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*The Dominican Republic, Regional Coordinator of Latin America, hosted virtually the "FEALAC Extraordinary Senior Officials' Meeting: COVID-19" on November 26, 2020.*

*The meeting was attended by delegations from 27 FEALAC member countries, representatives from UN ESCAP and ECLAC, and the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.*

## FEALAC Extraordinary Senior Officials' Meeting: COVID-19

The FEALAC Extraordinary Senior Officials' Meeting: COVID-19 was held on November 26, 2020, under the lead of the Dominican Republic, Interim Regional Coordinator of Latin America, with hopes to strengthen FEALAC cooperation amidst the ongoing health crisis, by sharing successful practices of distinguished FEALAC member countries and updates by the UN ECLAC and ESCAP in preparation of the post-pandemic socio-economic recovery.

The meeting was virtually attended by 117 participants from 27 FEALAC member countries. Among the participants were senior officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Economy and/or Finance, and Public Health, researchers from UN ESCAP and ECLAC, and the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat.

The meeting consisted of three presentations by the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica, and Singapore, on their experiences in the management of COVID-19, and two presentations by the UN ESCAP and ECLAC, on the current situation and post-pandemic economic reactivation in both regions.

This meeting, originally proposed by the Dominican Republic during the FEALAC Coordination Meeting held on September 17, 2020, has shown the possibility that the Forum can become a medium for practical cooperation among FEALAC member states, as it was the first inter-regional meeting convened under a common theme in an urgent, voluntary manner.

*\* Presentation materials and the final report can be found on the FEALAC Official website, [www.fealac.org](http://www.fealac.org).*

## Feature: FEALAC Book Concert (Seoul, Korea)



The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat hosted a one-of-a-kind event, *the FEALAC Book Concert*, an exhibition of more than 100 books contributed by 22 FEALAC member countries, in the heart of Seoul at the Arc N' Book bookstore from December 14 through 19, 2020.

The event was organized with hopes to increase visibility of FEALAC in Korea, where the Cyber Secretariat is headquartered, by providing a unique opportunity for the general public to meet exclusive literature from East Asia and Latin America, many of which cannot be easily found in Korea, especially in their own language. While some books have been translated into Korean or English, many books were also delivered in their original language, such as Spanish, Malay, and other ethnic languages. Through the variety of themes, expanding from history and culture, to architecture and non-fiction, the FEALAC Book Concert has indeed enriched the space through its unique colors and stories untold.



Also, a promotional video featuring congratulatory remarks by six FEALAC member countries (Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Chile, El Salvador, and the Philippines) added presence to the scene. Their videos not only explained in detail the works presented by each country, but also emphasized the importance of staying connected in moments of crisis.

The FEALAC Book Concert has provided a great opportunity for the general public to take a short travel to the countries exposed, especially in times where travelling has become extremely difficult due to the global pandemic.

*\* Information on the books displayed as well as photos of the exhibition can be found on the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Instagram. Also, videos of the event are going to be posted on the FEALAC Official YouTube account.*

## Announcements

### FEALAC Cooperation Projects

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

#### Argentina

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

### 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.

#### • Focal Points

- Please let us know if there is any update on the point of contact for FEALAC, by sending an email to: [fealac@mofa.go.kr](mailto:fealac@mofa.go.kr) at all times.

### FEALAC Newsletter

The FEALAC Newsletter aims to enhance communication among FEALAC member countries through dissemination of information on the activities of FEALAC and the Cyber Secretariat. The articles contained in this Newsletter do not necessarily reflect the official views of FEALAC and the Cyber Secretariat. We welcome readers' comments and suggestions. Any inquiries about this Newsletter should be addressed to: [fealac@mofa.go.kr](mailto:fealac@mofa.go.kr)