



**REPORT ON THE
5TH FEALAC CULTURE, YOUTH, GENDER AND SPORTS
WORKING GROUP MEETING
20 November 2018, Vientiane, Lao PDR**

1. The 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports (CYGS) of FEALAC was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on 20 November 2018.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Ivan Michel Maldonado Vaca, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Ecuadorian Committee for the Pacific Basin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador, and Mr. Masni Eriza, Director for American and European Intra-Regional and Inter-Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.
3. The Meeting was attended by delegates from 18 countries. The list of delegates is attached (**Annex 1**).
4. In their opening remarks, the Co-chairs expressed gratitude to the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the hospitality and kind facilitation for the WG meeting. 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 (CYGS) since the 4th CYGS WG Meeting

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

A. National Projects

(China)

China organized the "Happy Chinese New Year" in 2018 and is going to continue to conduct similar event in 2019.

(China)

The 5th Latin America and Caribbean Art Season was held on April-May 2018 inviting Latin American and Caribbean artists to come to China. Taking into account the benefit



of the event to promote cultural exchanges between countries, China is going to organize the 6th Latin America and Caribbean Art Season in 2019.

(China)

The 6th China-Latin America and Caribbean Region People-to-People Friendship Forum was held as part of people-to-people diplomacy.

(Korea)

Korea organized the 2018 FEALAC Youth Summit on 27-30 August 2018 inviting 36 students from FEALAC member states and counterparts from Korean universities. The program aimed to enhance mutual understanding and develop a network among future leaders from the two regions through joint research and activities as well as to increase awareness on FEALAC and knowledge on multilateral cooperation within FEALAC.

(Mexico)

Mexico organized 13th Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Foreign Diplomats on 23 August-06 September 2017. The program has been conducted since 2005 and intended to provide a comprehensive view of Mexico's contemporary foreign policy and of its challenges and opportunities, both bilateral and multilateral, in the political and economic.

(Panama)

Panama implemented the “Modernización y actualización de los Procesos de la Defensoría del Pueblo de la República de Panamá” to develop and modernize the institutional processes of the Ombudsman's Office to be able to provide greater coverage to the population in the national territory.

(Singapore)

Singapore hosted the 19th FEALAC Journalists' Visit Programme (JVP) on 10-14 September 2018 in conjunction with the Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix. Since 2000, Singapore has organised 19 FEALAC JVPs with a total of 108 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 is currently implementing the “VI



Spanish Course” that will conclude on 27 November 2018. Colombia regarded Spanish as one of powerful tools to connect both regions of FEALAC. Up to date, the program has benefited 342 participants from East Asia 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 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 has been held from 27 April to 2 May 2018 in Hue City, Central Vietnam to promote culture, arts and tourism, economic and cultural exchanges between participating countries. 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.

(Thailand)

Thailand is now in the process to cooperate with Argentina to create FEALAC Women Entrepreneurs’ Network in 2019 to share information, knowledge and experience on policies, business environment, investment, and socio-political issues and their impacts on business opportunities.

(Indonesia)

Indonesia briefed the meeting about the development of FEALAC Youth Center 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 Colombia who has been very active in contributing activities at the Center including through the contribution of mural painting at the Center. Indonesia presented a video regarding this mural painting by mural artist from Colombia, Le Dania.



7. Presentation of the CYGS Members' New Proposals

A. National Projects

(Venezuela)

Venezuela is planning to organize a FEALAC music workshop and would like to invite musicians from FEALAC countries.

(Vietnam)

Vietnam would like to host "East Asia-Latin America Cultural Exchange in Hue Festival" in 2020 and will extend the invitation through FEALAC Cyber Secretariat and diplomatic channels. Vietnam will cover local cost for delegations and encourage more countries to participate in the event.

(New Zealand)

New Zealand informed the Meeting that its government has not yet finalised a decision on hosting the 3rd Cultural Cities Network meeting. New Zealand would welcome any expressions of interest from other countries which may be interested in case New Zealand is unable to host.

C. Regional Projects

Co-chairs introduced the idea of organizing a FEALAC Women Entrepreneurial Discussion focusing on FEALAC gender empowerment. Indonesia would like to organize the event in 2019 and provide local hospitalities for one participant from each FEALAC member countries.

Ecuador proposes the realization of a FEALAC Sport Festival/Games, involving the exchange of disciplines and specialities that are more developed in several countries with a view to their diffusion in other countries.

9. Plans and proposals for strengthening the CYGSWG

Co-chairs viewed that the four issues under the Working Group on CYGS are equally important and need to be developed into a more concrete programme. The Working Group need to encourage member countries to propose more bi-regional projects that could be collaborated between the East Asia and Latin America regions. This is in line with the Pillar 2 of the New FEALAC Action Plan "Promoting Effectiveness of Working Groups and Projects" to achieve more tangible outcomes that benefit FEALAC as a whole.

Ecuador underlined that, according to Pillar 2 of the New FEALAC Action Plan, the Working Groups should be more effective to monitor the implementation of the projects. It should be ensured that the Working Groups, particularly the CYGS WG,



serve as a platform to align the national project with the regional projects.

China is proposing the convening of Sister Cities Football Match possibly in 2019 for young people as a way to enhance understanding among the youth.

10. Discussion on future co-chairs

The meeting discussed of the possible Co-chairs for the year 2019-2021. Singapore and Indonesia expressed their willingness to be the next Co-Chair. Ecuador mentioned that it is its second consecutive period of co-chairing and if there are no other Latin American countries who would like to co-chair the Working Group, Ecuador will continue for a 3rd term.

10. Other matters

Bolivia expressed its appreciation for the work developed by this Working Group.

**Annex 1****CYGS**

No.	Name and Surname	Position	Organization	Country
1	H.E. JUAN VALLE RALEIGH	Ambassador	Embassy of Argentina in Vietnam	Argentina
2	Mr. William Silra des Sautes	First Secretary	Embassy of Brazil in Bangkok	Brazil
3	Mr. LUIS PABLO OSSIO BUSTILLOS	-	Embassy of Bolivia, Korea	Bolivia
4	Mr. Sebastian AGUIERA	FEALAC Focal Point	MoFA	Chile
5	Mr. Yonjun JI	Deputy Director General	Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, China People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries	China
6	Mr. Jose Alfredo Ramos	Director	MoFA	Columbia
7	Mr. Pablo Antonio Rodriguez Vidal	Ambassador	Embassy of Cuba in Vientiane	Cuba
8	Mr. Chan Woo Kim	Director	MoFA	Korea
9	Ms. Nalinthone PHANNOLATH	Officer	MICT	Lao PDR
10	Mr. K Saravang Kumar	Minister Counsellor	Embassy of Malaysia	Malaysia
11	Ms. Htwe Hteik Tin Lwin	Deputy Director	MoFA	Myanmar
12	Ms. Erin DUNCAN	Senior Policy Officer	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	New Zealand
13	H.E. Augusto MORELLI	Ambassador	Embassy of Peru in Vietnam	Peru
14	Ms. Analyn RATONEL	Acting Director	Department of Foreign Affairs	Phillipines
15	Mr. Justin Hony	Deputy Director	MoFA	Singapore
16	Mr. Juan Jose GOLDNICK BRANDT	First Secretary	MoFA	Venezuala



17	H.E. Dr. Jorge RONDON UZCATEGUI	Ambassador	Embassy of Venezuela	
18	Mr. Cong Tien Le	Vice Director	MoFA	Viet Nam
19	Mr. Tuan Minh Doan	Desk Officer	MoFA	
20	Mr. Damrong Jaiyot	Senior Social Development Officer	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security	Thailand
21	Ms. Sompit Srikumhaeng	Senior Social Development Officer	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security	
22	Ms. Sonthariya Netirungsiwatohara	Social Development Officer	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security	
23	Mr. Kosin Phonmy	First Secretary	MoFA	



Annex 2

The 5th FEALAC Working Group Meeting on Culture, Youth, Gender and Sports (CYGSWG)

20 November 2018, Vientiane, Lao PDR

15:45-17:15 hrs

Land Mark Mekong Riverside Hotel, Grand Ballroom2, 2nd Floor

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs (Ecuador & Indonesia)
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Presentation & Feedback on the national and regional projects carried out in the period 2017-2018
4. Plans and proposals for ongoing & new projects
5. Plans and proposals for strengthening the CYGSWG
6. Discussion on the future Co-Chairs
7. Drafting and approval of the CYGSWG report
8. Other Matters