

## **SPECIAL DECLARATION OF THE COMMUNITY OF LATINAMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES ON THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

The Heads of State and Government of the Latin American and the Caribbean States gathered in Costa Rica, on the occasion of the III Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), on January, 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2015;

Recognizing the important advances undertaken by the international community in the process of establishing the Post 2015 Development Agenda and recognizing the importance of having ambitious, comprehensive, inclusive, open and transparent intergovernmental process and the need for this process to be Member States driven and have the capacity to accommodate to the different models and visions of development of our countries and their Peoples;

Reaffirming the central role of Member States in the formulation and implementation of the new development framework and highlighting the importance of a strong and comprehensive intergovernmental effort to build a transformative and universally applicable Post 2015 Development Agenda; in order to overcome the existing development gaps;

Reaffirming our commitment to engage in an active and constructive manner in the following phases of the elaboration and adoption of the Agenda and recognizing the importance of this regional forum to catalyze intergovernmental efforts allowing to promote coordination for such purposes;

Reiterating the final document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20) “The Future We Want” and its recognition that poverty eradication is the greatest challenge faced by the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development;

Recognizing that planet earth and its eco-systems are our home and that “mother earth” is a common expression in many countries and regions, and observing that some countries recognize the rights of nature in the context of promotion of sustainable development;

Recognizing the recent adoption of the resolution 68/309 by the United Nations General Assembly, by which it was decided that the proposed objectives contained in the outcome document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, including its means of implementation and its reserves; will be the he main basis for integrating the Post 2015 Development Agenda; “taking into account that in the inter-governmental process, other inputs will also be considered”;

Acknowledging the need for the Post 2015 Development Agenda to be based and guided by an integrated and balanced view of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;

Highlighting that the means of implementation, including the results of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and those contained in the final document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, are critical requirements for the viability and the success of the implementation of this Agenda;

Recognizing that the international context should take into consideration the different visions, approaches, models and tools to attain sustainable development; also the different stages of development, priorities, circumstances and capacities of the developing countries; as well as the multidimensional nature of poverty;

Recognizing that the negotiations of the Post 2015 Development Agenda will require the observance and the application of all Rio Principles, including, among others, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, as it was reflected in paragraph 7 of the Rio Declaration and the right of countries to develop in order to ensure sustainable development in all developing countries;

Recognizing that financing for development is crucial for implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, the Third Conference on Financing for Development, to take place in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, from July 13th to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and also, the Preparatory Regional Meeting on Financing for Development to be held on March, 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, is called to become central element in the Post- 2015 Development Agenda; having to take into account in addition, among other inputs, the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Financing for Sustainable Development;

Agree to:

1. Increase our efforts in order to reach consensus in the next stages of the process of establishing and executing the Post 2015 Development Agenda, including the results of the upcoming Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to take place in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, from July 13th to 16th, 2015, and also, the Preparatory Regional Meeting on Financing for Development to be held on March, 12th and 13th, 2015, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, in order to identify and promote priority areas for the region and thus ensure a true and genuine global partnership for development.
2. Promote the establishment of a Post-2015 Development Agenda that recognizes the specific sustainable development challenges of all developing countries, including Middle-Income Countries and Small Islands Developing Countries, taking into consideration the different visions, approaches, models and instruments to attain sustainable development, in its three aspects, the need of the modification of unsustainable patterns of consumption and production; with the developed countries taking the initiative, taking into consideration the principles of the Rio Declaration, particularly Principle 7, related to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities.
3. Promote the creation of synergies between the process for the establishment of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the preparation process of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, highlighting the need to agree on relevant and foreseeable means of implementation.

4. Continue promoting the establishment of a comprehensive UN Plan of Action for cooperation with Middle-Income Countries according to their characteristics, particular needs and its role in the cooperation for development system, as well as, coordinate efforts within CELAC Member States representations to the UN in order to fulfill this objective, observing the international law and its principles.
5. Take advantage of the existing initiatives to elaborate indicators to measure the progress achieved in sustainable development that complement the GDP and support fostering the statistical capacity in the developing countries.
6. Reiterate the need to support the efforts of the developing countries to strengthen their national measurement and statistical capacities, in order to achieve an effective tracking, monitoring and evaluation of the Post 2015 Development Agenda, to be carried out in a transparent, voluntary and participatory way and the full use of statistical information on sustainable development for decision-making on a national level.
7. Work together to ensure that the development goals agreed, correspond with their means of implementation to ensure developing countries the conditions necessary for their achievement, including the flow of resources, capacity building, development, transfer and diffusion of environmentally sustainable technology on favorable terms for our countries.
8. Recognize the importance and particularities of South-South cooperation and reaffirm the principles under which it is governed, and that distinguish it from other forms of cooperation. Likewise, reiterate our view of South-South cooperation as a concrete manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South, complementary to North-South cooperation, that can contribute to their national well-being, and facilitate the attainment of nationally and internationally agreed development goals and support the implementation of policies and strategies of national development.
9. Promote a specific discussion and, when possible, coordination at the level of representatives of CELAC member countries, who will participate in the process of discussion and negotiation of the Post 2015 Development Agenda in the framework of the United Nations General Assembly, in order to identify regional priorities and exchange impressions with other coordination spaces of the developing countries.

Belén, Costa Rica, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015