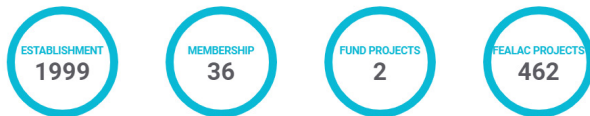


What is FEALAC?

The Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) is an inter-regional multilateral forum comprised of 36 sovereign countries (16 from East Asia, 20 from Latin America) that aim to increase 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.

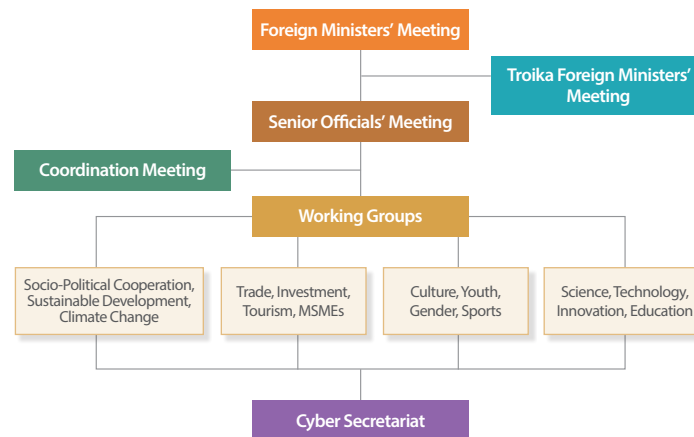
FEALAC's main activities consist of regular meetings held at five levels: Foreign Ministers' Meetings (FMM), Troika Foreign Ministers' Meetings, Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM), Coordination Meetings, and Working Group Meetings (WG). Regional Coordinators, one from each region, are appointed to organize the official meetings and follow-up with the decisions adopted at the FMM and SOM. Working Group Co-chairs preside over WG meetings and put together updates on cooperation projects of each WG. Member countries voluntarily carry out national projects, depending on their policies and interests, and cooperate when implementing regional projects.



What are FEALAC's objectives?

- 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 economy, trade, investment, finance, science and technology, environment protection, culture, sport, tourism and people-to-people exchanges; and
- 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.

How does FEALAC operate?



Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)

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

Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting

- Held on the sidelines of the UNGA to ensure the continuity of FEALAC agenda
- Consists of two previous, current, and incoming Regional Coordinators

Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)

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

Coordination Meeting

- Held conjointly at FMMs and SOMs, and in-between when deemed necessary
- Consists of previous, current, and incoming Regional Coordinators, Working Group Co-chairs, and the Cyber Secretariat

Working Group Meeting (WG)

- Headed by Co-chairs, one from each region in each WG
- Comprised of 4 Working Groups

FEALAC Multi-Donor Trust Fund Steering Committee Meeting

- Established at the 8th FMM in 2017 to support FEALAC-wide projects that aim to enhance cooperation between East Asia and Latin America
- Consists of Donor countries, FEALAC Troika, UN ESCAP and ECLAC, and two Co-Chairs elected from each region among the Steering Committee members

What does the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat do?

Proposed by the Republic of Korea, the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat was inaugurated on March 15, 2011, in Seoul, Korea, based on consensus made at the 4th Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan, on January 16-17, 2010.

The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat aims to facilitate communication and cooperation among member countries by providing support for official meetings, publishing promotional materials such as the FEALAC Guide and FEALAC Factsheet, and regularly administering the FEALAC official website (www.fealac.org).

The FEALAC Cyber Secretariat also holds annual workshops that serve as an opportunity for FEALAC member countries to network and discuss FEALAC's future direction.

Chronology of the Foreign Ministers' Meeting

■ 1st FMM (Mar. 29-30, 2001 in Santiago, Chile)

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

■ 2nd FMM (Jan. 30-31, 2004 in Manila, Philippines)

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

■ 3rd FMM (Aug. 22-23, 2007 in Brasilia, Brazil)

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

■ 4th FMM (Jan. 16-17, 2010 in Tokyo, Japan)

Adopted the "Tokyo Declaration," and approved the establishment of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat

■ 5th FMM (Aug. 25, 2011 in Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Adopted the "Buenos Aires Declaration," and approved the establishment of the Vision Group

■ 6th FMM (Jun. 13-14, 2013 in Bali, Indonesia)

Adopted the "Uluwatu Declaration," and re-organized Working Groups

■ 7th FMM (Aug. 21, 2015 in San Jose, Costa Rica)

Adopted the "San Jose Declaration," and approved the 'Guideline for FEALAC Working Process'

■ 8th 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 mechanism

■ 9th FMM (Nov. 9, 2019 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)










Adopted the "Santo Domingo Declaration" which recognized the need to strengthen the FEALAC institutional framework and incorporated 'Climate Change' into the SPCSD WG

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
 Lao PDR Date of Entry: September 3, 1999	 Viet Nam 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: March 29, 2001	 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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