



At the First CMA1

AILAC Advocates Universal Participation in Rules of Implementation

Marrakech, 15 November 2016. AILAC welcomes the entry into force of the historic Paris Agreement and the efforts of the 110 Parties that have completed their ratification processes within an unprecedented period of time for an international treaty.

That is why AILAC considers the celebration of the First Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, called CMA1, of vital importance to maintain the *political momentum* obtained by the agreement's rapid entry into force to advance its implementation and pending ratifications.

This will ensure the universality of membership; participation of all of the world's nations will guarantee a long range vision, with real progress toward a global economy that is low-emission and resilient to climate.

AILAC proposes a pragmatic approach making it possible to conclude the work of defining rules for the accord's implementation with the participation of all parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) through the decision-making bodies established, thereby assuring the spirit of integrity established in the COP21 of Paris.

The definition of rules to implement the Paris Agreement is in process, which should influence the course of public policies and government action in the countries, but also the strategies and actions of the different sectors and actors that must join in, including the ones most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change such as those comprising AILAC.

The participation of more than 30 Heads of State, as well as high-level authorities, reaffirms political will on the universal relevance of the Paris Agreement and top-level decision making on pre 2020 actions. On this occasion, the presence of Chilean President Michelle Bachelet has provided such top-level representation for AILAC.

About AILAC:

The Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean is a group of eight countries that share interests and positions on climate change, namely: Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay and Peru.

Its main objective is to generate coordinated, ambitious positions and contribute to the balance in the multilateral negotiations on climate change with a coherent vision for sustainable development that is responsible to the environment and future generations.

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