

## What is FEALAC?

The Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) is an inter-regional cooperative organization comprised of 36 countries (16 from East Asia, 20 from Latin America), aimed at increasing dialogue, cooperation, and understanding between the two regions.

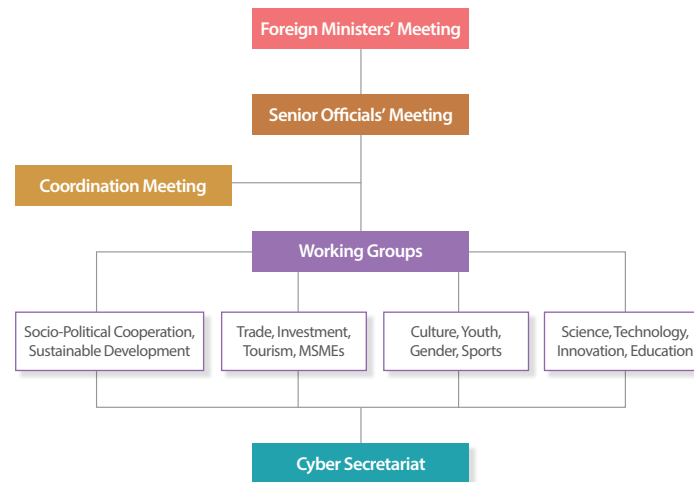
FEALAC was first established as EALAF (East Asia-Latin America Forum) in 1999 in response to the growing need to build a cooperative mechanism and interdependence between East Asia and Latin America in the 1990s. The organization was officially named FEALAC at the 1st Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Santiago, Chile in 2001.

FEALAC's main activities consist of regular meetings held at four levels: Foreign Minister's Meetings (FMM), Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM), Working Group Meetings (WG), and Coordination Meetings. Two Regional Coordinators, one from each region, are appointed to organize formal meetings and review follow-up of decisions adopted at the FMM and SOM. Working Group Co-chairs organize information on cooperation projects. In addition, member countries voluntarily carry out national projects, depending on their policies and interests, and cooperate on implementing regional projects.

## What are FEALAC's objectives?

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

## How does FEALAC operate?



### Foreign Minister's Meeting (FMM)

- Held every two years; highest decision-making body
- Sets FEALAC goals, approves projects, adopts official documents, and admits new members

### Senior Official's Meeting (SOM)

- Held every year; practical decision-making body
- Approves Working Groups' discussions, and submits agendas to FMM

### Working Group Meeting (WG)

- Headed by Co-chairs, one from each region
- Comprised of 4 types of Groups

### Coordination Meeting

- Established at the 7<sup>th</sup> FMM in San Jose, Costa Rica, to succeed and improve the Coordinating Board
- Consists of Regional Coordinators, Working Group Co-chairs, previous Regional Coordinators, incoming Regional Coordinators, the Cyber Secretariat, and its host country

### Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting

- Held every year to ensure the continuity of FEALAC agenda and an effective implementation of National and Regional projects
- Consists of two previous, current, and incoming Regional Coordinators

### FEALAC Multi-Donor Trust Fund

- Established at the 8<sup>th</sup> FMM in 2017 to support FEALAC-wide projects that focus on improving mutual understanding between East Asia and Latin America
- Consists of the Steering Committee whose co-Chairs are selected from respective region

## What is FEALAC Cyber Secretariat?

Given a rapid increase in cooperation and information exchange between East Asia and Latin America, the Republic of Korea suggested the establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat at the 4th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan on January 16-17, 2010 to which the other member countries agreed. The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat aims to facilitate communication and cooperation among member countries by providing information related to FEALAC via its official website ([www.fealac.org](http://www.fealac.org)). The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat was inaugurated on March 15, 2011 in Seoul, Korea. Since then, it holds annual workshops that serve as an opportunity to discuss FEALAC's future direction.

## Chronology of the Foreign Ministers' Meeting

- **1<sup>st</sup> FMM** (Mar. 29-30, 2001 in Santiago, Chile)

Adopted the official name 'FEALAC' and the "Framework Document"

- **2<sup>nd</sup> FMM** (Jan. 30-31, 2004 in Manila, Philippines)

Adopted the "Manila Plan of Action," which establishes FEALAC's future direction

- **3<sup>rd</sup> FMM** (Aug. 22-23, 2007 in Brasilia, Brazil)

Adopted the "Brasilia Declaration," which specifies key areas of cooperation

- **4<sup>th</sup> FMM** (Jan. 16-17, 2010 in Tokyo, Japan)

Adopted the "Tokyo Declaration," which states the importance of bi-regional cooperation to overcome global economic crisis and social integration / Approved the establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat

- **5<sup>th</sup> FMM** (Aug. 24-25, 2011 in Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Adopted the "Buenos Aires Declaration," which includes issues on reforming the global governance mechanism and strengthening bi-regional cooperation / Approved the establishment of the Vision Group

- **6<sup>th</sup> FMM** (Jun. 13-14, 2013 in Bali, Indonesia)

Adopted the "Uluwatu Declaration," which reiterates the commitment of FEALAC member countries to continue and deepen bi-regional cooperation for sustainable development / Re-organized Working Groups

- **7<sup>th</sup> FMM** (Aug. 19-21, 2015 in San Jose, Costa Rica)

Adopted the "San Jose Declaration," 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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- **8<sup>th</sup> FMM** (Aug. 31 2017 in Busan, Republic of Korea)

Adopted the "Busan Declaration," which endorsed "New FEALAC Action Plan," "FEALAC Troika Modalities," and "FEALAC Fund" among others to strengthen FEALAC process, and underscored the importance of FEALAC-wide projects to promote inter-regional dialogue and understanding

## 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



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