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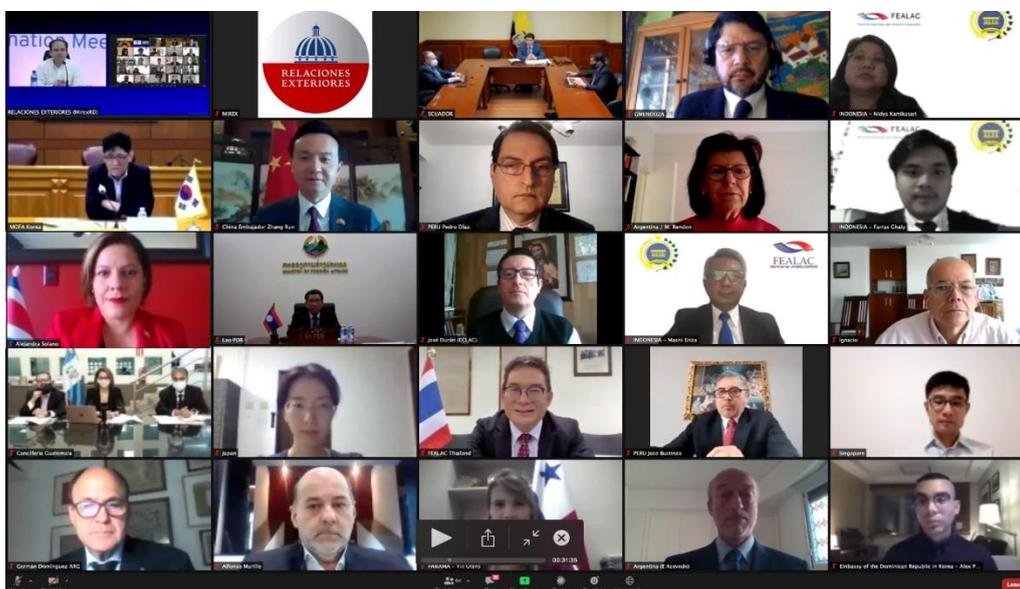


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The 6th Interim Coordination Meeting (CM) was held virtually on September 17, 2020, hosted by the Dominican Republic, Regional Coordinator of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The meeting was attended by delegations from 26 FEALAC member countries, representatives from UN ESCAP and ECLAC, and the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.

6th Interim Coordination Meeting (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)

The 6th FEALAC Interim Coordination Meeting was virtually held on September 17, 2020, marking the first FEALAC official meeting held so far this year.

The meeting was hosted by the Dominican Republic, Regional Coordinator of Latin America and the Caribbean, accompanied by Lao PDR, Regional Coordinator of East Asia, 24 FEALAC member states, UN ESCAP and ECLAC, and the Cyber Secretariat.

Among items discussed were the upcoming FEALAC official meetings for the year 2020, review of FEALAC cooperation projects by the respective Working Groups, discussion on the FEALAC Trust Fund and its projects, next regional coordinators, and a proposal by the Dominican Republic to hold a special meeting on the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

The Dominican Republic, while noting that holding the Senior Officials' Meeting this year may not be feasible due to time constraints, proposed holding the TROIKA Ministerial Meeting on October 21 or 28, 2020, virtually (details are to be further discussed).

Working Group Co-Chairs made their reports on the Working group activities since the 9th Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Based on their reports, due to the global pandemic, many of the programs planned were cancelled, transferred into online platforms, or planned to be transferred into online workshops. Sharing the difficulties this global pandemic has brought onto many FEALAC member countries, WG Co-Chairs emphasized the need for

greater cooperation and participation within FEALAC in order to jointly recover from the global economic crisis induced by the pandemic.

Also, Korea, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador urged the approval of the FEALAC Cooperation Project Guidelines presented by the Republic of Korea during the 9th FMM in 2019, with hopes to promote the creation of more cooperation projects within the FEALAC framework.

In the presentation of the UN ESCAP and ECLAC on the financial status and outcomes of the two ongoing FEALAC Fund projects, ECLAC informed members that a virtual workshop will be held on October 6-7, 2020 (details to be found under 'announcements' page 4) and invited interested members to join.

* The documents of the Meeting are available at the official FEALAC website, www.fealac.org

Meanwhile, ESCAP requested an extension of the deadline of the project 'Reducing Inequality' until December 2021, due to delays induced by the pandemic.

Regional Coordinators, the Dominican Republic and Lao PDR, encouraged FEALAC members to volunteer for the next Regional Coordinator positions, citing that the voluntary rotation system will soon be introduced from the year 2021.

Lastly, the Dominican Republic proposed holding a virtual 'Extraordinary Meeting on Cooperation of FEALAC member countries in the framework of COVID-19 pandemic,' which a concept note will soon be circulated among FEALAC member countries for further discussion.

Topic

10th FEALAC CYBER SECRETARIAT WORKSHOP

Global Socio-economic Prospects and Measures to Strengthen FEALAC Cooperation under COVID-19



The 10th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop was held virtually for the first time on August 13, 2020, under the theme "Global Socio-economic Prospects and Measures to Strengthen FEALAC Cooperation under COVID-19."

The session was joined by 132 participants from 32 FEALAC member countries.

10th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

The 10th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop was held virtually on August 13, 2020, from 10am to 12pm (KST) under the theme "Global Socio-economic Prospects and Measures to Strengthen FEALAC Cooperation under COVID-19." The session, composed of four presentations by researchers from international and local institutions from East Asia and Latin America, was joined by 132 participants and delegates from 32 member countries. Under the persisting COVID-19 pandemic, the Workshop sought to reinvigorate communication among FEALAC member states by providing a comprehensive understanding of the global economic implications and identifying key areas of regional cooperation under the 'New Normal.'

The two-hour long session was moderated by Dr. Wonho Kim, Dean and Professor of the Graduate School of International and Area Studies of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS), as speakers from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), UN

ESCAP and UN ECLAC, FLACSO, and Dr. Kim himself presented informative materials and insights for FEALAC member countries. According to the experts, COVID-19 has dropped the per capita GDP in 90% of all countries in the world and magnified the socio-economic inequalities of our communities, as vulnerability and its impact showed heterogeneity within countries, across countries within the same region, and across regions. The experts forecasted that economic recovery will not be V-shaped, and suggested areas of cooperation in fields of renewable energy, innovation, health, and IT. Among activities suggested were interchange of experiences through exchange programs, joint research through international cooperation in R&D, and integration of green enterprise in business models. The UN ECLAC and ESCAP also took the opportunity to briefly present the proposal on the FEALAC Fund Special Reports which would provide in-depth thematic focuses on medium to long-term impacts of the pandemic in East Asia and Latin America. The proposal is to be further discussed in the upcoming meetings.

Following the presentations, participants and presenters had a 35-minute Q&A session where various questions and comments were addressed to the presenters in detail.

** The presentation materials are available at the official FEALAC website, www.fealac.org*

Special

Feature: 10 years of FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshops

Ever since the establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat in 2011, the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop has not only become an annual event of FEALAC, but also a core scene where FEALAC member countries gather to continue the momentum and communication of previous discussions held in Senior Officials' Meetings and Foreign Ministers' Meetings.



At every Workshop, the Cyber Secretariat tries to promote the discussion of institutional and technical improvements of FEALAC as well as highlight topics that include the global agenda of the time. Many of the topics discussed include planning and strategy for FEALAC's development, FEALAC's role in East Asia and Latin America Cooperation, expanding national and FEALAC-wide projects, and strengthening functions of the Cyber Secretariat.

As a mark of the 10th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop, the 10th Workshop was one of its kind in terms of its methodology as well as its contents. It was the first virtual meeting gathering countries from both regions and reaching to a wider audience, but also the first one-session Workshop composed of experts and wholly focused on the global agenda, COVID-19 and its whereabouts.



The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat hopes that Cyber Secretariat Workshops continue to expand fruitful discussions across regions and that ideas and insights for greater cooperation may flourish throughout future sessions, aiming to the realization of such ideas through real cooperation.

FEALAC National Projects

Below is the list of national projects in implementation by FEALAC member countries.

Argentina

- Campus Global (2021)
- 'Programa Sur' – Translation Support Program (2021)

Colombia

- Difusión de la cultura colombiana a través de la enseñanza del español (Sep~Nov 2020)

Mexico

- 26th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Latin America and Caribbean Diplomats (Sep~Oct 2020)

Republic of Korea & Cyber Secretariat

- FEALAC Supporters Program (May~Nov 2020)

Below is the list of national projects planned by FEALAC member countries.

China

- 6th 'Bridge to the Future' Training Camp for Young Leaders from China and LAC (2020)
- 3rd China-LAC Local Government Cooperation Forum (2020)

Argentina

- Argentina Program for Foreign Junior Diplomats (2021)
- Sustainable legacy for EXPO 2023 Buenos Aires, Argentina (2021)
- ePhyto and Trade modernization (2021)

For further details, please find the "Project" tab on the official FEALAC website

Announcements

FEALAC Events

- FEALAC Capacity Building Workshop by UN ESCAP/ECLAC
 - Title: "Evidence-based policymaking to facilitate deeper integration of Asia and LAC: Trade-in-value added analysis"
 - Date: October 6-7 at 9 am (GMT+7)
 - Venue: online
 - Other details: <https://www.unescap.org/events/capacity-building-workshop-evidence-based-policymaking-facilitate-deeper-integration-asia-and>

FEALAC Website

- Request for Updates
 - We kindly ask our members to update project information for any new or ongoing projects.
 - We also kindly ask our members to complete the project review survey for completed projects.
 - * Project review survey can be found under the "Focal Point Zone" tab
 - Please let us know of any events or updates that should be made through the FEALAC website at all times.

If there is any update on focal point contact, please let us know through our email: fealac@mofa.go.kr

FEALAC Newsletter

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