevant to prioritize coordination efforts that target investment in each of the member countries. In this regard, we support Argentina's proposal for the development of FEALAC Investment Opportunities Database, which will efficiently allow for member countries to post offers of investment projects seeking interregional investors.
27. We reiterate our commitment to a sustainable, inclusive economic growth by addressing global environmental challenges, strengthening resilience and improving disaster preparedness capacities. We will join our efforts and strive towards achieving a more stable climate, clean atmosphere, healthy and productive forests and oceans, which are just some of the environmental resources from which we all benefit. We reaffirm our determination to address climate change and to continue engaging constructively in the negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol towards a Post-2020 ambitious climate change regime.

28. We share the intention to achieving universal health coverage according to national policies and capabilities. We reaffirm the importance of cooperating closely in addressing pandemic, communicable and non-communicable diseases. In this regard, we will explore possibilities of joint cooperation in addressing pandemic, communicable and non-communicable diseases, as well as exchange of experiences in promoting access to public health care, including joint research and development of medicine and vaccine, sharing of best practices and experiences, and exchange of health practitioners.
29. We recognize the invaluable economic, social and cultural contributions of all migrant workers and members of their families. We further underline the need to identify various means to maximize development benefits and address the challenges that migration pose to countries of origin, transit and destination.
30. We reaffirm our strong belief in multilateralism with United Nations at its center and the commitment to uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter. We thus reaffirm the need for a comprehensive reform of the UN, including the Security Council, to make it more effective, democratic, accountable, efficient and transparent.

From Santiago to Bali and Beyond

31. Since its creation, FEALAC has evolved from a forum of dialogue into a solid and stable cooperation forum linking the two regions. We reaffirm our commitments as outlined in Santiago in March 2001, in particular, to increase mutual understanding, trust and friendly cooperation among member countries. We have continuously enriched and developed ways and means to sharing experiences and best practices as well as tapping potentials for cross-sectorial cooperation, inter alia in trade, tourism and investment, science and technology, sustainable development, as well as people-to-people exchanges.
32. We welcome the recommendation proposed by FEALAC Vision Group, which aims at evaluating FEALAC cooperation, and providing future visions on how FEALAC can contribute to address global challenges as well as promoting a strong and closer cooperation among member countries. The Vision Group recommendation demonstrates the strong commitment of both regions to strengthen and deepen the bi-regional partnership of FEALAC based on openness and cooperation. This partnership shall be pursued with the purpose of contributing to what is good not only for the region but also for the world.

In this context we welcome Republic of Korea's proposal to hold FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop in March 2014 to discuss follow-up measures of the Vision Group report.

33. We noted the need for strengthening FEALAC processes and institutions in order to adequately respond to global challenges and opportunities as well as enhance inter-regional cooperation. In this regard, we agreed to refocus the existing Working Groups into as follows: 1) Working Group on Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development; (2) Working Group on Trade, Investment, Tourism, MSMEs; (3) Working Group on Culture, Youth and Gender, Sports; (4) Working Group on Science and Technology, Innovation, Education.
34. Noting the importance of constant monitoring of the progress of the cooperation, we underline the necessity to enhance communication between FEALAC members and therefore the need to have more interaction and explore inter-sessional meetings at the SOM or Deputy SOM level when necessary, strengthen the role of the Coordinating Board as well as the need to fully utilize the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat sponsored by the Republic of Korea to facilitate online communication within FEALAC. As we recognize that continuous communication and coordination is key to strengthening and expanding FEALAC, enhancing the utilization of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat is imperative. In the same vein, in order to increase visibility, we shall encourage member countries to create a national website of FEALAC linked with the Cyber Secretariat so as to enable the general public of FEALAC member countries to access national data and information. Appreciating the contributions made by the Cyber Secretariat to the FEALAC, we renew the request to member countries to make continuous and timely cooperation with the Cyber Secretariat, including by updating and enhancing data banks.
34. To improve our mechanism of dialogue and to advance our partnership, we believe in the significance of involving cross-sectorial institutions. Regular and timely deliberations among Focal Points are foreseen as a way and mean to achieve an effective cooperation as well as monitor progress in each working group.
36. Noting the importance of research as well as strengthening FEALAC analytical and policy recommendations, we underline the importance of cooperating closely with regional organizations, including APEC, ABAC, IDB, ADB, ASEAN, Pacific Alliance, CELAC, UNASUR, OAS, ALBA, SICA and think tanks in Latin America and East-Asia.

37. In order to fully achieve its objectives and goals, FEALAC needs to transform itself into a more effective and efficient framework of bi-regional cooperation. Within this context, it is deemed necessary to evaluate finished and ongoing national projects, with a view to restructure the mechanism of work, and to establish a reliable instrument to provide data regarding various aspects of FEALAC relations. It is necessary to develop mechanisms to ensure that national projects have a wider scope of participation and transform themselves into bi-regional projects in the future.
38. In achieving all the above-mentioned objectives, we, therefore, reaffirm the importance of further strengthening bi-regional cooperation, expanding the network of technical support and cooperation, and sharing information and expertise among FEALAC members and international and regional institutions. As such, we tasked the FEALAC Senior Officials to coordinate the implementation and evaluation of all programs and activities agreed at this Meeting.

Closing

39. The next Foreign Ministers' Meeting will be held in 2015 in Costa Rica on a date to be decided by consensus.
40. We express our appreciation to the outgoing Coordinators of FEALAC, Indonesia and Colombia, and welcome the next Coordinators Thailand for East Asia and Costa Rica for Latin America.

SAN JOSE DECLARATION

FEALAC VII Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM VII : 8.21.2015)

Introduction

1. We, the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegations of the member countries of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), attending the Seventh Ministerial Meeting of FEALAC, held in San Jose Costa Rica on 20th and 21st of August, 2015, which was co-chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica, His Excellency Manuel A. Gonzalez Sanz, as Regional Coordinator for Latin America, as well as His Excellency, Norachit Sinhaseni, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, Regional Coordinator for East Asia, after having substantive and fruitful discussion, adopt this "Declaration of San Jose".
2. We acknowledge the Uluwatu Declaration, adopted at FEALAC Foreign Ministers' Meeting VI in Bali, Indonesia, in June 2013, which contains our joint commitments to pursue closer cooperation and bridge the divide between FEALAC countries as well as to face the myriad challenges and opportunities facing the global multilateral framework and to promote connectivity of FEALAC in many areas. The non-paper document on the follow-up to the Uluwatu Declaration prepared by Indonesia is also recommended as a tool to monitor progress on unfinished programs and plans.

FEALAC on promoting Socio-Political Cooperation and Sustainable Development

3. We reaffirm our commitment to end poverty and hunger as the greatest global challenge and consider this to be an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. In this regard, we recognize multiple efforts of countries in both regions.

2. We commit to work in a collaborative partnership towards the adoption and implementation of the new Agenda 2030, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its 169 targets, which seek, to build upon the MDGs and address unfinished business. We recognize the goals and targets are integrated, indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental. We also recognize there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development.
3. We commit to strengthen sustainable and effective development, including through South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation, which accompany the efforts of every state and region in the fight for the eradication of poverty, especially the most disadvantaged and marginalized sectors of society.
4. We recognize the efforts of the forum in the dissemination of good practices and successful public policies that promote the use of innovation in different sectors, including in agriculture as examples of sustainability and social responsibility as a transversal axis of development.
5. We note that the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) is an effective forum for lesson-learning and dissemination of good practices necessary to achieve these goals. In this regard, we commit to encourage concrete measures to strengthen and promote projects of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation between our regions, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries based on international law and internationally agreed principles on the matter.
6. While stressing the central role of public policies and finance for sustainable development, we also note the importance of building strong economic partnerships in promoting growth and prosperity, including the role of public-private partnerships if states consider it appropriate in contributing to the capacities of states to give prompt solutions for the socio economic development of its inhabitants.
7. We favor the advances in the solutions to tropical and emerging diseases, with special attention to neglected tropical diseases and their implications for quality of life and socio-economic development of countries. Therefore, and given that such diseases manifest cyclically, we note the conclusion of the

Network of Institutions engaged in Research, Prevention and Control of the Tropical and Emerging Disease Initiative promoted by the Peru and supported by Thailand, who will work together in the implementation of the network.

8. We recognize the importance of international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime, in accordance with the relevant international instruments and principles of international law.
9. We note the progress of the Network of Scientific Convergence - Technological, which was presented by Colombia at the IX Meeting of the Working Group on Science and Technology, became operational in 2014, and now has 57 research groups and 154 researcher connected to the network. Also, we celebrated the First Seminar held in Bogota, with the participation of Argentina, Brazil Costa Rica, Myanmar, Peru and Indonesia.
10. We believe that public opinion makers have a fundamental role in the articulation of synergies that unite the peoples of both regions. The progress of Singapore's "FEALAC Journalist Visit Program" is of great value in this regard as it celebrates its 16th edition in Singapore in October 2015.
11. We acknowledge the importance of dialogue on legal affairs in serving to strengthen the exchange and interaction of the legal community of the two regions, enhance mutual understanding and promote cooperation between our regions. We therefore take note that the "2nd FEALAC Legal Forum" will be held in Shanghai on September 25th, 2015.
12. We recognize the importance of enhancing community empowerment in sustainable development. In this regard, we welcome Thailand's initiative to develop FEALAC Health and Healthcare and Community Empowerment Networks. The networks will provide opportunities to share the experiences in universal health coverage and how the sufficiency economy can support grassroots economic development and bring about the wealth of nations.
13. We note the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, adopted at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Ethiopia, from the 13th to 16th of July 2015 as part of a continuing effort towards a better worldwide alliance in which the international commitments become stronger towards the financing of development. We underscore the importance of paragraphs 71, 72 and 87 of the final document, where the multidimensional nature of development and the need to strengthen efforts to address ongoing challenges are recognized, according to the heterogeneity and different

needs of Middle Income Countries, for Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries and Land Locked Developing Countries taking into account the specific needs of these groups of countries. We also recall the need to devise methodologies to better account for the complex and diverse realities of middle-income countries.

14. We also underscore the importance of paragraphs 97 and 98 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda referred to Debt and Debt Sustainability.
15. We welcome the strong commitment to gender equality in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Women's economic empowerment is critical to strengthened global growth.
16. We also share, in the spirit of paragraph 75 of the final document of Addis Ababa, that development banks effectively can and should perform an important role in widening access to finance for development, especially on quality infrastructure investment and to further develop instruments to channel the resources of long-term investors towards sustainable development. While recognizing the critical role of trade on development, we welcome paragraph 90 of the final document, which highlights Aid for Trade and trade-related technical assistance in enabling developing countries to fully participate in and benefit from trade.
17. We encourage the present and the developing international financial institutions to place importance on policies to address resources, social systems, environmental preservation and gender equality.
18. We welcome the centrality of gender equality to the Post 2015 Development Agenda which builds on the Millennium Development Goals. Realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women will make a crucial contribution towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals.
19. We support the initiative of the II International Conference on Nutrition in the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) and reaffirm its recommendation to the United Nations General Assembly to declare a Decade of Action for Nutrition 2016-2025, in order to avoid the many problems of malnutrition at the same time that greater inclusion, sustainable development and health are favored.

FEALAC and the Promotion of Sustainable Tourism

20. Sustainability, as a model for development, raises the need to satisfy the current requirements of society without compromising the right of future generations to satisfy theirs. Tourism is a resource intensive activity and the incorporation of sustainability criteria for this matter represents an area of opportunity for both regions and their communities. Consequently, we envision sustainable tourism as a balanced interaction in the proper use of our natural and cultural resources respecting the sovereignty and inherent right of each people. This type of tourism contributes to improving the quality of life of local communities and to their development.
21. In this regard, we welcome diverse initiatives of countries in both regions, including the Seminar on “Sustainable Tourism and Tourism Ethics: Tourism as an Instrument for Inclusive Growth and Economic Equity”, held in Bali, Indonesia, in June 2013, which recommended the importance of the code of ethics to cover economic, social, cultural and environmental components by maximising the sector’s benefits while minimising its negative impact on environment, cultural heritage, and societies, and the promotion of the technical and cultural exchange of heritage restoration for the construction of the “Visitor Center and Interpretation of the Fortification of San Lorenzo El Real de Chagres”.
22. We also identify sustainable tourism as a contributor to the protection of the natural environment, the increase of high quality jobs and the improvement of people’s quality of life and as a mechanism for communities to manage their own development. We support initiatives which promote sustainable tourism as a social and community activity and at the same time, serve as an integrative bridge between the two regions, in harmony with nature, to strengthen appreciation and respect by their peoples of the cultural and natural heritage.
23. In this regard, we note the contribution of the Republic of Costa Rica on the “I Seminar on Sustainable Tourism FEALAC” that was held within the framework of the 2nd Meeting of Trade, Investment, Tourism, and Small and Medium Enterprise Work Group (MSMEs) on 19 August 2015, and we note the proposal by Mexico to organize an international event on Sustainable Tourism in 2016.

Promoting Trade, Investment, Innovation and Small and Medium Businesses

24. We recognize that the expansion of interregional trade, favors closer ties between the two regions, promoting their prosperity. Therefore, we reiterate the spirit of paragraph 25 of the Uluwatu Declaration, adopted in Bali, Indonesia, on June 14, 2013, in which we express our support to members that promote development mechanisms aimed at facilitating trade and the flow of investments between the states of the FEALAC.
25. In this regard, we welcome the initiatives of countries of both regions to promote mechanisms to facilitate trade and investment. We take note of the proposal of Argentina regarding an electronic Phytosanitary Certification System (ePhyto).
26. We consider particularly important that the TTMSME’s WG studies the initiatives aiming at enhancing the benefits of trade for both regions, aware that interregional trade between Latin America and East Asia has great potential to be developed. Therefore, we appreciate the results achieved during the II FEALAC Business Forum held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2014, which reflected the importance of exchange of information relating to the way of doing business between the two regions. We endorse the institutionalization of FEALAC Business Forum proposed at the 15th FEALAC SOM meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.
27. On that basis, we note the proposal by the Republic of Korea to host a seminar on inter-regional trade to exchange opinions on the state of affairs around interregional trade initiatives including the assessment of the potential impact of ongoing interregional trade initiatives on trade and investment among FEALAC countries and to discuss ways to invigorate trade and investment between the two regions including the discussion of the initiative of establishing of an Ad-hoc Expert Group on inter-regional Trade which was introduced during the 5th Cyber Secretariat Workshop in March 2015.
28. We celebrate that the FEALAC Investment Opportunities Database is now operating fully and we encourage member States to take advantage of this useful instrument that allows countries to post offers of investment projects seeking interregional investors, thus promoting development.
29. We are committed to sharing good practices to increase the institutional capacities of the member states, as well as the design and implementation of

innovative support mechanisms that generate these skills. In this context, we support the initiative of Mexico to call on the FEALAC community to draw up innovative strategies to support micro and small traditional firms. On that basis, we support the efforts of the Republic of Colombia in the proposed “Financing Innovation and Entrepreneurship” which will be held in November 2015, and of Mexico which will host a Global Conference on Innovative Strategies to support micro and medium traditional enterprises in July 2016.

30. We also welcome the proposal by Mexico to organize with the Interamerican Development Bank-IDB, a seminar on Strengthening Production Chains in Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia.
31. We celebrate the launching in the context of the process of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, of a technology facilitation mechanism as established in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in order to support sustainable development goals. The mechanism will be based on a multi-stake holder collaboration between Member States, civil society, private sector, scientific community, United Nations bodies and other stakeholders.

FEALAC Cooperation in Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports

32. We recognize that the promotion of cultural education, sports and scientific knowledge of the population of our countries are elements that enhance social development in healthy environments and peoples’ quality of life.
33. In this regard, we also recognize the importance of moderation as an approach that could contribute to sustainable and inclusive development, equitable growth and social harmony. Hence, we take note of Malaysia’s initiative of a Global Movement of Moderates (GMM) to amplify the voices of moderation.
34. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthen efforts for the protection of cultural heritage and cultural diversity everywhere, including in areas of conflict. We emphasize the UNESCO initiatives in the sense that the deliberate destruction of cultural heritage is used as a tactic of war in a strategy of cultural cleansing, which demands us to review the means of protection of the culture of mankind.
35. We support the initiative by Vietnam and co-sponsored by Costa Rica called “FEALAC Network of Cultural Cities”, which aims to strengthen international cooperation at a local level in the fields of culture, tourism and sports devel-

opment. Vietnam will host the first Meeting of Provincial Leaders/Mayors on the occasion of Hue’s Festival, to be held on April 2016 in Thua thien - Hue province, Vietnam.

36. We wish to state that FEALAC member countries have an invaluable natural, tangible and intangible cultural heritage. According to the 2015 World Heritage UNESCO list, the heritage sites of East Asia and Latin America together account for 36 percent of the world’s registered heritage. In this regard, we welcome the initiative of the Government of Indonesia to host the II World Culture Forum, “The Power of Culture and Sustainable Development” which will be held in Bali, Indonesia, in September 2016.
37. We recognize the importance of creative and cultural industries for the comprehensive and sustainable development of societies, and the contribution they provide to job creation and economic growth of our countries, as well as to the welfare of our people. Therefore, we underline the importance of activities to research, measure, document and acknowledge the contributions of the creative and cultural industries to our economies; of the analysis and discussion of measures for the promotion and enhancement of enterprises and industries in these fields; and of exploring ways to develop more effective public policies of promotion of cultural activities in general.
38. We emphasize the need for the new generations to have better and greater opportunities to access education, to build entrepreneurial spirit, to unite, connect and collaborate among FEALAC youth. We therefore appreciate the Indonesian invitation to the youth from FEALAC countries to participate in the Indonesia FEALAC Youth Conference (IFYC) 2015, which will be held on September 18-22, 2015, hosted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Indonesia in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.
39. We recognize that Thailand will undertake the project to create a FEALAC Friendship Schools Network in order to increase the cooperation among the schools of the FEALAC member countries.
40. We recognize the participation of women in development, and that their contribution to the economy has been historically underestimated and is fundamental to economic growth. Therefore, we support the initiative presented by Thailand and co-sponsored by Argentina called “FEALAC Women Entrepreneurs”, which aims to establish an information network between

women entrepreneurs in the FEALAC countries to promote women's economic empowerment.

FEALAC Promotes Science, Technology, Innovation and Education

41. We welcome the initiative of Japan to host the first inter-regional school-wide robotic competitions and establish the first FEALAC Award in the IEEE Robotic competition, as a means to promote education in science and technology, as well as its initiative to enhance people-to-people exchange across the two regions.
42. We welcome the project on the FEALAC University Network to be coordinated by Brazil and Thailand.
43. We support the efforts of Colombia and Thailand to implement the project on FEALAC Science Convergence and Science and Technology and Innovation Dialogue.
44. We welcome the initiative by Brunei Darussalam in the establishment of student's mobility consortium "FEALAC University Discovery Year (FUDY)" which aims to allow students from both regions to experience and appreciate the diverse cultures and unique way of life, and encourage member states to consolidate their own study abroad programs, including the expansion of academic mobility and joined collaborative researches.

FEALAC and Climate Change

45. We reaffirm the importance of continuing and strengthening regional and international projects and programs, which promote cooperation, inter alia, in disaster risk reduction, adaptation and mitigation to climate change, technology transfer, capacity building and others, which will allow FEALAC members to reduce their vulnerability and adapt to adverse effect of climate change. We commit to work towards the success of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 21) to be held in Paris in 2015.
46. We take note of the information provided by Bolivia about an upcoming conference entitled "World Peoples' Conference on Climate Change and Defense of Life", to be held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, on October 10th–13th.

FEALAC 2015 : Two regions, One Vision

47. We agree to work towards the fundamental original objective of FEALAC, "to expand common ground on important international political and economic issues with a view to working together in different international fora in order to safeguard common interests".
48. In this regard, we reaffirm the importance of establishing strategic synergies among FEALAC member states, international organizations and financial institutions of both regions to achieve a greater projection of this forum at the international level. We welcome initiatives to promote cooperation mechanisms to facilitate regular dialogue between FEALAC and financial institutions in order to involve them in the formulation, implementation and financing of projects. This will give us the opportunity to give FEALAC initiatives a truly bi-regional sense, to improve technical cooperation and to take advantage of good practices in efforts geared towards closer bi-regional ties.
49. To achieve "Two Regions, One Vision", we realize the importance of connectivity between the two regions in enhancing and strengthening cooperation in all sectors, and in the efforts to narrow the distance and gaps. In this regard we take note of the initiative of the Government of Panama for the establishment of the Regional Logistics Center for Humanitarian Assistance, aimed to guarantee deployment of emergency relief items and greater coordination by bioregional humanitarian response activities.
50. We welcome the participation in this Ministerial meeting involving World Bank, Latin American Bank for Development, Korea Eximbank, International Finance Corporation, Central American Bank for Economic Integration, Latin American and Caribbean Economic System, Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean, as well as the representative from the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand.
51. In this regard, we appreciate the fruitful discussions that encourage and enrich this dialogue and the contributions provided by the International Financial Institutions and Organizations in attention to the initiatives within FEALAC.
52. We reaffirm our commitment to begin in San José, Costa Rica the preparation of the NEW FEALAC ACTION PLAN for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of FEALAC. This Action Plan will be presented in Korea in 2017.

53. We recognize the invaluable contribution that the Cyber Secretariat, hosted by the Republic of Korea, has made to FEALAC and endorse the systematization of the countries' initiatives through the "FEALAC Project Review Survey" and Guidelines on the use of FEALAC logo.
54. We recall the contributions of the Vision Group, whose recommendations were shared at the VI FEALAC Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Bali, Indonesia, and we commit to continue promoting more and better actions in various areas of cooperation, such as: business networking, network of universities, contests and competitions among students on issues of science and technology, and network of Think Tanks to increase dialogue and understanding between the two regions.
55. In this regard, we adopt the "Guidelines for FEALAC Working Processes", which includes the establishment of a Coordination Meeting that invites the two current Regional Coordinators and, if possible, the two incoming Regional Coordinators, in order to ensure a coordinated Co-Presidency handover.
56. We aim to provide a space for reflection on the coordination that the forum has had to date, to stimulate proactive ways to draw new scenarios for finding common opportunities; to further enhance the comprehensive dialogue and thereby to strengthen existing and new forms of cooperation between Latin America and East Asia. In this context, we stressed our commitment to strengthening the dialogue and cooperation with several regional and sub-regional organizations and mechanisms.

Closing

57. The next FEALAC Foreign Ministers' Meeting VIII will be held in the Republic of Korea in 2017, and the Senior Official Meeting in Guatemala in 2016, on a date to be decided by consensus.
58. We express our appreciation to the outgoing Coordinators of FEALAC, the Republic of Costa Rica and the Kingdom of Thailand, and welcome the next Coordinators, the Republic of Guatemala for Latin America and the Republic of Korea for East Asia.

FEALAC Joint Statement on the Ratchaprasong Intersection - Bangkok Bombing

We, the Member States of FEALAC, strongly condemn the bombing incident that have taken place at the Ratchaprasong Intersection, Bangkok on the 17 August 2015, causing injuries and loss of lives of innocent civilians.

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the people and Government of Thailand and to the bereaved families of the victims of the bombing incident.

FEALAC deplores the use of violence and all its manifestations, its causes and its supporters.

We view the urgency to strengthen cooperation in combating terrorism. We are committed to work with the international community in this regard.

We support efforts made by the Government of Thailand to bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice.



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