



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

**7 February 2007
Kingston, Jamaica**



MECHANISMS

- Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Regional Seas Programmes (Caribbean Environment Programme)
- Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Forum
- PARLATINO (Latin American Parliament)
- APELL (Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies on a Local Level)



FORUM OF MINISTERS

- Created in 1982, 1st meeting in Mexico City
- The Dominican Republic as the current president (Argentina-2, Peru-2, Mexico-2, Uruguay, Brazil-2, Trinidad and Tobago, Chile, Cuba, Barbados, Panama, The Dominican Republic)
- UNEP/ROLAC acts as its Secretariat
- Develop and implement a biennium plan
- Inter-Agency Technical Committee (UNEP, UNDP, ECLAC, IDB, WB, WHO/PAHO)



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Decision 14 Climate Change

“To ask ITC to increase its contributions to the countries of the region in activities related to climate change and to support the work of the development of the systematic climate observation network, early warning systems, education and research as well as capacity building activities”

Regional Action Plan 2006-2007

Climate change as one of 8, linked to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and Guiding Goals of ILAC.

Climate Change Working Group (Group 7)

Led by Panama. 22 countries (inc. 8 SIDS)

Supported by IDB, The World Bank, ECLAC, and UNDP.



**Pollution from ships
Dumping of wastes
Land-based sources
Off-shore activities
Airborne pollution
Specially protected
Areas (Biodiversity)**



CARTAGENA CONVENTION

**Adopted in 1983
In force since 1986**

Protocol Concerning Co-operation in Combating Oil Spills

**Adopted in 1983
In force since 1986**

Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA/W)

**Adopted in 1990
In force since 2000**

Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS)

Adopted in 1999

What can CEP Offer to SIDS?



- **Management**

- Fisheries, Marine Protected Areas, Ecosystems, Training, Sustainable Tourism

- **Change**

- Awareness, Community, Waste Management

- **Partnerships**

- Private Sector, NGOs, Industry, Regional and International



LAC Civil Society Forum

- As part of the Global Civil Society Forum
- Meet annually just prior to the Governing Council or its special session, in the same venue.
- Major stakeholder groups – Farmers, Women, Scientists, Youth, Indigenous peoples, Workers and trade unions, Business and industry, NGOs, and Local Authorities
- Met last in Bogota, 1-2 November 2006, discussed themes like: Gender; Water; Chemicals; MDGs, and Globalization-Ecosystem services-Livelihood.





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Links of interest:

<http://www.pnuma.org>

<http://www.cep.unep.org/>

<http://www.pnuma.org/foroalc/esp/reuniones/>

http://www.unep.org/civil_society/

<http://www.unep.org/themes/climatechange/>

<http://www.parlatino.org/>

<http://www.uneptie.org/pc/apell/home.html>

