Sixteenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean

Montevideo, 28 and 29 August 2019

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
Planning for sustainable territorial development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Wednesday, 28 August

8.30 – 9.30 a.m. Registration

9.30 – 10 a.m. Welcome remarks
- Álvaro García, Director of the Office of Planning and the Budget of Uruguay
- Mireia Villar, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uruguay
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

10 – 10.30 a.m. Opening remarks
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

10.30 – 10.45 a.m. Scope and objectives of the Sixteenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Cielo Morales, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)

10.45 – 11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Panel 1: Territorial development and related policy challenges
In this panel, experiences of the countries of the region will be presented to show the diversity of approaches taken to territorial development policies.

Moderator: Efraín Corea Yáñez, Presidential Director of Planning, Results-based Budgeting and Public Investment in the Secretariat of General Government Coordination of Honduras
12.45 – 2 p.m. **Panel 2: Information for territorial development**
This panel will analyse the information systems of the countries of the region and their various sources (ministries and secretariats of planning, geographical institutes) for strengthening capacities to produce georeferenced information and data for follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Moderator:** Fernando Álvarez de Celis, Secretary for Territorial Planning and Public Works Coordination of Argentina

- Sandra Katherine Argotty, Secretary for Technical Planning of Ecuador
- Efraín Corea Yañez, Presidential Director of Planning, Results-based Budgeting and Public Investment in the Secretariat of General Government Coordination of Honduras
- Javier Abugattás, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN) of Peru

2 – 3 p.m. **Lunch recess**

3 – 4.15 p.m. **Panel 3: Implementation and financing of territorial development policies**
In this panel, countries from the region will review the contribution made by decentralization processes to the public spending capacity of subnational governments and the reduction of territorial inequalities in well-being, as well as the need to create financing mechanisms commensurate with the challenges of climate change.

**Moderator:** Javier Abugattás, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Strategic Planning (CEPLAN) of Peru

- Fernando Álvarez de Celis, Secretary for Territorial Planning and Public Works Coordination of Argentina
- Miguel Ángel Moir, Secretary of Planning and Programming of the Office of the President of Guatemala
- Welles Matias de Abreu, Coordinator General of the Pluriannual Plan in the Office of the Undersecretary for Government Planning of Brazil

4.15 – 4.45 p.m. **Coffee break**
Panel 4: Territorialization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

This panel will include presentations on the strategies and experiences of the countries of the region on the territorialization of the 2030 Agenda, the challenges that have been encountered and the opportunities that should be seized to reduce equality gaps between territories.

Moderator: Amparo García Montaña, Territorial Deputy Director-General in the National Planning Department (DNP) of Colombia

- Yván Rodríguez, Vice-Minister for Planning of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic
- Álvaro García, Director of the Office of Planning and the Budget of Uruguay
- Ricardo Menéndez, Sectoral Vice-President for Planning and Minister of People’s Power for Planning of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Thursday, 29 August

Panel 5: Planning for resilience in the Caribbean countries

This panel will examine the territorial challenges of the Caribbean in relation to natural risks and vulnerabilities, as well as the need to strengthen capacities and resilience. Attention will be drawn to the magnitude of the risks and the social, economic and institutional costs, and emphasis will be placed on the need for commitment to resilience planning commensurate with the challenges.

Moderator: Diane Quarless, Chief of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean

- Wayne Henry, Chairman and Director General of the Planning Institute of Jamaica
- Werner Houson, Physical Planning Officer of the Department of Physical Planning of Saint Lucia
- Patlian Johnson, Recovery and Development Cooperation Specialist in the Office of the Prime Minister of the British Virgin Islands
- Gloria Joseph, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development of Dominica

10.45 – 11.15 a.m.  Coffee break

11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Address on “The experience of the Republic of Korea regarding sustainable and inclusive cities”, by Tae-Hwan Kim, PhD, Senior Research Fellow in the Urban Research Division of the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, Republic of Korea

12.30 – 1 p.m.  Closing session