



**REPORT ON THE
6th FEALAC CULTURE, YOUTH, GENDER AND SPORTS
WORKING GROUP MEETING
Santo Domingo
November 7, 2019**

1. The 6th Meeting of the Working Group on Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports (CYGS) of FEALAC was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 7 November 2019.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Masni Eriza, Director of American and European Intraregional and Interregional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and Ms. Maria Natalia Espinel Ramos, the Embassy of Ecuador in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
3. The Meeting was attended by delegates from 18 countries, as attached in Annex 1.
4. In their opening remarks, the Co-chairs expressed gratitude to the Government of the Dominican Republic for hosting the WG meeting, and also expressed appreciation to Dominican Republic and Lao People's Democratic Republic as FEALAC Regional Coordinators. Co-Chairs welcomed all delegates and expressed their appreciation to the delegates' present. Co-chairs also expressed their hope that the WG meeting could also discuss plans and proposals for strengthening CYGS WG.
5. The attached Agenda was adopted (Annex 2).
6. Consideration of Reports on Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports Working Group since the 5th CYGS WG Meeting

According to the list from FEALAC Cyber Secretariat, The CYGS WG received 10 national projects and 3 regional projects. 6 national projects have already been completed while the other 4 projects are still on going. 2 regional projects have already been implemented, and 1 is still ongoing.

A. National Projects

Singapore

Singapore hosted the 19th FEALAC Journalists Visit Program (JVP) on 10 – 14 September 2018 in conjunction with the Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix, and the 20th FEALAC JVP from 1 to 6 September 2019 to coincide with



FEALAC DAY. Since 2000, Singapore has organized 20 FEALAC JVPs with a total of 120 participants from 17 Latin American countries. The JVP is intended as a platform to enhance understanding between Latin America and East Asia through exchanges at the people to people level and has attracted sustained interest from participants year after year.

Colombia

The “ELE FOCALAE” offers Spanish courses for tourist guides and undergraduate and graduate students from FEALAC East Asian countries and aims to strengthen mutual understanding, trust, political dialogue and friendly cooperation between Colombia and East Asia through the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language and the promotion of the linguistic, cultural and touristic values of Colombia. Colombia has conducted the “V Spanish Course” that ended on December 2017 and has completed “VI Spanish Course” that was conducted from 20 July – 9 December 2018. Colombia regarded Spanish as one of the powerful tools to connect both regions of FEALAC. Up to date, the program has benefitted 342 participants from East Asian countries with total investment of USD 1.7 million. The Colombian government has expressed its willingness to maintain and expand the program.

B. Regional Projects

Argentina

The 2nd Meeting of the Network of Cultural Cities of FEALAC was held in San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina, on 21-22 August 2018, participated by 5 cities from East Asia region and 4 cities from Latin America. The main objective of the meeting was to strengthen the cultural aspect of FEALAC’s Network of Cultural Cities and to provide a specific forum for cities participating in the meeting for sharing experiences about the promotion of culture and tourism as well as potentials of the cities.

Vietnam

Since 2004, Vietnam introduced the project “East Asia – Latin America Cultural Exchange in Hue Festival” - an event held every two years in the ancient capital of Hue. The 8th East Asia – Latin America Cultural Exchange in Hue Festival was held from 27 April to 2 May 2018 in Hue City, Central Vietnam to promote culture, arts and tourism, economic and cultural exchanges of the country. Vietnam would like to thank eight other FEALAC member countries namely China, Colombia, Japan, Korea,



Mexico, Mongolia, the Philippines and Thailand for sending cultural groups to the event.

Indonesia

Indonesia briefed the meeting about the development of FEALAC Youth Center in Bandung, West Java after the inaugural ceremony in 2018. Activities that have been carried out under the FEALAC Youth Center including the language course (English and Spanish) as well as entrepreneurial discussion. Indonesia expressed its appreciation to Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Jakarta who has been very active in contributing activities at the Center that include the contribution of mural painting at the Center.

Next year it is planned to have greater mural activities in cooperation with Bandung City Regional Government.

On September 2019 Indonesia for the first time celebrate FEALAC DAY in cooperation with University of Padjadjaran, FEALAC Youth Forum and Bandung City Regional Government with activities such as Seminar, Workshop “Coding for Mom”, exhibition and the visit to FEALAC Youth Center in Bandung.

8. Presentation of the CYGS Members’ New Proposals

A. National Projects

Panama

Panama will host the Central American and Caribbean Games 2022 and invite all members of FEALAC to participate.

Vietnam

1. The 9th East Asia-Latin America Cultural Exchange in Hue Festival will take place from April 1-6, 2020 in Hue City, Vietnam under the theme “Cultural Heritage with integration and development - Hue is always new”. The event will feature main activities including the Street Performance for FEALAC member countries. The Organizing Committee will offer free accommodation, meals, sightseeing, and local transport to the cultural artistic troupes coming from FEALAC member countries. Invitations have been officially sent out.



2. Vietnam appreciated the 2nd meeting of the Network of Cultural Cities organized by Argentina in 2018. As the Project was first proposed by and first organized in Vietnam in 2016, Vietnam encourages other member countries in East Asia to host the next meeting of the Network in 2020. Vietnam will also consider to host the next meeting of the Network in 2020 or 2021 in case no other member volunteers to do so, and will update member countries on this Project.

Argentina

Argentina launched PROGRAMA SUR as a result of the commitment made by the Argentine Government to promote the translation of works by Argentine authors so as to encourage their printing in foreign languages and to disseminate Argentine imagery, ideas and values abroad. Argentina invites all editors from FEALAC member to participate in this Program.

Ecuador

1. Ecuador organizing International Festival Living Art Loja every year and inviting all FEALAC member countries to participate in 2020 Festival.
2. Ecuador launched the initiative on the importance and active participation of women, in the formulation and execution of foreign policy, in particular in the framework of Foreign Career Service.
3. Ecuador also launched the initiative for future realization of the FEALAC Games or the FEALAC Sports Festival, aimed at athletes from Latin America and East Asia, so that on the one hand, they share games, activities or sports in common, and on the other hand, disseminate or teach games, activities or sports practices typical on one region so that they are known and projected to the other region.

Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic wishes to expand the bilateral project in cooperation with Japan, Korea, and Singapore for all FEALAC members in technical and academic cooperation and currently the Dominican Republic is working on it taking this project as a model for FEALAC member countries. For example of these projects are academics cooperation with Singapore (SCP), technical cooperation with Japan since 2006, and science and technical cooperation with Korea since 1982. Dominican Republic wishes to have these kinds of cooperation with all FEALAC member



countries altogether.

9. Plans and proposals for strengthening the CYGSWG

Co-chairs viewed that the projects of Working Group on CYGS need to be continuously innovated into more tangible outcomes and bring people from both region closer.

Colombia conveys its view that the Working Group on CYGS is special because it invites so many initiatives and participation from member countries. Colombia urges other members to identify activities that can bring FEALAC member from both region understand each other and also to raise the image of FEALAC to benefit all member of FEALAC.

Vietnam

Vietnam conveys appreciation to all FEALAC member countries for the activities on this Working Group. By increasing member countries' participation in some bi-regional projects, the Working Group will be able to seek possible funding from FEALAC Trust Fund. It is useful to have two countries, one from each region, to be coordinators of a bi-regional project.

10. Discussion on future co-chairs

The Meeting has agreed that Indonesia and Ecuador will continue chairing of the Working Group on Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports for the period of 2019 – 2021.

11. Other matters

Colombia expressed that the Santo Domingo Declaration should include paragraphs taking stock of the progress and success achieved inside each working Group, highlighting in a factual manner the most relevant projects implemented, as a way to commemorate the 20th anniversary of FEALAC and also to share with the international community these outcomes.



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ANNEX 1

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Indonesia
2. Ecuador
3. Argentina
4. Brazil
5. Chile
6. Colombia
7. Costa Rica
8. Dominican Republic
9. El Salvador
10. Japan
11. Nicaragua
12. Panama
13. Philippines
14. Singapore
15. Thailand
16. Vietnam
17. ESCAP
18. Cyber Secretariat

WG CYGS

NO.	COUNTRY	NAME	POSITION
1	Costa Rica	Luis Diego Garro	Minister-Counselor
2	El Salvador	Oscar Chavez Valiente	Ambassador
3	Singapore	Justin Hong	Deputy Director
4	Chile	Karen González	Consul
5	Japan	Keigo Yamamoto	Ambassador
6	Vietnam	Le Cang Tien	Deputy Director General
7	Argentina	Nora Elizabeth Capello	Ambassador
8	Indonesia	Alfred Tanduk Palembang	Ambassador
9	Thailand	Alshalit Boonjit	First Secretary
10	Escap	Marisa Panyacaina	Programme officer
11	Cyber Secretariat	Seunghyun Han	Program Coordinator
12	Panama	Diego Ortiz de Zevallos	Assessor
13	Nicaragua	Iris Audelly Acuña Huete	Ambassador
14	Colombia	Alfredo Ramos	Director
15	Dominican Republic	Paola Herrera	Director of Cooperation
16	Indonesia	Masni Eriza	Director
17	Ecuador	Natalia Espinel	Business manager
18	Brazil	Cristiano Ebner	Secretary
19	Philippines	Carmela Teresa Cabreira P	First Secretary
20	Chile	Karen González	Consul

ANNEX 2

Agenda

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

November 7th, 2019

1. Opening Remarks by the Co-Chairs (Indonesia and Ecuador)
2. Adoption of Draft Agenda
3. Presentations and Feedback on the National and Regional Project
4. Presentation of the CYGS Members' New Proposals
5. Plans and proposals for strengthening the CYGS
6. Discussion on future co-chairs
7. Considerations about the Drafting and Approval of the CYGSWG Report.
8. Other matters