

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

**REGIONAL FORUM OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND MAJOR GROUPS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Friday, January 29, 2021 | From 13:00 to 16:00, Panama time | [Online](#)

**I. Background**

The Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean will convene its XXII Meeting on 1-2 February to decide on regional priorities of the environmental agenda and to coordinate actions and cooperation on these issues.

The last consultative meeting of Civil Society took place on 23 November 2020, coordinated by the elected Regional Facilitators Lorena Terrazas and Joseph Severe. The meeting brought together Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) accredited to UNEP as well as non-accredited regional Major Groups and Stakeholders partners, including participants from foundations or other relevant Stakeholders, as the main purpose was to motivate participation of all parts and bring them to a more active engagement. Based on the outcomes of the meeting, an inclusive process for the preparation of the regional statement for UNEA-5 was undertaken by virtual exchange during December 2020.

**II. Objectives**

The Regional Forum has these main objectives:

- To present the key messages and contributions from the Civil Society of the Latin America and the Caribbean region on key topics of the environmental agenda in the context of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To share updated information on the preparation of the XXII Meeting of the Forum and the Assembly.
- To reinforce dialogue and coordination for increasing Civil Society and the Youth participation and engagement in the regional and global environmental agenda.

### III. Participants and target audience

This regional forum is organized by UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean and will be coordinated by the UNEP's Civil Society regional facilitators with the support of LACEMOS (Latin American and the Caribbean Engagement Mechanism) and will bring together Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) accredited to UNEP as well as non-accredited regional Major Groups and Stakeholders partners, including from foundations or other relevant stakeholders. The event will be held as an online public event and will be broadcasted in the forum's YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGB7EccOXRrg\\_8dHVi5bctQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGB7EccOXRrg_8dHVi5bctQ).

### IV. Regional Facilitators – Contact information

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### V. Important links

- Civil Society engagement: <https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement>
- Accreditation to UNEP: <https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation>
- XXII Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean:  
<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/unep-event/xxii-forum-ministers-environment-latin-america-and-caribbean>
- UNEA-5 portal: <https://environmentassembly.unenvironment.org/unea5>

## VI. Agenda

<b>Opening</b>	
<b>Welcome remarks</b>  15 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Leo Heileman, Regional Director and Representative, UN Environment Programme, UNEP.</li> <li>Mr. Adrian R. Forde, Minister of Environment and National Beautification of Barbados and President of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean.</li> </ul>
<b>Introduction</b>  15 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Alexander Juras - Chief, Civil Society Unit, UNEP</li> </ul>
<b>DIALOGUE I - The Environmental Dimensions of the COVID-19 for a Sustainable Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean: Civil Society as a driver of change for leaving no one behind.</b>	
<b>Presentations and interactions</b>  60 min.	<p><b>Moderator: Ms. Lorena Terrazas - Regional Facilitator UNEP</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Nicole Leotaud</b> - Caribbean Natural Resources Institute, CANARI.</li> <li><b>Ms. Dalia Márquez</b> - Latin American and the Caribbean Engagement Mechanism, LACEMOS.</li> <li><b>Mr. Gabriel Baracatt</b> - Avina Foundation.</li> <li><b>Ms. Danielle Andrade</b> - Elected Representative of the Public, Escazú Agreement.</li> <li><b>Mr. César Artiga</b> - Coordinator of the National Advancing Team of the Escazú Agreement in El Salvador.</li> </ul>
<b>DIALOGUE II - Towards a strong and active role of Civil Society and the Youth in shaping and implementing the environmental dimension of sustainable development.</b>	
<b>Presentations and interactions</b>  60 min.	<p><b>Moderator: Ms. Carmen Capriles - Reacción Climática</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Kiefer Jackson</b> - Caribbean Youth Environment Network, CYEN.</li> <li><b>Mr. Pedro Cunha</b> - Latin American and the Caribbean Engagement Mechanism, LACEMOS.</li> <li><b>Mr. Max Trejo</b> - International Youth Organization for Ibero-America, OIJ.</li> <li><b>Ms. Ana Julia Virhuez Montero</b> - PAZINDE/Red Paz, Integración y Desarrollo (Peace, Integration and Development Network).</li> <li><b>Ms. Xiomara Acevedo</b> - Barranquilla +20</li> </ul>
<b>Final comments</b>  20 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Participation space moderated by Lorena Terrazas and Joseph Severe, Regional Facilitators</b></li> </ul>
<b>Closure and regional message</b>  10 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>UNEP and Regional Facilitators UNEP</b></li> </ul>