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FEALAC-WIDE PROJECT



New Contribution of the Philippines to the FEALAC Multi-Donor Trust Fund

February 7, 2023

On February 7, 2023, the Philippines Ambassador to Korea H.E. Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega announced that the Philippines will make a new contribution to the FEALAC Trust Fund during an official meeting with Jong-uk Choi, Director-General, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea.



H.E. Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega (R), the Philippines Ambassador to Korea, with Jong-uk Choi (L), Director-General, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, in a meeting held last month



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Followed by its last contribution made in 2019, this year's decision is made in the midst of the Philippines' effort to strengthen its support and cooperation with various international organizations through the operation of the International Commitments Fund (ICF). This year, by providing a new donation to the FEALAC Trust Fund, the Philippines is seeking to enhance its engagement in the bi-regional cooperation between East Asia and Latin America as well as in the operation of the Fund, according to Ambassador Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega.

Since its establishment in 2017, the FEALAC Trust Fund has supported several inter-regional projects aimed at enhancing mutual understanding between East Asia and Latin America. The fund has received contributions from 11 member countries, totaling USD 3.38 million as of February 2023.

The concluded two inter-regional projects are 'Value Chain Development for Deeper Integration of East Asia and Latin America (2018-2020)' and 'Reducing Inequality in FEALAC Members (2018-2021)', and a new project titled 'Leveraging Cross-border E-commerce for an Inclusive and Sustainable Pandemic Response and Recovery in East Asia and Latin America' is now being implemented by UN ESCAP and ECLAC.



FEALAC-WIDE PROJECT

ECLAC-EA-ECA Workshop

'Regional Digital Trade Integration Index(RDTII)'

February 22 – 24, 2023

The workshop 'Regional Digital Trade Integration Index (RDTII): findings and implications from Asia-Pacific, Africa, and LAC' was held in hybrid format by the UN ESCAP from February 22 to 24, 2023. Its objectives were to build the capacity of the FEALAC and other participating UN member states by familiarizing them with the ESCAP-ECA-ECLAC harmonized methodology for digital trade regulatory analysis and to allow member states to share experiences and learn from each other.

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22-24 FEBRUARY 2023
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Digital trade regulatory landscape in FEALAC countries
23 February 2023, 13:00 – 14:00 hrs. (GMT+7)

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On the second day of the workshop (February 23), a session titled 'Digital Trade Regulatory Landscape in FEALAC Countries' was featured. The speakers presented their overview of digital trade policy in the Asia-Pacific and Latin American-Caribbean regions, a comparative analysis, and the challenges for the least-developed countries. The participants underlined the need for multi-dimensional response and cooperation by the FEALAC member countries to achieve a broad digital infrastructure and network in the Asia-Pacific and LAC regions.

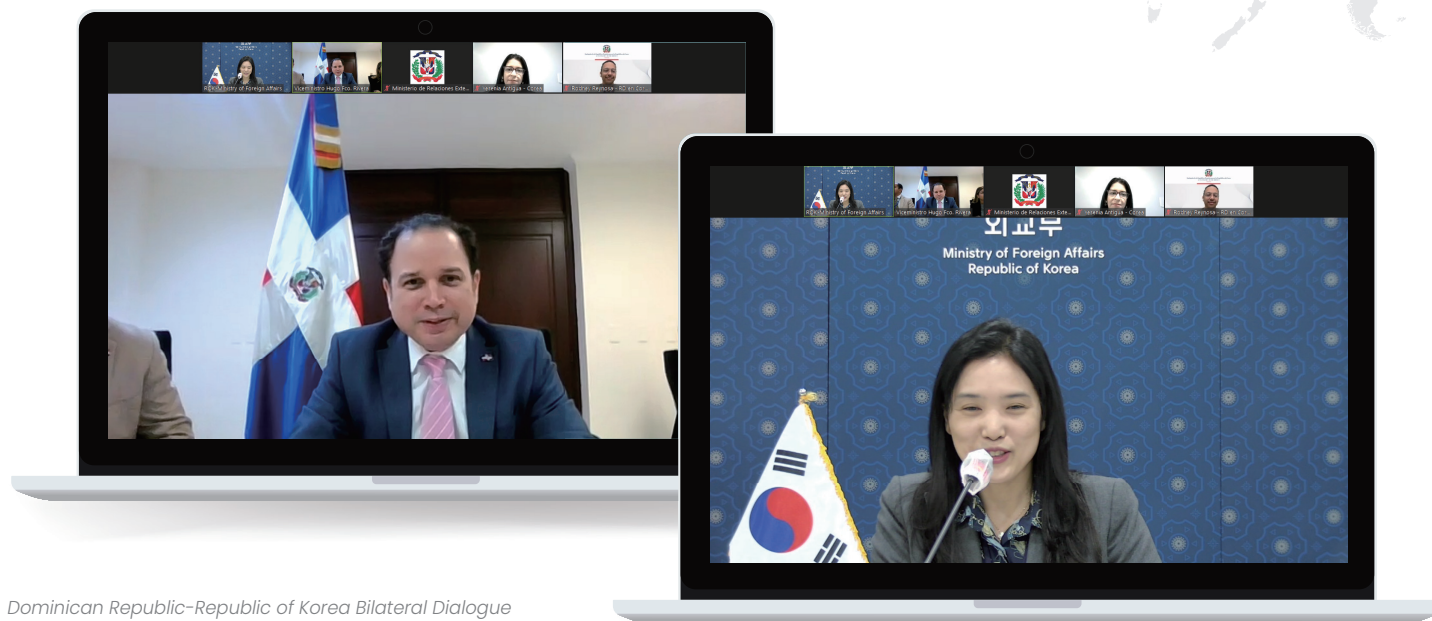
The workshop acted as an open mechanism for the participating countries and international organizations to have constructive discussions on cooperative measures to realize cross-border digital trade in the future.

FEALAC HIGHLIGHTS



Dominican Republic · Republic of Korea Bilateral Dialogue

March 8, 2023



Dominican Republic–Republic of Korea Bilateral Dialogue

On March 8, H.E. Mr. Hugo Rivera, Vice-Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic, and Ms. Boram Min, Director of Latin American and Caribbean Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, had a virtual meeting to discuss new ways to revitalize the FEALAC.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both countries to exchange their perspectives on the need for collaboration and showcase the revitalization of FEALAC. The two sides also discussed cooperative measures to prepare for the upcoming Troika Foreign Ministers' Meeting, which had been postponed last year due to administrative constraints imposed by COVID-19, and the 13th FEALAC Cyber Secretariat Workshop scheduled to be held in June, 2023.

Lastly, both countries highlighted again the need to strengthen the multilateral cooperation among the FEALAC member countries and agreed to explore additional avenues to promote FEALAC.

FEALAC HIGHLIGHTS



Indonesia · Republic of Korea Dialogue : 2023 FEALAC Youth Summit in Indonesia

March 8, 2023



Indonesia-Republic of Korea Dialogue: 2023 FEALAC Youth Summit in Indonesia

On March 8, 2023, Mr. Mochamad Ridwan Kamil, the Governor of West Java of Indonesia, and Mr. Jong-uk Choi, Director-General, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, had a meeting in Seoul to discuss FEALAC and the 2023 FEALAC Youth Summit, which will be held in Indonesia in July, co-organized by West Java and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

In response to Indonesia's invitation for Korea to join the FEALAC Youth Summit, Mr. Choi stated that the Korean government is willing to join and will continue to provide support for the FEALAC Youth Summit and any other FEALAC inter-regional youth projects in the future.

Both countries have successfully carried out a diverse array of youth initiatives. Korea has been running the FEALAC Supporters Program since 2019 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of FEALAC, and it marks its fifth this year. Indonesia has successfully celebrated 'FEALAC DAY' annually, held the FEALAC Youth Conference in 2015, established the FEALAC Youth Center in 2018 and operated the 'Friends of FEALAC' in 2022 to promote activities of young generation in FEALAC.

Indonesia and Korea acknowledged the growing importance of expanding youth initiatives across regions and have decided to strengthen their collaboration in youth projects. They have also committed work together to improve their bilateral relations.

FEALAC Cooperation Projects

Announcements

Completed national projects in 2022



Indonesia

FEALAC Day 2022



Japan

- Invitation program for young leaders of FEALAC
- “Juntos!!” Japan-Latin America and Caribbean Exchange Program Alumni Event
- “Juntos!!” Japan-Latin America and the Caribbean Exchange Program for the group of Pacific Alliance



Korea

- 2022 FEALAC Supporters Program (May 31 ~ Dec. 2, 2022)
- 2022 FEALAC Talk Concert (Nov. 10, 2022)



Thailand

Sharing Thailand's development experience through webinars (Feb. 14 ~ May 16, 2022)

National projects in implementation



Brunei Darussalam

FEALAC University Discovery Year(FUDY) (Jan. 3, 2023 ~ May 21, 2023)



Japan

- Project for improving control of illegal deforestation through advanced SAR and AI technologies in the Brazilian Amazon (2021 - 2026)
- SATREPS: The Project for Recovering High Value Bioproducts for Sustainable Fishery
- SATREPS: The Project on Establishment of an Alert System for *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. cubense, the Banana and Plantain Wilt Pathogen, and Mitigation Strategy of the Pathogen



Korea

2023 FEALAC Supporters Program (May ~ Sep. 2023)

Upcoming projects



Cuba

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



Indonesia

- 2023 FEALAC Youth Summit (Jul. 2023)
- ASEAN+FEALAC Seaport Interdiction Workshop

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