



**XXII Meeting of the Forum of Ministers
of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean**

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Annex I

Calendar of Sessions

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All times are EST (UTC-5)

Day One 1 February 2021

9.00 am -9.15 am Opening of the Meeting.

National Anthem of Barbados

- Welcome Remarks by the President of the XXII Forum of Minister of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Honorable Adrian Forde, M.P. Minister of Environment and National Beautification of Barbados
- Welcome Remarks by UNEP ROLAC Director, Leo Heileman

9.15 am -9.30 am Organization of Work.

- Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- Adoption of Agenda

9.30 am- 11.00 am High Level Dialogue #1

High- Level Ministerial Dialogue on the Environmental Dimension of COVID-19 Sustainable Development Recovery (1hr 30 min)

Introduction of the Prime Minister Prime Minister of Barbados, the Honorable Mia Amor Mottley will chair the High- Level Dialogue

Introductory Statement UNEP Executive Director, Inger Andersen

Setting the Context Prime Minister of Barbados

Statements by Ministers

- The Hon. Juan Cabandie, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina
- The Hon. Simon Stiell, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries and Disaster Management of Grenada
- The Hon. Elvis Rodas, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Honduras
- The Hon. Ricardo Salles, Minister of Environment of Brazil
- The Hon. Sumaya Castillo Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Nicaragua

Guests Speakers (Order to be confirmed)

- Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission
- Mrs. Alicia Bárcena. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Executive Secretary.
- Ms. Anna Wellenstein, World Bank Regional Director for Sustainable Development for Latin America and the Caribbean

Interventions by Ministers and Special guests (Ministers who wish to speak kindly advise)

- The Hon. Elba Rosa Pérez Montoya, Minister of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba
- The Hon. Orlando Jorge Mera, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Dominican Republic
- The Hon. Gabriel Quijandria, Minister of Environment of Peru

Close of Dialogue

11:10 am – 12:00

United Nations Environment Assembly UNEA-5 Preparations

- Hon. Sveinung Rotevatn, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5), Minister of Environment and Climate of Norway, the
- Message of the Regional Facilitators of Major Groups and Stakeholders

12. 00 pm –1.00 pm

High Level Ministerial Dialogue 2 (1 hr.)

High Level Ministerial Dialogue: “Enhancing Implementation of the Forum Outcomes: Towards Strengthened Environmental Governance”

Statements by Members of the Inter Agency Technical Committee

- Ms. Linda Maguire, Director of UNDP regional Hub for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme
- Mr. Juan Pablo Bonilla. Inter-American Development Bank. Manager of the IDB's Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector.
- Mr. Paul Martin World Bank. Practice Manager of the Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice.
- Dr. Marcelo Korc Pan American Health Organization. Unit Chief, Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health

Interventions by Ministers (Ministers who wish to speak kindly advise)

- Mr. Jair Urriola, Deputy Minister General Ministry of Environment of Panama

Conclusion and Follow up President of the Forum.

1.00 pm- 2.00 pm *Break - Side Event Regional Coalition on Circular Economy Zoom platform*

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm **Adoption of the Decisions of the XXII Meeting of the Forum:**

Report of the work of the Negotiation Committee by the Hon. Gabriel Quijandría Minister of Environment of Peru (Rapporteur)

Decisions

1. Pollution;
2. Sustainable Consumption and Production and circular economy – key drivers for post COVID-19 sustainable recovery;
3. Climate Change;
4. Preventing future pandemics and accelerating sustainable recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean through the adoption of regional strategies for the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems;
5. Environmental Information Integrated System;
6. The Environmental Dimension of Emergencies and Crises - A Critical Issue to Address to Facilitate Sustainable Development;
7. Promotion of Gender Equality in Environmental Management; and
8. The Environmental Dimension of the Sustainable Development of SIDS.

Interventions by Ministers on the Suite of Decisions: **(Ministers to advise on whether they wish to speak on any Decision)**

- The Hon. Javier Naranjo. Minister of the Environment a.i. of Chile
- The Hon. Abner Septembre, Minister of the Environment of Haiti

- M.Sc. Magín Herrera López Vice minister of Environment, Climate Change and Forest Management and Development of Bolivia

4.00 pm -4.20 pm Launch of two Reports by the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention

- **State of the Marine Habitat Report**
- **State of the Pollution Report**

Close of Day One

Day Two 2 February

9.00 am- 10.30 am Ministerial Panel #1 (1hr 30 min)

THE URGENCY OF CLIMATE ACTION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN THE MIDST OF THE COVID EMERGENCY AND RECOVERY

Introduction and context:

- The Hon. Andrea Meza, Minister of the Environment and Energy, Costa Rica (moderator)

Speakers:

- The Hon. Javier Naranjo, Minister of the Environment (a.i) of Chile
- Mrs. Milagros de Camps, Vice-Minister of International Cooperation of Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic
- The Hon. Teresa Ribera, Vice President and Minister of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain
- The Hon. Alok Sharma, President of UNFCCC COP26
- Mr. Selwin Hart Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on Climate Action, and Assistant Secretary General
- Mrs. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
- Mr. Ricardo Mourinho Felix, Vice-president, EIB
- Mr. Luis Javier Castro, President of Mesoamerica Fund
- Mrs. Nicole Becker, Founder of Youth for Climate.
- Mr. Philipp Schonrock, Director, CEPEI.

Interventions from the floor (Ministers who wish to speak kindly advise)

- The Hon Milciades Concepcion, Minister of Environment of Panama
- The Hon. Juan Cabandie, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina

- The Hon. Mario Roberto Rojas Espino, Minister of Environment of Guatemala
- The Hon. Gabriel Quijandría, Minister of Environment of Peru
- M.Sc. Magín Herrera López Vice minister of Environment, Climate Change and Forest Management and Development of Bolivia

Close of Panel

10.30 am- 12.00 pm Ministerial Panel 2 (1hr 30 mins)

CIRCULARITY, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Introduction to Panel and Setting the Context:

- Mr. Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions (moderator)

Speakers:

- The Hon. Carlos Eduardo Correa Escaf, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia
- The Hon. Gabriel Quijandría Acosta, Minister of Environment, Peru
- The Hon. Gerardo Amarilla, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Environment, Uruguay
- The Hon. Pearnel Charles, Jr., Minister of Housing, Urban Renewal, Environment & Climate Change, Jamaica
- H.E. Chad Blackman, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the WTO
- Mr. Sergio Campos, Chief, Water and Sanitation Division Inter-American Development Bank
- Ms. Jhannel Tomlinson, Caribbean Youth Environmental Network

Interventions from the floor (Ministers who wish to take the floor kindly advise)

- Mr. Jair Urriola, Secretary General Ministry of Environment of Panama
- M.Sc. Magín Herrera López Vice minister of Environment, Climate Change and Forest Management and Development of Bolivia

Close of Panel

12.00 pm – 1.15 pm Break - Side Event: Sustainable Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean: building a Green Alliance with the European Union

2.15 pm Resumption of Meeting

2.15 pm – 3.45 pm Ministerial Panel 3

THE ROLE OF NATURE AND ECOSYSTEMS RESTORATION IN BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

Introduction of the Panel and Setting the Context:

- Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility CEO, Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez (Moderator)

Speakers:

- The Hon. Elba Rosa Pérez Minister of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba, Montoya.
- The Hon. Fernando Andrés López Minister of Environment of El Salvador.
- Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification.
- Mr. David Cooper Deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Mr. Julio Berdegué, Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Food and Agriculture Organization
- Mr. Patricio Lombardi, Minister of Climate Change of the Misiones Province, Argentina.
- Mr. Calvin James, Executive Director of the Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management in Caribbean SIDS

Interventions from the floor. (Ministers who wish to take the floor kindly advise)

- The Hon. Gabriel Quijandría, Minister of Environment of Peru

Closing remarks Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility

3. 45 pm- 4.15 pm Adoption of the Bridgetown Declaration and Communique on Covid-19

4.15 pm -4.30 pm Election of the Bureau of the XXIII Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment

4.30 pm- 4.35 PM Closure of the Forum

