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The Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2021 (LACCW 2021) Virtual Thematic Sessions were held on 11-14 May, hosted by the Government of the Dominican Republic and organized in collaboration with core partners – UN Climate Change, UNDP (UNDP), UN Environment (UNEP), and the World Bank Group. Regional partners include the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), the CAF-Development Bank of Latin America, and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the LACCW 2021 conference was held entirely online. The virtual platform was provided by an independent contractor and featured different virtual ‘rooms’ where sessions were streamed live. Speakers in each session could interact with each other, while attendees watched and were able to provide feedback through a moderated chat. Registration was widely promoted by UN Climate Change and our partners, which provided some insights into the size and scope of the event.

- 5000+ registered participants from 151 countries
- 500 speakers from 42 countries
- 300+ organizations represented
- 100 hours of conference streamed live
- 83 events in the program, including:
 - 9 Affiliated Events
 - 13 Action Hub Videos
 - 20 Side Events

LACCW 2021 opened with noteworthy political attention. At the opening ceremony, high-level speakers addressed attendees and highlighted the importance of regional collaboration and the opportunity of the 4-day conference. The event kicked off with a series of speeches, leading with Orlando Jorge Mera, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic, and Mr. Maximiliano (Max) Puig, Executive Vice-president of the National Council for Climate Change. A video message by COP25 President Carolina Schmidt of Chile followed. Participants heard from Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Ms. Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, joined the opening ceremony with a speech about the urgency of action and potential for the event to contribute to COP26. The ceremony concluded with speeches from core partners – Piedad Martín, Deputy Regional Director of UNEP for Latin America and the Caribbean, Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean for UNDP, and Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, World Bank Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean.



After four days of discussion, a closing ceremony was held to officially end the Virtual Thematic Sessions. In the closing ceremony, key takeaways from each of the thematic track discussions were presented. The key messages included in this report will be carried forward as the official outcomes of LACCW 2021. The Week concluded with a final keynote speech by Orlando Jorge Mera, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic.

Overview of LACCW 2021

LACCW 2021 should accelerate collaboration and integrate climate action into recovery from the global pandemic. The COVID-19 health crisis shows a need for resilience against emerging risks and collaboration to solve pressing challenges. Recovery opens opportunity to address social inequalities and invest in economic development that is good for humanity and nature.

LACCW 2021 builds momentum towards COP26 by bringing together regional stakeholders to:

- Showcase action that demonstrates momentum building for COP26
- Track progress on submission of stronger NDCs
- Give info on the Race-To-Zero and Race-To-Resilience campaigns
- Offer stakeholders a way to have their voice heard in the UN Climate Change process

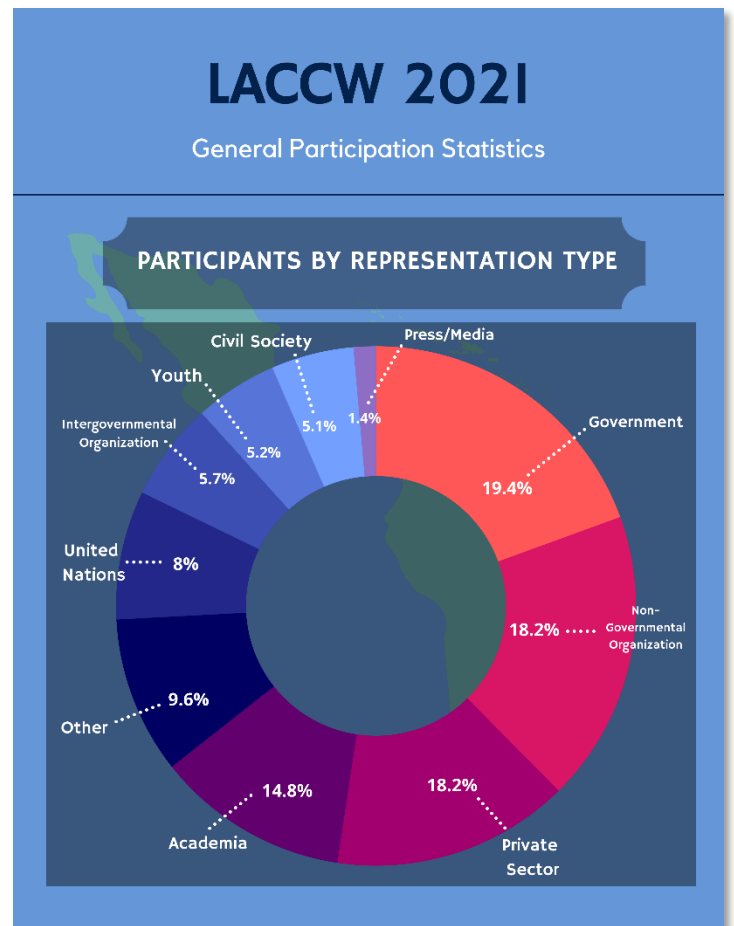
As part of the Regional Climate Weeks 2021, LACCW 2021 includes:

- Virtual Regional Roundtables, March 2021 – The year kicked off with discussions to set specific priorities and needs in relation to three thematic tracks
- Virtual Thematic Sessions, 11-14 May 2021 – Held online in each region to take the pulse of climate action in the region, explore challenges and opportunities, and showcase solutions
- High-Level Event, dates TBD – Anticipated in-person sessions bring regional considerations into preparations for COP26

A dedicated session at a High-Level Event will later this year ensure that outcomes from the LACCW 2021 Thematic Sessions are captured and framed in the context of COP26.

The Virtual Thematic Sessions are led by LACCW 2021 core partners, the World Bank, UNDP and UNEP. Sessions are organized around three thematic tracks agreed through collaboration among organizing partners. Each of the three tracks was designed to advance a crucial dialogue. The three track themes are:

1. *National actions and economy wide approaches* – Discussion on ambitious action in key sectors and how these actions can integrate in national planning and economic packages to enable COVID-19 recovery while supporting the Paris Agreement.



2. *Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development* – Collaboration to discuss the climate risks facing regions around the world, develop low-carbon solutions and seek partnerships for risk-based approaches to adaptation and resilience building.
3. *Seizing transformation opportunities* – A platform to explore breakthrough solutions to deliver climate action at a scale that puts the world on a low-emission and highly resilient development pathway.

The Virtual Thematic Sessions are the primary component of the LACCW 2021 agenda. Each day of the conference featured four hours of Thematic Sessions for each track, led by the organizing partner and presented in collaboration with supporting organizations.

The outcomes of the Thematic Sessions are included in this report along with an overview of Affiliated Events, Side Events, Action Hub videos and COP26 Presidency events that were part of the four-day Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2021.

This image of the schedule gives an idea of the overall structure of LACCW 2021. To see this schedule in more detail, please see [the LACCW 2021 event schedule page](#).

Time (GMT-4)	Tuesday 11 May				Time (GMT-4)	Wednesday 12 May				Time (GMT-4)	Thursday 13 May			Time (GMT-4)	Friday 14 May			
	Virtual Room 1	Virtual Room 2	Virtual Room 3	Virtual Room 4		Virtual Room 1	Virtual Room 2	Virtual Room 3	Virtual Room 4		Time (GMT-4)	Virtual Room 1	Virtual Room 2		Virtual Room 3	Virtual Room 4		
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony				9:00 AM-9:30 AM	EURCOUMA Affiliated event (P1)	COP Presidency Affiliated event (P2)	ICORI and IDB Affiliated event (P3)	WWF Side event (P5)	9:00 AM-9:30 AM	ECLAC/Germany Affiliated event (P4)	SDBs Alliance Side event (L13)	Adaptation Fund Affiliated event (P16)	9:00 AM-9:30 AM	COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Latin America and Caribbean (Q1) (RE:10:00-09:30) (22:22:25 AM)	DNA FORUM Affiliated event (P7)	Research and Innovation for COP26: Pathways to Impact in Latin America & the Caribbean (RE:10:00-09:30 AM)	(L1) 'Way Carbons' Global Partnership Side event (L1) and partner events (L1V)
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10:00-10:50 AM	WB TRACK 1: National actions and economy wide approaches: Long Term Planning and National Commitments (MDC, LULUCF, NAPS) to Enable Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery	UNEP TRACK 2: Integrated Approaches for Climate Resilient Development - 100m investments, climate risk comprehensive in key sectors, including through NAPS	UNEP TRACK 3: Transformative Opportunities: Urban environments (imagining 2050)		10:00-10:50 AM	WB TRACK 1: National actions and economy wide approaches: Using, sharing, best and information to advance climate action and track progress of NDCs (ETI reports, non-party disclosure, subnational reporting)	UNEP TRACK 2: Integrated support for acceleration of climate resilience - from assessment to the design and implementation of programmes	UNEP TRACK 3: Transformative Opportunities: Transport and mobility (imagining 2050)		10:00-10:50 AM	WB TRACK 1: National actions and economy wide approaches: Exploring Markets for Natural Climate Solutions in Latin America: Expert Knowledge in Regional Policy Leadership and NRV Realizations	UNEP TRACK 3: Transformative Opportunities: Energy supply (imagining 2050)		10:00-10:50 AM	Turning Higher NDC Ambition into Action-Sharing Good Practices (10:15-11:45 AM)	DNA FORUM Affiliated event (P7)		
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11:00-11:50 AM					11:00-11:50 AM					11:00-11:50 AM				11:00-11:50 AM		5th event (P23) PRESS CONFERENCE	Mobilising Finance for Climate Action in Latin America and the Caribbean (RE:10:00-11:45 AM)	CEOS Side events and partner events (P22)
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12:00-12:50 PM	National actions and economy wide approaches: Building the Economy of Tomorrow: Using NDCs to Inform Green Recovery		Transformative Opportunities: Urban environments (Finance)		12:00-12:50 PM	National actions and economy wide approaches: Sub-national planning and action				12:00-12:50 PM	National actions and economy wide approaches: Carbon Pricing and Markets			12:00-12:50 PM	COP26 Logistics Overview (RE:10:00-12:30 PM)	UNEP TRACK 2: Formulation and Implementation of NAPS, including as an opportunity for green recovery from COVID-19	Dialogue: Indigenous Leadership and Nature-based Solutions (RE:10:00-12:30 AM)	
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2:00-2:50 PM	PCCB Side events and partner events (P1)	ICA/FAO (P8) Side events and partner events (P2)	REN21/SLOCAT Side events and partner events (P3)	UNEP DTU Side event (P4)	2:00-2:50 PM	RCC Panama Side events and partner events (P2)	DR Government (REN21) Side events and partner events (P1)	ICRI/Win City Hall Side event (P7)	ICAT Side events (P11)	2:00-2:50 PM	"UNIFYING CLIMATE AND DATA AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL" (MCI) Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage Affiliated event (P8)	High-level Champions Implementation Lab Affiliated event (P9)		2:00-2:50 PM				
Break 10 minutes																		
3:00-3:50 PM	UNICEF and RCC Side events and partner events (P5)	Paraguay and Peru Governments Side events and partner events (P6)	S&P Global Side events and partner events (P7) (L1)	CEPAL Side event (P5)	3:00-3:50 PM	Juventud sostenible Side event and partner events (P4)	CCAC Side events and partner events (P10)	WNO Side event (P7)	3:00-3:50 PM	"UNIFYING CLIMATE AND DATA AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL" (MCI) Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage Affiliated event (P8)	High-level Champions Implementation Lab Affiliated event (P9)		3:00-3:50 PM	Wrap-up and closing ceremony				

TRACK 1: National actions and economy-wide approaches

Track organization was led by the World Bank. Six virtual sessions were held under this track and 1,430 participants joined. This track hosted opening and closing ceremonies.

Track Objectives

These sessions will help stakeholders better understand the cycle of the Paris Agreement – ambition of NDCs and LT-LEDS; implementation of action, including with support; and transparent reporting, including on progress and impact. Discussion will focus on long-term national planning and integrated national policy making, including whole-of-government and society approaches, enhanced engagement of all stakeholders and the redirection of financial flows. Sessions will highlight ambitious action in key sectors, including nature-based solutions, and how these actions integrate in national planning and contribute to long-term climate ambition.

This track will help assess the best practices for society-wide and economy-wide approaches to cutting emissions and building resilience. Sessions will discuss how economic packages that enable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic can also support the Paris goals. The impact of these approaches on other SDGs, in particular gender equality, decent work and reducing inequalities, will also be explored with an eye on finding synergies in response.

Key Takeaways

Day 1 – The day included a session on Long Term Planning and National Commitments (NDCs, LT-LEDS, NAPs) to Enable Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery followed by another on Building the Economy of Tomorrow: Using NDCs to Inform Green Recovery. Key takeaways include:

- Long-term carbon neutral development transcends governments and should be firmly laid out to enable long-term visions to become state policies. Imperative to mainstream low-carbon and resilience into COVID-19 economic and social recovery.
 - Energy and transportation transformation crucial for green and resilient recovery
 - Mix of robust national policies, regulatory frameworks, action plans and knowledge transfer/capacity building are needed along with collaboration
 - International partnerships and DFIs are seen as important partners to bring in innovation, transparency in the investment processes and access to financing
- Role of finance ministries is increasing and the pandemic is an opportunity to establish synergies between economic development and the low-carbon and resilient agenda.

Day 2 – Two sessions held, the first on using climate data and information to advance climate action and track progress of NDCs with another on Multi-level governance: effectively integrating NDC implementation within sub-national planning and action. Takeaways include:

- Climate data infrastructures should be flexible systems to achieve the targets of the Paris Agreement by supporting robust MRV and informing financing climate action.

- Countries in region are working towards setting up institutional arrangements, data infrastructure, and legal frameworks to enable robust data management for meeting enhanced MRV reporting requirements
- Data systems must look beyond mitigation and adaptation to identify the actual financial needs of countries and financial flows
- Strong and reliable data from all stakeholders is required for ambitious, fair and feasible climate and development policies and strategies.
- It is paramount to find a synergetic approach combining efforts at different levels (national, sub-national, municipal) for different actors (public, private, civil society, academia) to achieve climate commitments.

Day 3 – The third day featured two sessions, with the first addressing enabling nature-based solutions (NBS) in LAC – regional opportunities, policy leadership and outlooks for collaboration. The second session covered Carbon pricing instruments (CPI) as part of the policy toolbox to decarbonize a country’s economy. Key takeaways include:

- Activities that manage, protect and restore ecosystems are considered “win-win” opportunities for addressing climate change and contributing to adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.
 - NBS see growing interest, demand and awareness across LAC.
 - Enhanced synergies between NBS activity/potential in the region and the ecosystem adaptation space and mitigation/carbon market space to build the markets of the future.
 - There are ‘sweet spot’ opportunities for NBS opportunities in LAC that help in truly “greening” economic recovery packages.
- Putting a price on carbon is not an objective – it is a means to achieve mitigation objectives, with well-designed CPI able to deliver cost-efficient mitigation and sustainable development benefits.
 - Domestic CPI and international markets tools for decarbonization.
 - Regional collaboration is key to progress towards harmonized carbon pricing.
 - For jurisdictions to link domestic carbon markets in the mid to long-term, they need similar environmental integrity and transparency principles, as well as similar mitigation ambition levels.
- Policymakers and practitioners can step up cooperation by taking advantage of existing global and regional partnerships and platforms.
 - Jurisdictions with carbon pricing experience and expertise have set up bilateral and subregional mechanisms for peer exchange and information sharing.
 - The ‘Carbon Pricing in the Americas’ regional initiative and platform has potential to bring together jurisdictions, organizations and facilities committed to accelerating carbon pricing and markets in the transition to a net-zero region.

TRACK 2: Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development

Track organization was led by UNDP. Twelve virtual sessions were held under this track and 885 participants joined the discussion.

Track Objectives

The pandemic exemplifies the complexity and interconnectivity of risks and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities, which underscores the need for greater attention to coherent, coordinated approaches to adapting to climate change. Emerging risks also strengthen the case for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

This track will explore collaboration between all actors on the extent of climate risks faced in different hazards across the region, including extreme weather events and slow onset events, key systems impacted, and structuring support systems. The focus will be on developing integrated solutions and approaches to climate resilience, building partnerships, and mobilizing society for broader climate action and climate-resilient development.

Key Takeaways

Day 1 – Sessions discussed managing climate change risk comprehensively in key systems, with an early discussion on managing climate risk at subnational level and one on building resilience in local food and agriculture sector. Key takeaways include:

- Risk is not equal to threat and that while the impacts of specific events might be well understood, the effects of risk chains needed to be considered, with the impact being a function of the weakest link.
 - Risk identification is only the beginning of analysis, with need to understand why certain risks were high and required adaptation actions.
 - Common factors (ingredients) for success from 264 best practice case studies from Asia, Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean were captured in a “recipe book” to train stakeholders and strengthen ownership of risk reduction strategies.
- Coordinated private sector engagement is key to meeting mitigation and adaptation targets in the food and agriculture sector.
 - National planning sends policy signals which will help socialize private actors and foster development of concrete actions.
 - Important to crowd-in private sector by de-risking, establishing an enabling environment and creating create market incentives and mechanisms.

Day 2 – This track had four sessions, the first addressing Long-Term Strategy (LTS) strategies towards 2050 in LAC: Enhancing synergies between mitigation and adaptation efforts in the formulation of national policies and frameworks. The second session discussed supporting enhanced contribution of ocean- and coastal-based action and solutions in the region. The third session addressed integrated approaches for climate resilience in urban environments – best practices from the region, while the final session of the day covered resilience and its forest and land use sector in co-benefits in the region. Key takeaways included:

- LTS development should take a whole-of-society approach, with actors working together to find synergies between adaptation and mitigation actions. National policy plays an important role, as does factoring climate targets into budget and benchmarking to ensure progress remains on track.
- When it comes to ocean- and coastal-based solutions, there is still a gap between what the NDC outlines and what the private sector is willing to do. IDB prioritizes climate change response by supporting SMEs and attracting the private sector to sustainable business opportunities. Data infrastructure important.
- Urban resilience is building climate-resilient populations and physical infrastructure – expanding access to water, food and sanitation while climate proofing roads and buildings. Building codes incentivize efficient, low-carbon buildings, also create green jobs and save owners money. The private sector is engaging more on urban resilience.
- Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use sector contributes 45% of LAC greenhouse emissions in, is most vulnerable sector and is expected to grow to meet food demand.
 - Producer-level change must support farmers with national programmes and policies that address the entire value chain.
 - Coordination between agriculture and environment ministries should be strengthened and broad and meaningful stakeholder participation through consultations is key to success.

Day 3 – This day featured four thematic sessions, with early sessions on collaboration to enhance monitoring and evaluation systems followed by partnerships to promote climate action in the region. Later sessions discussed cooperation to promote green jobs and nature-based solutions within the post-COVID recovery with a session on mobilizing society for resilient climate action in the LAC region. Key takeaways included:

- The critical nature of taking a whole-of-government approach to designing and implementing the M&E systems was a dominant theme in early sessions.
 - This includes maximizing local expertise via extensive stakeholder consultation and securing high-level leadership within the government.
 - There is a lot of variability between regions and cities, so flexibility in technology, capacity and climate priorities is necessary.
- Risk management must be integrated into national planning and policies cannot be implemented in isolation; joint implementation can catalyze transformational changes.
 - Work with the private sector must raise awareness and make their environmental, social and governance practices transparent.
 - Strategic alliances are essential at all levels.
- Nature Based Solutions (NBS) have global mitigation potential of 30%, while supporting socio-economic development, providing resilience, and promoting equality.
 - Clear interdependence between employment and nature; approximately 1.2 million people in LAC have jobs that depend on nature.
 - Imperative to identify gaps in professions and skills to respond to new demand, and expanding social protection coverage to promote decent employment.

- Civil Society can create articulation space for local strategies and organize itself to effectively and powerfully interact with the state.
 - There is a need to engage citizens to request change that puts the earth first.
 - Youth climate activism can be reflected in climate education, adaptation activities and new models that address social concerns like unemployment.
 - Indigenous peoples are stewards and protectors of earth's natural resources such as water and forests and are crucial actors in halting habitat destruction.
 - The private sector increasingly understands the detrimental impacts of inaction, particularly on the sustainability of its own business practices. It is challenging for the private sector to engage in climate action, but it recognizes its important role.

TRACK 3: Seizing transformation opportunities

Track organization led by UNEP. Nine virtual sessions were held under this track and 920 participants joined the discussion.

Track Objectives

This track provides a platform to explore breakthrough solutions to deliver support and climate action at a scale that puts regions on a low-emission and resilient development pathway. Discussions will focus on key sectors of the economy that need deep transformation and promote a speedy, healthy and sustainable recovery. Related events under this track will enable an all-of-society approach to developing a common vision for the future in key sectors that promotes job creation and enhances human welfare. Track events will elaborate the policy and resource mobilization approaches needed today to achieve this future.

Key Takeaways

Day 1 – Focus on urban environments, with sessions on Imagining 2050, policies for behaviour change and technology development, and finance. Key takeaways include:

- The importance and fundamental role of cities and built environment in climate action. Cities concentrate a large population, GHG emissions and vulnerability to climate risks. The role they can play in mitigation commitments and adaptation goals adds greatly to national level efforts.
- Making peace with nature is vital to protect the main source of human health, and climate action is everyone's responsibility. To accelerate such climate action to the necessary level, it is fundamental to consider vertical and horizontal integration in city planning including also co-creation of solutions with private sector
 - Many cities are already developing their strategies and roadmaps to define their transition to resilient, resource efficient and low-carbon development. We have seen concrete examples of cities in the region accompanied and encouraged through various initiatives.
 - At the city level, it is essential to develop mechanisms for dialogue between key stakeholders and roundtables to encourage participatory city planning.

- Access to finance is a key barrier for city stakeholders. Financial and non-financial incentives play a key role in the transition towards resilient, low carbon and resource efficient development.
- A Paris-compliant world cannot exist without a radical transformation of the built environment in cities, just as it cannot exist without a massive change in our consumption patterns. In this regard, the development of sustainable and circular economy-based lifestyles in cities should be placed at the centre of urban development policies and strategies, together with the decarbonisation of the buildings and construction sector by 2050.
- There are already many examples of systematized and organized efforts at the city level and at national level, including mitigation actions in the built environment and strategies for the transformation of urban landscapes fostering resilience through nature-based solutions. For instance, roadmaps can support governments develop a comprehensive framework for decarbonization across the whole life cycle and deliver significant mitigation, adaptation and resilience gains. Co-benefits include economic development, job creation, health and wellbeing improvements amongst others.

Day 2 – With transport and mobility topics at the fore, an Imagining 2050 session was followed by a session on policies for behaviour change and technology development and then another on finance. Key takeaways include:

- Transport has many more objectives beyond reducing GHG emissions, including health, sustainable energy use, access, inclusion, equity and economic development.
- A joint long-term vision is necessary to truly achieve integrated carbon-neutral mobility systems, which makes participatory processes and collaborative mechanisms for planning and implementation of policies and actions in the sector essential.
 - Need to plan in the short, medium and long term to achieve the long-term vision.
 - Imagining the long-term vision requires defining the necessary steps in the short and medium term that are oriented toward this larger and more distant goal.
- Participation and communication between stakeholders are key to building trust, understanding needs, and successfully implementing the changes necessary to shift towards more sustainable transport and mobility systems.
 - Governance, regulation, and financing structures will need to adapt to create the right communication and coordination structures, incentives, and support
- COVID-19 has shown that change can happen quickly, and we are in an opportune moment to build on the current momentum towards more active forms of mobility
- This vision must contemplate an integrated mobility system that, on the one hand, it includes systemic strategies that take into account the relationship between mobility and aspects of territorial planning, energy efficiency, urban and productive development; and on the other hand, offers different modes and technologies to provide clean alternatives while increasing equity in access to transportation and development opportunities.
- The dialogues we are having – regional and local movements and the synergies that are taking place – influence the joint construction of a low-emission, resilient, inclusive and sustainable development.

Day 3 – The final day of sessions focused on energy supply and again featured an Imagining 2050 session followed by sessions on policies for behaviour change and technology development and then finance. Key takeaways include:

- Energy transition is a key driver for economic recovery, as much investment worldwide is needed to reach targets of 85% of renewable generation by 2030 and 90% by 2050.
 - Electrification of energy is ongoing and needs to be accelerated.
 - Challenges ahead demand an inclusive long-term vision from countries and the overall region, universalizing the benefits of technological change.
- The current generation has our last chance to keep warming below 1.5 °C compared to pre-industrial levels.
 - The energy transition has potential to create over 35 million jobs by 2050, yet only 2% of current economic recovery investments align with Paris Agreement.
 - Public spending on fossil fuels such as natural gas is increasing in the region.
 - Ambition on renewable energy and smart grids needs to be increased and supported with enabling and forward-looking regulations.
- Decentralization for renewable self-generation and energy access will multiply agents of change democratizing the grid.
 - Distributed renewable generation is increasing in the region reaching 5GW of installed capacity, but some barriers remain present.
 - Appropriate financing availability is currently a bottleneck for the full deployment of these technologies in the region.
- Advancing a comprehensive energy transition in LAC requires regulatory innovation, financial support for new technologies, and platforms for regional cooperation.

Key Takeaways were provided by track organizing partners. The complete set of Thematic Track Key Takeaways is available to qualifying governments and organizations on request.

Affiliate Events

A series of Affiliate Events was open to core and regional partners. These sessions allow partners to convene region-specific events in the Regional Climate Weeks framework. This opens space for collaboration and coordinates action in the run-up to COP26. Affiliated Events addressed issues such as achievements, new perspectives on the European Green Deal, sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery, progress made by countries in the region on just transition and the green jobs agenda, the promotion of public policies on climate change, and more.

A complete list of Affiliate Events is available in Annex A and [the LACCW 2021 event schedule](#).

Side Events

Side Events opened another engagement opportunity at LACCW 2021. Each session lasted one or two hours and covered critical issues aligned with the thematic tracks. These sessions offered a platform to share experiences and expertise.

- ✓ 20 Side Events
- ✓ 95 speakers
- ✓ 1,700 participants

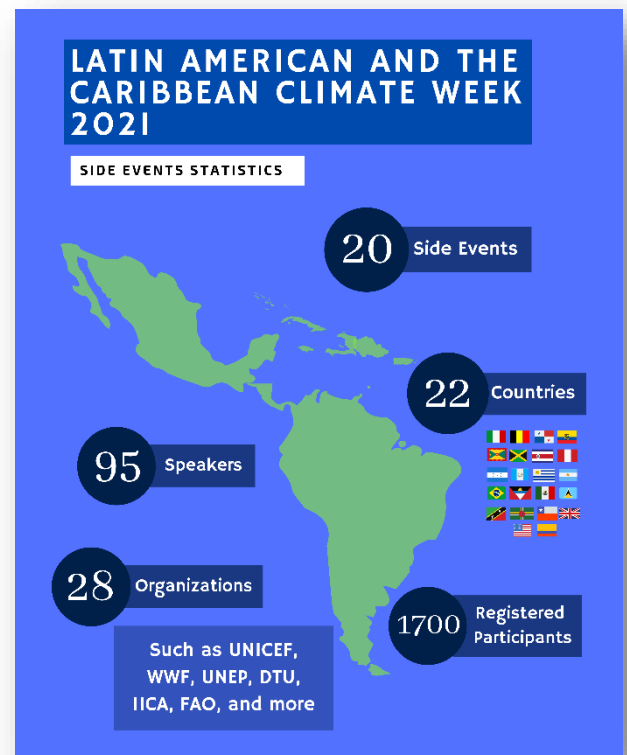
The 20 sessions convened organizations from over 20 countries in the region, including Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and more. Side Events addressed issues such as youth capacity-building, livestock and agriculture climate solutions, elimination of CO2 emissions through innovative technologies, regional and national plans, progress towards carbon neutrality in 2050, and more.

A complete list of Side Events is available in Annex B and [the LACCW 2021 event schedule](#).

Action Hub

The LACCW 2021 featured an Action Hub with 13 videos on climate change and solutions seen across the region and around the world. The Action Hub videos addressed topics such as climate action to enhance a sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery, delivering innovative climate solutions in the region, sustainable energy as a key solution to tackle climate change, catalyzing climate action through regional cooperation, the role of lawyers in climate change mitigation, climate change and its impact in the Amazon region, and more.

Video details are found in Annex C and videos are available at the [LACCW 2021 Action Hub](#).



COP26 Presidency Events

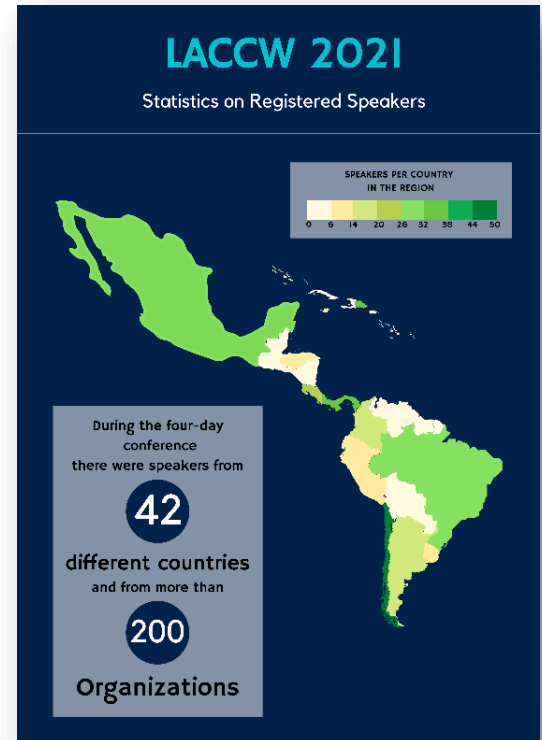
The COP26 Presidency hosted a series of events reflecting the UK's four goals for COP26 – mitigation, adaptation, mobilizing finance, and collaboration. These were fruitful conversations, ranging from capacity building on NDC ambition in the region as part of the COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action, to dialogues with Indigenous Peoples on leading nature-based solutions, as well as research and innovation and mobilizing finance for climate action.

A complete list of COP26 Presidency Events is available in Annex D and [the LACCW 2021 event schedule](#).

Engagement

LACCW 2021 was positioned as the key regional gathering for boosting climate ambition and cooperation ahead of COP26 in Glasgow. The online format and social media outreach enabled the global audience to easily engage in the conversation.

- The opening ceremony had 1423 views, 609 on livestream and 814 were on YouTube
- The news article about the registration opening was a top story with 4.585 views
- Press releases distributed to 4,000+ journalists in English, Spanish, French and Russian
- There were 80 mentions in Spanish online media and 30 in English
- Two articles were posted to the Climate Action Blog showing regional action and highlighting the value of regional collaboration
- Twitter featured **64 posts** about LACCW 2021 and the region with **3.4K likes** and **4.7K #ClimateWeekLAC mentions** from May 7 to May 17
- The main UN Climate Change Twitter account hosted a live session with an IADB expert on cities in the LAC region that garnered almost **700 views**
- Instagram explainers showcasing climate risk and their solutions in the LAC region and quote cards received **120k impressions** across multiple channels.



Moving Forward

The outputs of this event will be taken forward to the LACCW2021 High-Level Event later this year. A special session will be held to ensure the Thematic Session outcomes are captured and framed within the larger context of COP26. The information in this report is presented to Ministers for consideration when shaping their country's participation in the climate talks.

The powerful potential of regional collaboration was on display during LACW 2021 discussions, which can inspire confidence at the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference. It should also inspire confidence throughout the region that the voice of the region is represented. This step towards COP26 is only possible with the right people in the room. LACCW 2021 convened a diverse group of stakeholders to align action on the critical issue of climate change. This collaboration can be a catalyst for success at COP26 and take us closer to achieving the vision laid out in the Paris Agreement.

Recognition

Thanks go to all partners who came together to contribute to a successful LACCW 2021.

Organizing Partners



Event Partners

Adaptation Fund
COP 25 Presidency of Chile
COP26 Presidency of the United Kingdom
Climate Technology Centre and Network
EUROCLIMA+
International Renewable Energy Agency

Marrakech Partnership
Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany (BMU) / Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
World Meteorological Organization

Collaborating Partners

WWF

FAO

ICLEI

IEA

Bahamas Reef Environment
Educational Foundation

C40

CCAC

Global Resilience Partnership

Conservation International

Covenant of Mayors

Fundacion Avina

GFLAC

Global ABC

CANEUS

CEBDS

ECORED

Global Network of Civil

Society Organizations for

Disaster Reduction

Government of Honduras

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Annexes

ANNEX A – Affiliate Events

Affiliate Event #1

Title: EUROCLIMA+: Logros, perspectivas y actualización en el contexto del Pacto Verde Europeo

Organization: EUROCLIMA

Description:

El evento busca, en primer lugar, compartir con la audiencia los resultados del programa acompañado de clips con ejemplos concretos de iniciativas ejecutadas en América Latina, para luego presentar elementos de contexto y lineamientos que guiarán el futuro programa que sucederá a EUROCLIMA+. Se reserva un espacio para Q&A y debate para recoger insumos con vistas a la futura cooperación europea.

Affiliate Event #2

Title: Action for Climate Empowerment: collaborative multi-stakeholder climate networks.

Organization: COP25 Presidency Chile

Description:

ACE requires relevance in the promotion of public policies on Climate Change since its six elements cross key elements of people's lives that are fundamental for social transformation. The collaboration and participation of citizens in decision-making and proposals for measures to reduce the impact of Climate Change become a fundamental piece that must be articulated in a multi-stakeholder joint workspace, where ACE strongly enhances the possibilities in this regard through its connections with education, training, awareness-raising, participation, access to information and internal cooperation. For this event, the aim is to facilitate a space for ACE good practices in the region through presentations on concrete cases through an open an in-depth dialogue between panelists and participants.

Affiliate Event #3

Title: High Level Dialogue: How to Promote a Recovery from COVID-19 in LAC that Benefits Climate and People

Organization: ILO/IADB

Description:

An introduction about how recovery policies and decisions from COVID-19 impacts can respond to climate change objectives and be positive for decent work. Representatives from Ministries of Labour Costa Rica/Colombia, and Ministry of Labour of Antigua & Barbuda/Trinidad & Tobago shared their views about how climate action and just transition commitments included within their NDCs triggered a green and fair recovery process from COVID-19.

Affiliate Event #4

Title: Big Push for a Sustainable Mobility

Organization: ECLAC/Germany

Description:

Discussed key elements of the current ECLAC-BMZ/GIZ cooperation Program for the period 2020-2022, on inclusive, sustainable and smart cities in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. It presented the potential of the mobility sector for the implementation of the Big Push for Sustainability, and its contribution for a

better recovery in a post-COVID world. As its main focus, the dialogue displayed the transformation opportunity of a large-scale investment in electrification of urban buses.

Affiliate Event #5

Title: Latin America and the Caribbean: A Historic Opportunity to Lead

Organization: UNEP

Description:

Within the framework of the Global Recovery Observatory, an initiative led by the Oxford University Economic Recovery Project, UNEP, the International Monetary Fund and GIZ through the Green Fiscal Policy Network (GFPN), UNEP developed the Latin American and Caribbean COVID-19 and Climate Tracker analyzing the efforts of around 30 LAC countries to overcome the economic crisis caused by COVID-19. The Tracker aims to improve the understanding of country and regional responses to COVID-19 in terms of the impacts of public spending, fiscal policy measures on the environment and key socio-economic metrics. Based on the results from “green economy models” performed in Panama, Honduras, and Costa Rica the event will show how through a climate-focused approach, huge spending efforts can be translated into investments with positive returns in innovation, economic development, health and the environment.

Affiliate Event #6

Title: UNFCCC DNA Forum

Organization: UNFCCC

Description:

The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism established the Designated National Authorities Forum (DNA Forum) in response to a request from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its first session. The CMP requested the Executive Board to broaden participation in the CDM, including through regular meeting with a DNA forum.

Affiliate Event #7

Title: CTCN-Regional open to the public

Organization: CTCN

Description:

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) Rome Centre for Sustainable Development/UNEP “The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is the implementation arm of the Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) Technology Mechanism. The CTCN promotes the accelerated transfer of environmentally sound technologies for low carbon and climate resilient development at the request of developing countries. More specifically, the CTCN provides technology solutions, capacity building and advice on policy, legal and regulatory frameworks tailored to the needs of individual countries. As a part of its mandate and as one of its activities the CTCN organizes Regional Forum for the National Designated Entities (NDEs) on an annual basis. This year, all CTCN regional forums including the LAC Forum will be structured according to the five themes of the Technology Framework in Article 10 of the Paris Agreement: innovation, implementation, enabling environment, collaboration and stakeholder engagement and support.

Affiliate Event #8**Title:** Implementation Labs**Organization:** Climate Champions**Description:**

The aim of these events is to have an open and solutions-oriented exchange between national government representatives (e.g. from implementation agencies, line ministries, etc.) and non-Party stakeholders (e.g. businesses, cities, subnational regions, investors and civil society) in the region whose areas of expertise can support countries in developing and implementing their NDCs and long-term strategies. By matching the priorities and needs outlined in a Party's national plans with the options for policies, technologies and solutions described in the Climate Action Pathways, this will frame the collaboration around shared sectoral goals and common purpose. It will also provide opportunities on how to adapt and refine the Climate Action Pathways and Race-to-Zero breakthrough outcomes to bring in the regional context and perspectives.

Affiliate Event #9**Title:** UNFCCC/Adaptation**Organization:** UNFCCC**Description:**

Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.

Affiliate Event #10**Title:** Ministerial dialogue on the progress made by countries of the region on just transition and green jobs agenda**Organization:** EUROCLIMA/FIAP**Description:**

Understanding of the benefits of just transition towards greener economies in terms of stimulating economic growth, creating decent jobs and contributing to social inclusion and poverty reduction.

ANNEX B – Side Events

Side Event #1

Title: You(th) in Capacity-Building

Organization: PCCB (Paris Committee on Capacity-Building).

Description:

- Provided a platform to explore how youth can take a leading role in capacity-building.
- A panel discussion which reflected on what is needed to scale-up and enhance youth capacity-building initiatives in the region.

Side Event #2

Title: Livestock: an opportunity to enhance climate action in LAC

Organization: IICA/FAO

Description:

- Focused on how the livestock sector represents a good opportunity to enhance climate action in the region.
- In the context of COVID-19, there is a need to build back better through greener, more equitable and more resilient agriculture and land use sector at all levels.

Side Event #3

Title: Net-zero cities: transforming urban transport with renewable energy

Organization: REN21/ Slocat

Description:

- Focused on how cities are maximizing the climate impact by transforming and decarbonizing urban transport with renewable energy to support achieving national and local decarbonization goals.

Side Event #4

Title: Enhancing Means of Implementation through Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs)

Organization: UNEP/DTU Partnership

Description:

- Discussed how to enhance implementation of Technology Action Plans, which countries prepare for priority technologies through the TNA process.

Side Event #5

Title: Accelerating climate action with youth and through education

Organization: UNICEF/RCC. St. Georges

Description:

- Aimed to accelerate climate action with youth engagement through education.
- The first session focused on discussion led by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.
- The second session was focused on activities of climate action with youth.

Side Event #6

Title: Challenges and opportunities to strengthen the participation of non-state actors in climate action

Organization: Minister of Environment/ Panama and Peru

Description:

- Peru and Panama discussed their progress in the involvement of non-state actors in climate governance, emphasizing the carbon footprint measure as a key for competitive profitable and sustainable development as a result of taking firm steps to tackle climate change.

Side Event #7

Title: Financing the Transition to Sustainability

Organization: S&P Global

Description:

- Reviewed what the net-zero journey looks like for different market participants, how the private sector is financing the ambition and the key challenges and pitfalls in practice.

Side Event #8

Title: Impact of carbon dioxide removal measures and / or technologies (DRC) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Organization: CEPAL

Description:

- Discussed different initiatives to amplify knowledge about technologies to eliminate CO₂, about the different regional needs and the additional capacities required to understand and strengthen the governance of these measures, to promote climate action in the region and in a global context.

Side Event #9

Title: Transformative proposals for Latin America and the Caribbean

Organization: WWF

Description:

- Several countries from the region discussed the presented strategies and plan to face COVID-19 pandemic crisis, biodiversity loss and climate change, such as the recovery and stimulus economic plans and the Nationally Determined Contribution.

Side Event #10

Title: Carbon pricing instruments and financial strategies for implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions

Organization: RCC Panama

Description:

- Provided an overview of the carbon pricing and climate finance instruments implemented with support of the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre in Panama and Honduras (Projects CIACA and NBF) with a view to amplify some benefits at a regional level.

Side Event #11

Title: Advances in the Institutionalization of the REDD+ Mechanism in the Dominican Republic

Organization: Dominican Republic Government (REDD+)

Description:

- Announced and discussed the signature of the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA) with the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) to all the interested parties, in special to the fund participants.

Side Event #12

Title: Climate Action and Resilient Development in Latin American and Caribbean subnational governments

Organization: ICLEI/ Rio City Hall

Description:

- Offered a platform where local governments representatives from the Latin American and Caribbean countries came together to exchange and discuss strategies and actions to build urban resilience and adapt to climate change.

Side Event #13

Title: Data4BetterClimateAction: How to use climate transparency to achieve effective climate action AND advance national development

Organization: ICAT

Description:

- Showcased how they can use their data and transparency frameworks to advance climate action that is effective in addressing climate change and meeting domestic development priorities while fulfilling reporting requirements at the same time.

Side Event #14

Title: YOUTH AND NDCs in LAC: An analysis of the inclusion of youth in Latin America; and a Dominican roadmap from civil society

Organization: Juventud Sostenible

Description:

- Analyzed the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of Latin American countries, evaluating the level of inclusion of youth in their national plans and making a difference between the progress of the NDCs submitted in 2015 and 2020.

Side Event #15

Title: A breath of fresh air - Enhancing Climate Change Commitments to achieve local air pollution benefits: Practical experiences from NDCs revisions across Latin America and the Caribbean

Organization: Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat

Description:

- Representatives from different countries including Uruguay shared their experience in updating their NDCs and provided lessons.

Side Event #16

Title: Observations- based approach to support integrated climate and air

Organization: WMO

Description:

- Discussed the role of atmospheric observations in support of integrated air quality and climate policies. Urban and regional integrated policies will be showcased by Recife, Brazil.

Side Event #17

Title: Unlocking finance for urban and territorial climate resilience through the transformative role of Subnational development banks in Latin America and the Caribbean

Organization: SDBs Alliance

Description:

- Demonstrated the transformative role of Subnational Development Banks – SDBs and their Alliance in Latin America and the Caribbean to finance a just transition toward climate neutral and resilient cities and territories.

Side Event #18

Title: Promoting Coastal Resilience through Novel Finance Solutions

Organization: Way Carbon/ Race to Resilience/ Global Partnership

Description:

- Highlighted innovative resilience financing mechanisms and pioneering insurance products that can enable climate adaptation in coastal countries to build their resilience to climate risks.
- Identified the main challenges in assessing climate risks in Latin American and Caribbean coastal communities and methods used to overcome those challenges.
- Showcased practical case studies and city climate action plans and commitments to maintain and expand coastal natural capital.

Side Event #19

Title: PRESS CONFERENCE

Organization: UNFCCC

Side Event #20

Title: Call to action for climate ambition: A positioning of the private sector on the Brazilian NDC

Organization: CEBDS

Description:

- Discussed a more ambitious Brazilian goal for climate neutrality by 2050 and the benefits it would bring Brazil
 - i) in economic terms, through the creation of green jobs and increased investments in low carbon solutions;
 - ii) in terms of trade, with stronger negotiating power in comparison to its key competitors in the international market;
 - iii) in environmental terms, through an incentive to reduce GHGs;
 - iv) in terms of its reputation, by reasserting Brazil's historical importance and our government's serious commitment to the issue.

ANNEX C – Action Hub Videos

All videos available at [the LACCW 2021 Action Hub](#).

Action Hub Video #1

Title: Climate Action in Times of Crisis to Enhance the Post COVID-19 Sustainable Recovery in LAC

Organization: LEDS LAC

Description:

The joint regional event “Climate Action in Times of Crisis: Enhancing the Post COVID-19 Sustainable Recovery in LAC” was a collaborative effort co-organized between the EUROCLIMA+ program, the Interamerican Development Bank, the United Nations Development Program and LEDS LAC Platform and implemented together with ECLAC, Avina, Sustentar, LEDS GP and GIZ. The video showcases the key findings and some experiences shared during the joint event linking to all the documents and materials openly available.



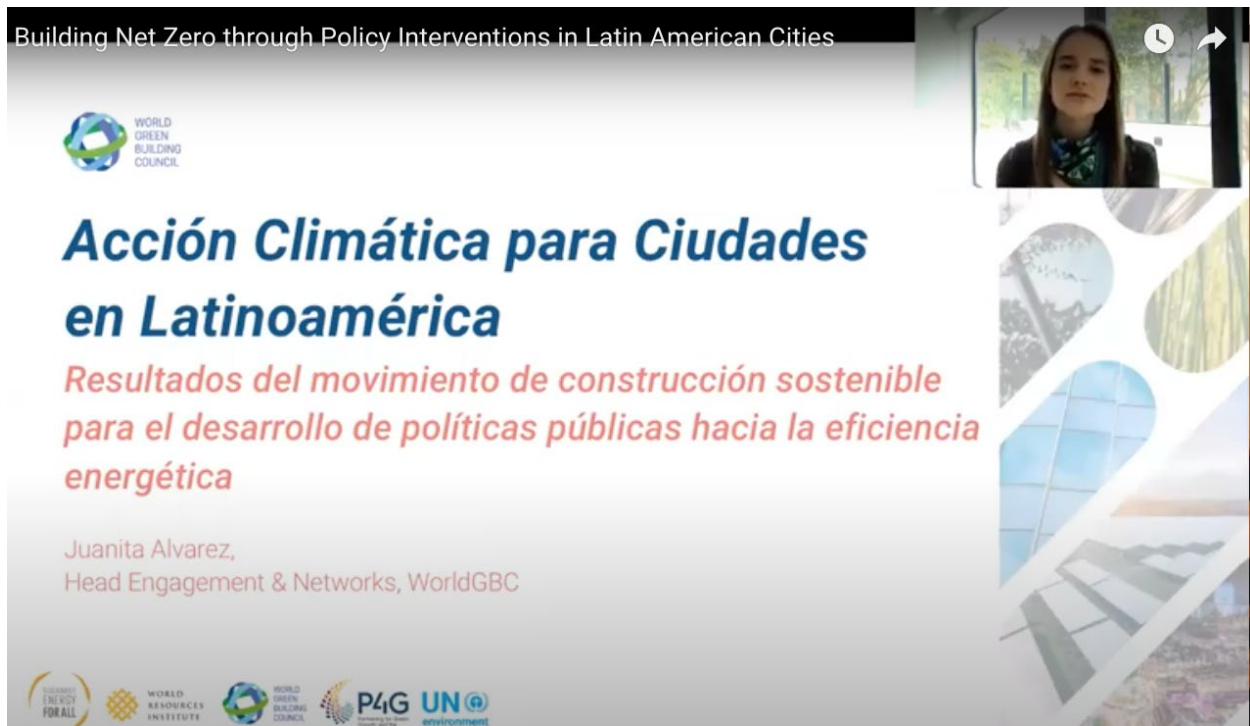
Action Hub Video #2

Title: Building Net Zero through Policy Interventions in Latin American Cities

Organization: World GBC

Description:

WorldGBC presents a local, regional and global perspective on how with innovation, collaboration, and best practices, it is possible to influence policy and drive climate action across cities and states towards energy efficiency and net zero carbon buildings in Latin America.



Action Hub Video #3

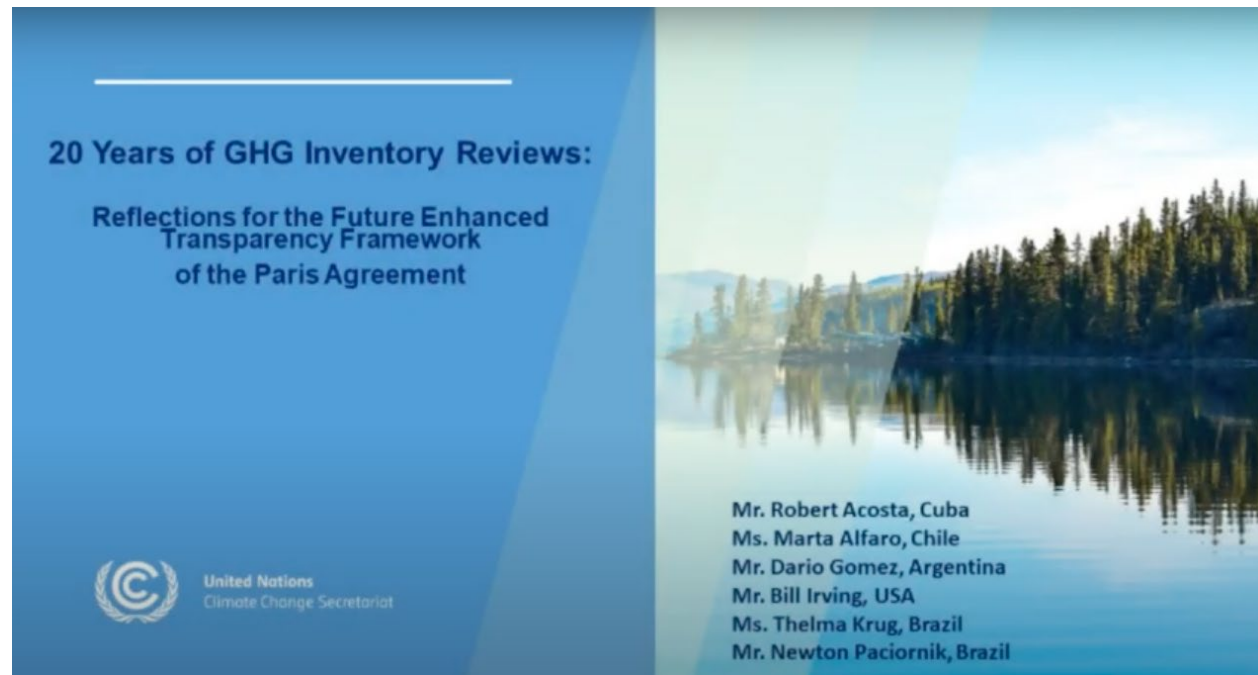
Title: The UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub**Organization:** UNFCCC**Description:**

UN Climate Change is working with partners to provide an expanded innovation space for climate action: “The UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub” (the Hub). The Hub will promote disruptive, SDG-integrated innovations compatible with the goal of limiting global average temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius through a cluster of climate actors using a collaborative platform for all to exchange experience, learn from one another, and track, report and recognize action.



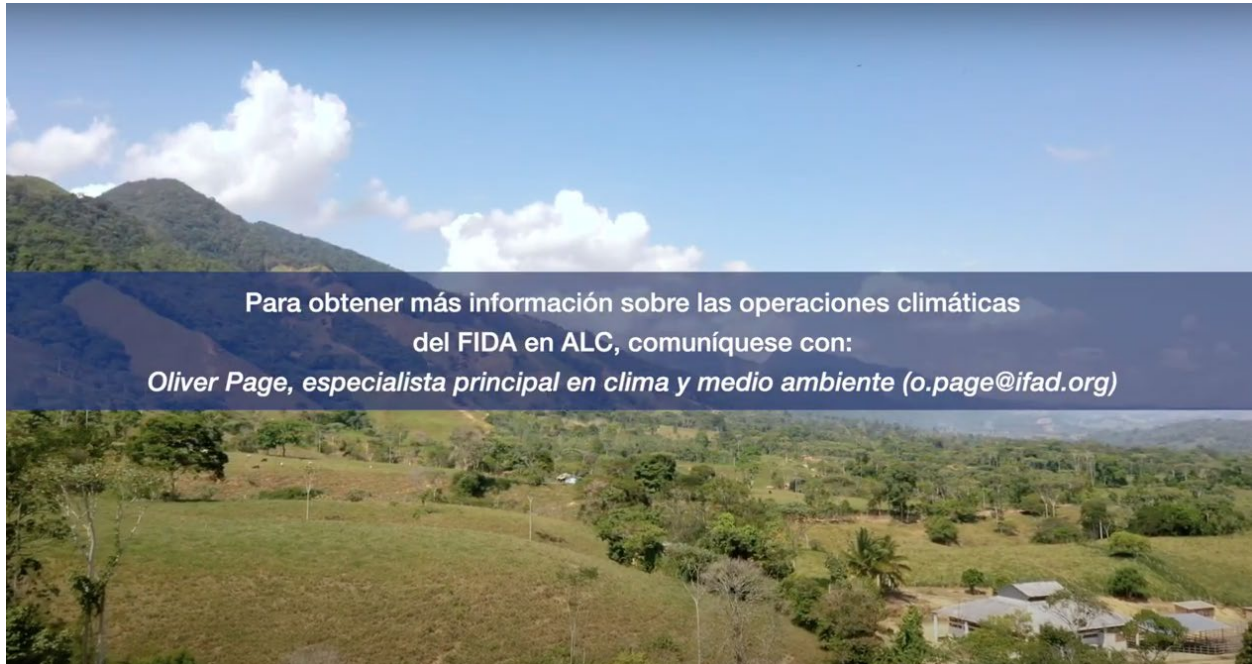
Action Hub Video #4**Title:** Reflecting on 20 Years of GHG Inventory Reviews to Prepare for the ETF**Organization:** UNFCCC**Description:**

The objective of this video is to engage a wider audience in a conversation on how the reporting and review process for national GHG inventories under the Convention has evolved over the last 20 years. Six pioneering experts discuss their views on the importance and evolution of the GHG reporting and review system and leave both Parties and technical experts with some key advice on how to prepare for the future. The conversation will enhance the appreciation of listeners for the importance of the review process for building capacity and improving the quality and availability of GHG information. Listeners will learn how they can get involved in the review process going forward.



Action Hub Video #5**Title:** Building climate resilience through transformative and participatory approaches**Organization:** IFAD**Description:**

Video showcasing experiences in the nexus between climate and gender, nutrition and indigenous peoples. The video includes interviews with experts in the field and from IFAD including that of indigenous leaders.



Action Hub Video #6

Title: The Role of Lawyers in Advancing the Climate Change Regime Implementation

Organization: LACLIMA

Description:

Latin American Climate Lawyers Initiative for Mobilizing Action is a growing network of pro-bono lawyers, initiated in Brazil, to support climate action by sharing legal expertise mainly through capacity-building, research, advocacy and communications. The video showcases, with key examples, the importance of lawyers collaborating and advising on these six themes and especially, supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Climate Change Regime within their countries.



Action Hub Video #7

Title: NDC LAC: What is it and what is it for?**Organization:** EUROCLIMA+/GIZ**Description:**

NDC LAC is the first platform in Spanish to know the progress of climate action and ambition in Latin America and the Caribbean. NDC LAC is a joint initiative of EUROCLIMA +, IDB, the UNDP, the ECLAC, the GIZ GmbH, Avina Foundation and the LEDS LAC Regional Platform. The NDC LAC digital tool provides the various climate action stakeholders with relevant information on commitments and progress in complying of the NDC, necessary for the design of strategies and policies in line with the objectives established in the Agreement on Paris, and the transparency of information.



Action Hub Video #8

Title: Delivering innovative climate solutions through direct funding of locally led resilience

Organization: Adaption Fund

Description:

Video showcasing Adaptation Fund innovative financing models and addressing climate risks and fostering transformation in Costa Rica.



Action Hub Video #9

Title: Climate Change in the Amazon: Breaking Point & Climate change and Flying Rivers in the Amazon Region as indicators for tipping points

Organization: PRODIGY Project by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Description:

Documentary produced by Jair de Souza Costa about important natural phenomena that occur in the Amazon. The work takes place within the scope of the Prodigy project, a scientific cooperation between Germany, Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru. The video discusses the importance of the rain regime in Brazil and South America, warning about the degradation of the Amazon rainforest through deforestation and burning and how it can change the water cycle regime in the region. The videos were produced within the PRODIGY-postgraduate-teaching course and had the collaboration of researchers from Brazil, Germany, Nigeria and the United Kingdom. The project had scientific guidance, among others, from UFAC professor, Dr. Irving Foster Brown.



Action Hub Video #10

Title: Our Power’: Mobilizing Citizens for Climate and Sustainable Energy through innovative communications

Organization: UNDP

Description:

UNDP has been working with the production company Eco-cinema to put forward a regional campaign that aims to raise awareness of climate and energy solutions in an innovative way. Eco-cinema is a company based in Uruguay with regional outreach that uses solar energy to produce and screen videos that contribute to triggering positive social change. This campaign in collaboration with Eco-cinema aims to reach audiences beyond the "climate bubble" by organizing solar-powered film screenings across the region and in a wide variety of communities (urban, rural, etc.) of a series of high-quality videos that showcase sustainable energy solutions happening on the ground across the region. These video aims to raise the general public’s awareness of sustainable energy as a key solution to tackle the climate crisis, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and drive a green COVID-19 recovery.



Action Hub Video #11

Title: Pathways, a tool for state climate action in Latin America

Organization: The Climate Group

Description:

The Climate Pathway Project has worked with Latin American states and regions for the past two years on developing pathways, aka transformational processes to reducing emissions. In this event they debut their new animation video detailing the Pathway process, accompanied by advice from the states who have gone through the experience of developing their own pathway. The Climate Pathway Project is led by the Climate Group, Secretary of the Under2 Coalition. The Under2 Coalition, with over 40 members in Latin America, is a global community of over 220 state and regional governments committed to ambitious climate action in line with the Paris Agreement.



Action Hub Video #12

Title: Catalyzing climate action in the Caribbean by UNFCCC/RCC St. George's

Organization: UNFCCC/RCC St. George's

Description:

UN Climate Change and six prominent partners are catalyzing climate action on the ground through Regional Collaboration Centers.

In the Caribbean, the RCC at St. George's has partnered with the Winward Islands Research and Education Foundation since 2013 to support 16 countries.

It collaborates with a vast network of Governmental bodies, Private sector organizations, academic institutions, other International and regional Partners to increase regional participation in global climate action. In this same context, the RCC also help in delivering annual Regional Climate Weeks in LAC.



Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's

Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

Welcome to UNFCCC RCC St. George's

Action Hub Video #13

Title: Video contribution for Momentum for Change Award

Organization: UNFCCC

Description:

Video contributions for the Momentum for Change Award are provided by UNFCCC.



ANNEX D – COP26 Presidency Events

1. **Title:** COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Latin America and Caribbean
Description: The COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action will seek to better understand the capacity building challenges and share positive experiences and lessons learned across the Latin American and Caribbean Region.
2. **Title:** Mobilising Finance for Climate Action in Latin America and the Caribbean
Description: A panel discussion focusing on the mobilisation of finance in the LATAC region. The panelists will participate in a questions and answers style session to discuss different initiatives such as the NDC Partnership, UK SIP and others being used to mobilise finance and what can be done to better improve the flow of finance by breaking traditional barriers to sustainable investment in the emerging and smaller economies of the LATAC region.
3. **Title:** Dialogue: Indigenous Leadership and Nature-based Solutions
Description: In the lead up to COP26 in Glasgow, Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are increasingly discussed as a central approach to mitigate climate change. As stewards of 80% of the world's remaining biodiversity Indigenous Peoples are leaders in how to develop resilient and effective NBS to climate change. Join the UK COP26 Presidency and Johnson Cerda (Indigenous Quechua of the Ecuadorian Amazon) this Regional Climate Week for a panel dialogue to hear perspectives, best practice and stories on nature based solutions and indigenous leadership.
4. **Title:** Research and Innovation for COP26: Pathways to impact in Latin America & the Caribbean
Description: This event aims to engage the academic community across Latin America and the Caribbean on COP26, and to empower researchers to highlight the case for ambitious mitigation and adaptation for success at COP26 and beyond. The workshop focuses on the science-policy interface to catalyse the role of academic evidence in building public and government support for a climate-resilient, net-zero future. The event will involve short interventions from panelists sharing their experience at the science-policy interface, particularly what works and what does not for academic findings supporting climate policy effectively. This will be followed by a Q&A session.
5. **Title:** Turning Higher NDC Ambition Into Action – Sharing of Good Practices
Description: The objective of the NDC enhancement session - co-hosted by the COP26 Presidency and the NDC Partnership - is to provide attendees with examples of best practices and lessons learned in NDC development and implementation, specifically covering the areas of enhancing NDC quality, adaptation and mitigation ambition, alongside alignment with Long Term Strategies. Panelists from across the region will share experiences and lessons learnt in the process of developing and implementing their NDCs and will take questions from attendees.

- 6. Title:** COP26 Logistics Overview
Description: A high level overview of the logistics for COP26 including, the Blue Zone, Green Zone, transport, accommodation and accreditation. Followed by an opportunity to ask questions.
- 7. Title:** COP26 Catalyst: Adaptation Action
Description: This session will launch a series of COP26 Catalyst events designed to hear Parties' views on opportunities and challenges—as well as build capacities and understanding among developing country actors— on preparing an Adaptation Communication (AdCom) to the UNFCCC. As many countries are preparing their first AdCom, this session will be an opportunity for South-South peer learning and exchange to compare approaches and share common questions. It will also explore how countries are leveraging existing adaptation planning processes (including through National Adaptation Plans, Nationally Determined Contributions, and National Communications) to reduce reporting burdens and deliver well-coordinated national approaches to adaptation.
- 8. Title:** COP26 Catalyst: Transparency and Reporting
Description: Strong mechanisms to report on greenhouse gas emissions, progress in achieving NDCs, transfer of support and capacity building needs are key to achieving ambitious outcomes under the Paris Agreement. All countries need to be able to produce reliable, transparent and comprehensive information on emissions, climate actions and support under the ETF. This session will introduce the COP26 Catalyst's work on transparency and reporting: outlining existing support, challenges and experiences from the region and beyond. Attendees will be welcome to share their views on capacity building and support challenges in this area and to suggest potential areas of focus for our work.
- 9. Title:** COP26 Catalyst: Carbon Markets Participation
Description: Many countries have signaled that they intend on, or are willing to consider, using carbon markets to meet their NDC targets. At the same time, many developing countries have highlighted their need for capacity building support to enable them to take advantage fully of these opportunities. This session will provide space to discuss what opportunities are available, including through looking at particular case studies of where carbon market mechanisms have been developed, implemented or where they are being considered. Including focus on what has worked and why in terms of capacity building and where the barriers are to increasing participation, particularly by those who are least developed.