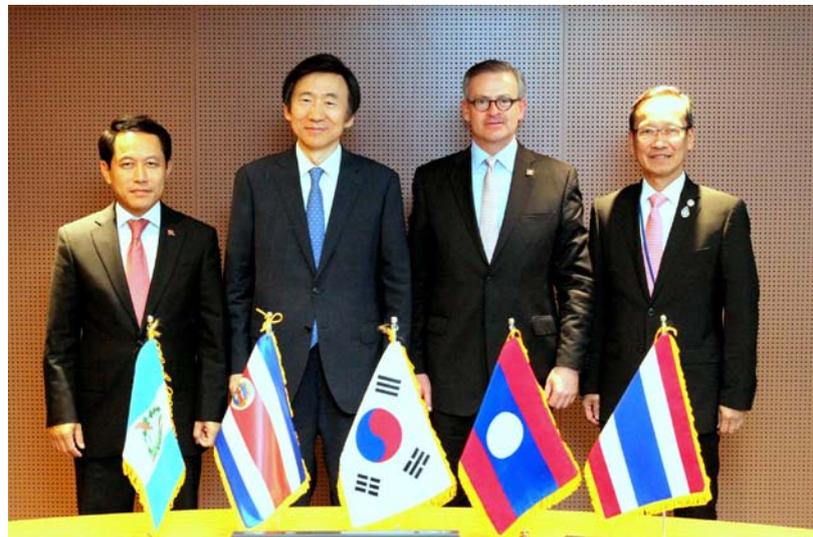


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1st FEALAC Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting

The 1st FEALAC Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held at the UN headquarters on September 22, 2016. This meeting was launched with the participation of the current, previous, and next regional coordinators for East Asia and Latin America. The Troika members welcomed the establishment of Troika meeting that will provide momentum for FEALAC's further development and revitalize the cooperation among the member countries as FEALAC celebrates the 20th anniversary in 2019.



*Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala departed early due to other schedule.

The 1st FEALAC Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting took place on September 22, 2016 on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. Chaired by Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Korea, the meeting was attended by the current (Korea and Guatemala), previous (Thailand and Costa Rica), and next (Laos) East Asia and Latin America regional coordinators. The establishment of FEALAC Troika System was agreed at the 17th Senior Officials' Meeting in order to ensure the continuity of the forum and an effective implementation of mid- to long-term projects.

During the meeting, the Troika member countries noted that the further development of FEALAC can be achieved by the member countries' active participation and cooperation. In addition, the ministers discussed in depth New FEALAC Action Plan, the settlement of FEALAC Troika system, FEALAC Fund, and FEALAC Summit, based on the Thailand's proposal of "Guideline for FEALAC Working Process" and Vision Group's recommendation to consolidate the development of FEALAC.

The FEALAC Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting aims to provide high-level guidance on potential FEALAC-wide projects, discuss ways to encourage more active involvement of member countries, and review the status of FEALAC progress.

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17th FEALAC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)



The 17th FEALAC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) was successfully held on August 24~26, 2016 in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Through his welcoming remarks pronounced by Mr. Carlos Raul Morales Moscoso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, he welcomed all delegates to the 17th SOM.

Presided by Guatemala and Korea, the member countries focused on the work of following areas.

Work of the Cyber-Secretariat

Members of the Cyber-Secretariat gave a presentation on the FEALAC Cyber-Secretariat's activities and future plans. The Cyber-Secretariat is working on various activities including FEALAC Cyber-Secretariat Workshop, management of official website and Focal Point Zone, promotion of connectivity and visibility through FEALAC Newsletter, Weekly Press Releases, and SNS, publication of FEALAC Guidebook and Brochure, and FEALAC Project Review Survey to facilitate the information sharing and communication on national projects between WG co-chairs and the member countries. SOM participants thanked the hard work of the Cyber-Secretariat.

Reports of the different working groups

Four working groups' meetings were held on August 25th, 2016, a day before the Senior Officials' Meeting. In each meeting, the member countries provided a brief report of national and regional projects carried out in 2015-2016 and proposals for new projects or projects in execution. They also discussed the future co-chairs of each working group.

Dialogue about the contribution of FEALAC to the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development

The participants discussed the Forum's contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and evaluated that strengthening political, educative, social, cultural and economic relationships between its members will enable the achievement of its objectives.

Toward a more Dynamic FEALAC

At the occasion of the 7th FMM in August 2015, the member countries agreed on the preparation of the New FEALAC Action Plan for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of FEALAC. Accordingly, Korea, as the regional coordinator for East Asia, proposed a document titled 'Towards a More Dynamic FEALAC' which suggests the FEALAC Deputy Regional Coordinators (DRC) System and FEALAC Troika System, FEALAC Fund, and FEALAC Summit based on the Thailand's proposal of "Guideline for FEALAC Working Process" and Vision Group's recommendation to consolidate the development of FEALAC. The member countries agreed on the further study and discussion about the proposals.

For the remaining sessions, the members discussed preparation of the 8th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of FEALAC, calendars of future meetings of FEALAC 2016-2017, and other issues. Regarding the designation of the new Regional Coordinators and Co-Chairs of the Working Groups, Laos is elected as the next East Asia Regional Coordinator by consensus, and the member countries are building consensus on Venezuela's leadership as the next regional coordinator for Latin America. Also, the member countries agreed the co-chair of their respective working groups will remain in their positions until the 8th FMM, which will be held in May 2017, in Korea.

6th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

The 6th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop was held on May 18, 2016 under the theme of 'Direction for FEALAC's Further Development.' In his opening remarks, Mr. Lim Ki-mo, Director-General for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea, stressed that the member countries' efforts to further the cooperation will lead to overcoming geographic distance and bring the two regions together.

Asia and Latin America.



The presentation materials and relevant documents for the 6th Workshop and Inter-Regional Trade Seminar can be found in the 'Research' section on the FEALAC's official website (www.fealac.org).



The 6th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop took place on May 18, 2016 in Seoul, Korea. The first and the second session were moderated by Mr. Carlos Cazali Diaz (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala) and Mr. Tae-wan Huh (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea), respectively. Speakers from Costa Rica, Chile, Korea, Argentina, Thailand, and Laos introduced proposals for FEALAC's further development. In the second session, speakers from Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, and the Cyber Secretariat gave presentations on current status of FEALAC projects.

The 6th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop was successfully concluded with active participation by almost 100 participants from 33 member countries of East Asia and Latin America. Throughout the workshop, participants had insightful and constructive discussions on each proposals and FEALAC projects.

2016 FEALAC Seminar on Inter-Regional Trade was also held on May 19, 2016. The seminar is a national project of Korea. About 100 participants from governments of FEALAC member countries, Universities, and Research Institutions had opportunities to share information and policies regarding the recent trends of Mega-FTAs and its impacts on trade and investment between East

Timeline of FEALAC Project Review Survey

Throughout the 7th Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the 17th Senior Officials' Meeting, the member countries have acknowledged the importance of the FEALAC Project Review Survey. The review survey is expected to help improve the systematization of FEALAC projects. Specific timeline for the review survey process is set as shown in the table below. Please note that the timeline is for the regional and national projects conducted in 2016.

Date	Process
Jan. 23, 2017	Cyber Secretariat requests member countries to prepare the FEALAC Project Review Survey
Feb. 17, 2017	Member countries submit the survey to the Cyber Secretariat
Mar. 3, 2017	Cyber Secretariat requests WG co-chairs for comments
Mar. 31, 2017	WG co-chairs submit comments to the Cyber Secretariat
Apr. 28, 2017	Survey results uploaded on the FEALAC website (i.e. Focal Point Zone)

2016 FEALAC Project List

Announcements

- Attachments are FEALAC's regional and national projects list for 2015-2016. The list has been updated based on the submission of project registration form by the each member country at the 17th Senior Officials' Meeting. The list will be updated before the next year's Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

FEALAC Newsletter

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