



8th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop

The 8th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop was held on April 10, 2018 in the city of Gwangju, Korea under the theme of “Strengthening FEALAC with New Actions” attended by delegates from 31 member countries. This year’s Workshop focused on the follow-ups on the 8th FEALAC FMM which was held in August 2017 and provided an opportunity for FEALAC member countries to share and review the newest developments regarding the New FEALAC Action Plan.



The 8th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop took place on April 10, 2018 in Gwangju, Korea. The first and the second session were moderated by Mr. Kingphokeo Phommahaxay (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR) and Mr. Tae-wan Huh (Ministry Foreign Affairs of Korea), respectively.

In the first session, speakers from Lao PDR, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, and the Cyber Secretariat made presentations on “Follow-up on the New FEALAC Action Plan.” The member countries brought their proposals and shared their efforts for strengthening the institutional framework of FEALAC. In particular, the member countries recognized main progress of the 2nd FEALAC Troika Ministers’ Meeting and the 1st FEALAC Trust Fund Steering Committee Meeting, and highlighted the importance of increasing participation of various actors such as private sector and academia.

In the second session, each Working Group Co-chairs (Korea, China, Argentina, Japan, Ecuador, and Indonesia) presented various proposals to strengthen their role as a co-chair. They recognized the need for strengthening the project management cycle through better utilization of the Cyber Secretariat and the Project Review Survey, and also underlined the need for the selection of priority areas in each Working Groups.

More than 50 participants from 31 member countries made the Workshop fruitful by engaging in insightful and constructive discussions throughout the sessions. As the New FEALAC Action Plan is a living document that will continue to be reviewed and updated, the proposals made by the member countries and the Cyber Secretariat will continued to be discussed at the upcoming SOM in November 20-21, 2018 in Lao PDR.

The summary note of the workshop is posted on the FEALAC website (www.fealac.org).

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FEALAC Coordination Meeting (April 11, 2018)



The FEALAC Coordination Meeting was held on April 11, 2018 on the occasion of the 8th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop. Co-chaired by Mr. Kingphokeo Phommahaxay, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR and Mr. Herbert Estuardo Meneses Coronado, Ambassador to the Embassy of Guatemala in Korea, the meeting was attended by the current and the previous Regional Coordinators, Working Group Co-chairs, Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee of FEALAC Trust Fund, and the Cyber Secretariat; Argentina, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Korea, and Thailand. Other member countries also attended as observers.

The meeting mainly discussed review of the 8th FMM, future plans of the FEALAC projects, and the agenda of the upcoming 19th SOM.

The Cyber Secretariat briefed the result of the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop which was held the day before the Coordination Meeting, and the Regional Coordinators delivered suggestion for the agenda of 19th SOM including the possibility of holding a summit level meeting, the adoption of rotation system in alphabetical order for selection of leadership, etc.

Korea and Mexico, the co-chairs of the Steering Committee of FEALAC Trust Fund, explained that some countries are under procedures to make transfer of their contributions. The member countries highlighted the importance of ensuring the continuity of the fund as well as the successful implementation of the projects. Mexico and Panama reiterated their commitment to make financial contributions.

The four Working Group Co-chairs gave an update of their work including the WG activities and preparation of the general agenda for the upcoming WG meeting at the 19th SOM.

Lao PDR announced the time schedule and tentative agenda for the 19th SOM.

Lastly, Guatemala as the interim Regional Coordinator reminded that the next Regional Coordinator for Latin America has not been decided and asked to look for a solution before 19th SOM in November. In line with the discussion of selecting the leadership of FEALAC in alphabetical order, member countries agreed to bring the matter to the 19th SOM.

Announcements

Upcoming FEALAC Events

✧ Model FEALAC

- As delivered at the 8th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop, FEALAC Cyber Secretariat is holding a “**Model FEALAC**” in August 2018 tentatively. Details of the event will be duly updated.

FEALAC Website

Renewal of the FEALAC official website is underway and it is expected to be in a test operation in June 2018. The website has newly placed an **[Interconnectivity]** section that introduces relevant website links of FEALAC member countries regarding themes of the four FEALAC Working Groups. In this context, the FEALAC Cyber Secretariat has already sent out the request to the Focal Points to provide relevant website links with the sample as below. It would be much appreciated if member countries could fill out the form and send it to us via email at fealac@mofa.go.kr.

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Themes	Related organizations
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism · Cultural Heritage Administration · Korea Culture & Tourism Institute · Korean Culture Portal
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Education · Korean Education Statistics Service
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Gender Equality and Family
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy · Korean Intellectual Property Office
Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency · Invest Korea
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of SMEs and Startups · Korea Small Business Institute
Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Science and ICT · National Research Council of Science and Technology · Korea Institute of Science and Technology · KAIST
Socio-Political Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism · Korea Institute of Sport Science
Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Korea International Cooperation Agency
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism · Korea Tourism Organization · Korea Culture & Tourism Institute
Trade Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Customs Service
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Korea Youth Work Agency

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