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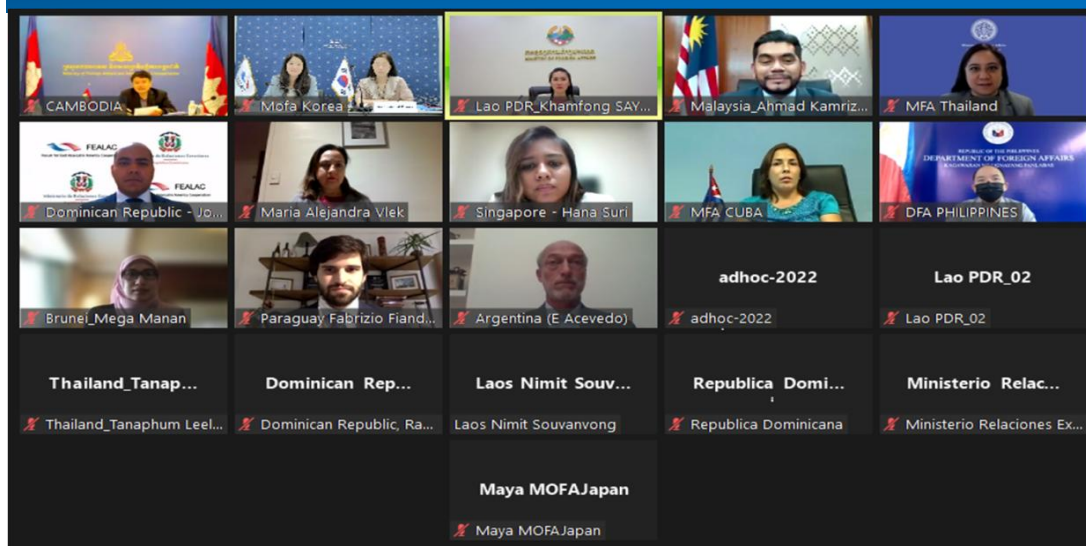
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Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting (May 18, 2022)



Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting took place on May 18, 2022, under the lead of the Lao PDR, the Regional Coordinator of East Asia.

The focal points of FEALAC member countries discussed ways to step up cooperation among the countries on building an effective rotation system for selection of Regional Coordinators.

The Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting was convened virtually on May 18, 2022, chaired by the Lao PDR, the Regional Coordinator of East Asia. This meeting, attended by delegates from 20 member countries and the Cyber Secretariat, was held to promote and firm up the finalized draft of Concept Note on the rotating mechanism of FEALAC Regional Coordinators.

According to the Santo Domingo Declaration adopted at the 9th Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the use of voluntary alphabetical rotation system is adopted to ensure a well-functioning leadership system in FEALAC. Therefore, as the next Regional Coordinators have yet to be appointed, it has necessitated the review of mechanism which is based on the alphabetical order rotation. In this meeting, the FEALAC member countries offered their profound inputs on the proposed concept note. Above all, it is underlined that the overall participants have agreed the importance of the members' efforts to improve the FEALAC's institutionalization. Lastly, the Lao PDR highlighted the need to further discuss the future direction and operation of the rotation system of the Regional Coordinators at upcoming meetings in the future.

* The relevant document can be found in the **Focal Point Zone** of the FEALAC official website (www.fealac.org).

12th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop (September 6, 2022)

The 12th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop took place on September 6, 2022, at the Four Seasons Hotel of Seoul in Korea under the theme of 'Full Evaluation of the NEW FEALAC Action Plan and the Way Ahead'. The workshop was attended by delegates across 30 member countries, experts from International Organizations such as the Green Climate Fund(GCF) and Global Green Growth Institute(GGGI) and from academia, and the Cyber Secretariat.

The first session was moderated by Mr. Jong-uk Choi, Director General of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea, under the title of 'Strengthening FEALAC's Institutional Framework and Promoting Cooperation'. First, Dominican Republic and Lao PDR remarked the ways to advance the FEALAC's institutional framework and underlined the need for promoting activation in inter-regional cooperation among the member countries. Afterwards, Korea gave a presentation on the achievements and progress of FEALAC multi-donor Trust Fund and encouraged the member countries to contribute to the Trust Fund to ensure its sustainability and visibility. UN ECLAC, in addition, took note of the expected benefits and challenges for the new Trust Fund Project 'Leveraging Cross-Border E-Commerce for Inclusive and Sustainable Post-Pandemic Recovery in Southeast and East Asia and Latin America', following this, Peru gave suggestions about how to improve the effectiveness of the Trust Fund. Furthermore, the Cyber Secretariat presented the recent updates of FEALAC activities and its future plans to advance the visibility of the organization by utilizing the online platform. Dr. Jaesung Kwak, professor of the International Development Cooperation and International Studies, Kyung Hee University, Korea, made a suggestion how to facilitate academic cooperation between Asia and Latin America by introducing ASEM DUO program, which is an ASEM fellowship-granting program for university students and teachers. Lastly, GCF and GGGI highlighted the need for constructing a global cooperation mechanism and making progress in collaboration with the FEALAC member countries against the climate change.

The second session was moderated by Dr. Won-ho Kim, professor of Department of Latin American Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Korea, who also



served as the former chair of the FEALAC Vision Group, under the title of 'Promoting of Working Group Projects and Enhancing Partnership'. The speakers from Panama, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Indonesia, Cuba and El Salvador shared their experiences and perspectives, and took note of their efforts in each of Working Groups. At the end of the session, the delegates discussed ways how to strengthen medium-term cooperation between East Asia and Latin America, including 2030 agendas for sustainable development.

The 12th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop was held for offering an opportunity to the participants to discuss inter-regional issues of common interest and formulate cooperation agendas. Above all, the meeting acted as an open mechanism for both East Asia and Latin America to share their visions and thoughts that would increase mutual understanding and deepen multilateral ties.

* Click [here](#) for more photos from the FEALAC website.

Interim Coordination Meeting (September 6, 2022)



The FEALAC Interim Coordination Meeting was held on the sideline of the 12th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop. Co-chaired by Mr. Kingphokeo Phommahaxay, Director General of Economic Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lao PDR, and Mr. José Guillermo Sarita, Head of Commercial Integration Directorate of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Dominican Republic, the meeting was accompanied by the Troika members, Working Group co-chairs and the Cyber Secretariat, and the other member countries joined as observers.

Firstly, the Cyber Secretariat briefed on achievements and updated activities of FEALAC member countries since the 9th Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Korea, the co-chair of the Steering Committee of the FEALAC Trust Fund, also reported the financial operation and the new fund project titled 'Leveraging Cross-Border E-Commerce for Inclusive and Sustainable Post-Pandemic Recovery in Southeast and East Asia and Latin America'. Secondly, concerning the concept note on the rotating mechanism of Regional Coordinators, which was proposed at the latest Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting, the member countries expressed the need for cooperation to firm up the concept note as soon as possible. Thirdly, Lao PDR announced that holding the Troika Meeting may not be feasible due to administrative and logistical limitation caused by COVID-19 measures in New York. However, they indicated the possibility of hosting the 22nd Senior Officials' Meeting via online or in a hybrid way at the end of this year or early next year. Thereafter, the future plans by co-chairs of four Working Groups for the term 2022-2023 were shared, in which, the co-chairs expressed their stance towards the possibility of the next consecutive term, while reemphasizing the need for an active participation of member countries.

During the meeting, the participants agreed on larger active cooperation, in order to increase impact of FEALAC. The Lao PDR, in his closing remarks, said that they will work closely with Dominican Republic to bring tangible results for the next Senior Officials' Meeting with further advance.

* The relevant document can be found from the **Meeting Documents** of the FEALAC official website (www.fealac.org).

2022 FEALAC Cooperation Projects

Announcements

■ Below is the list of completed national projects.

Indonesia

- FEALAC DAY 2022 (Sep 2022)

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

Cuba

- Operation and administration of the Casablanca Shipyard (2021)
- Plant for the production and commercialization of products derived from the human placenta (2021)

Indonesia

- ASEAN+FEALAC Seaport Interdiction Workshop (2018)

Republic of Korea & Cyber Secretariat

- 2022 FEALAC Supporters Program (Jun ~ Nov 2022)

Thailand

- Sharing Thailand's development experience through webinars (Sep 2022 ~ Sep 2023)

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

Brunei Darussalam

- FEALAC University Discovery Year (FUDY) (Jan ~ May 2023)

* Click [here](#) for more 'FEALAC Projects' from the 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 at all times.

FEALAC Newsletter

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