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Multi-actor Dialogue Forum

Just Green Transition, Inclusive Digital Transformation, and Social Cohesion

Programme

Campus Benjamín Núñez, National University, Costa Rica, San José
4 October 2023, 09:00-18:45 (Costa Rica Time)

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 Inaugural Session

Moderation: Anna Barrera Vivero, EU-LAC Foundation

- **Marco Méndez**, Director School of International Relations, National University of Costa Rica (UNA)
- **Alejandro Solano Ortiz**, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs of the Republic of Costa Rica
- **Pierre Louis Lempereur**, EU Ambassador of the EU in Costa Rica
- **Leire Pajín**, President of the EU-LAC Foundation
- **Jorge Herrera Murillo**, Vicerector for Research, UNA

10:00 – 11:30 Keynote Speeches

Moderation: Anna Barrera Vivero, EU-LAC Foundation

- **Mónica Araya**, Executive Director, International, European Climate Foundation (*online*)
- **Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir**, Director of the OECD Development Centre
- **Inmaculada Zamora**, Secretary General of Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamerica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) // EUROsociAL+ Bridge Programme
- **Eduardo Mauricio Agudelo**, Digital Transformation Director at CAF Development Bank

Comments:

- **José Andrés Fernández Leost**, Associate Professor of Political Theory at Complutense University Madrid (UCM), Head of Analysis at the Carolina Foundation
- **Olga Baus-Gibert**, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit B.2, Directorate General International Partnerships, European Commission (*online*)

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break



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12:00 – 13:30 Parallel Panels

Panel Just Green Transitions: Financing the Just Green Transition

Moderation: Jorge Herrera Murillo, Vicerector for Research, UNA

- **Sandra Guzmán**, Founder of the Climate Finance Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GFLAC) (*online*)
- **Mariana Rondon**, Programme Director of Plataforma CIPÓ
- **Andrea Costafreda**, Programmatic Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of OXFAM
- **José Vicente Troya**, UNDP Resident Representative, Costa Rica

Panel Inclusive Digital Transformation: Cooperation in Infrastructure, Connectivity, Access, and Regulatory Dialogue

Moderation: Francia Serrano, MY World Mexico

- **José Ignacio Torreblanca**, Senior Policy Fellow and Head of Madrid Office and of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) (*online*)
- **Luis Eliécer Cárdenas**, Executive Director at RedCLARA (*online*)
- **Leonie Kellerhof**, Policy Advisor EU-LAC Digital Alliance for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- **Mitja Jermol**, UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, Programme Committee Chair in AI and Circular Economy (*online*)

Panel Social Cohesion: Social and economic inequalities

Moderation: Alex Segovia, Coordinator of the Central America Initiative Network

- **Moustapha Kamal Gueye**, ILO Coordinator of the Green Jobs Programme
- **Sandrea Maynard**, Pro Vice Chancellor Global Affairs, The University of the West Indies (UWI)
- **Inmaculada Alonso**, La Coordinadora of NGOs (Spain)
- **Regina Leão**, National coordinator of the Pastoral Care of Children, Coordinator of social programmes for children and adolescents in the Archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro
- **Laura Sánchez León**, gender expert, social linkage division of the French Development Agency (AFD Group / Expertise France - EUROsociAL+ Bridge consortium partner)
- **Isabel Román**, State of the Nation Programme, Costa Rica

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch





15:00 – 16:30 **Parallel Panels**

Panel Just Green Transitions: Investing and Cooperating in Clean Energy and Critical Raw Materials

Moderation: Olman Segura Bonilla, Director, International Centre for Economic Policy for Sustainable Development (CINPE), UNA

- **Rodolfo Lacy**, Former Director for Climate Action and Environment for Latin America at OECD, Former Vice Minister of Environmental Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico
- **Martín Obaya**, Director at CENIT
- **María Elena Huertas**, Co-Founder of POLEN Just Transitions
- **Josep Puxeu**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (Group I, Employers)

Panel Inclusive Digital Transformation: Closing Digital Gaps, the Use of Infrastructures and Connectivity for Skill and Productivity Development

Moderation: Ricardo Cáceres, Director of Information Technologies of the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SG-SICA) and coordinator of the Administrative Technical Secretariat that supports the Ad Hoc Group leading the SICA Regional Digital Strategy (ERDI)

- **Javier González**, Director of SUMMA – Laboratory of Education Research and Innovation for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Ángel Machado**, Director of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce and Services, President & CEO Canon Medical Systems Argentina (*online*)
- **Shirley Saborio**, Vice President of the Boards of Directors of the Costa Rican Chamber of Commerce and the Productivity Promotion Council
- **Hernán Aguirre**, Professor of Engineering, Shinshu University, Japan
- **Dumitru Fornea**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Group II (Workers)

Panel Social Cohesion: Political inequalities

Moderation: Carlos Cascante Segura, School of International Relations, National University of Costa Rica (UNA)

- **Natalia Gómez Solano**, Special Youth Adviser to the European Commissioner for International Partnerships (*online*)
- **Luz Haro**, Executive Secretary - Network of Rural Women of Latin America and the Caribbean (Red LAC)





- **Merike Blofield**, Professor for Society and Politics in Latin America, University of Hamburg (*Online*) and **Juliana Martínez Franzoni (CRI)**, Professor at Institute for Social Research (IIS), University of Costa Rica (UCR)
- **Raquel Coello-Cremades**, Regional Policy Specialist on Economic Empowerment at UN Women Regional office for the Americas and the Caribbean (*online*)
- **Ileana Ramírez**, Senior Expert of the Gender Equity and Youth Programme team, Technical Cooperation, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00– 18:00 Plenary session with rapporteurs from the parallel panels

Moderation: Noel Cruz Muñoz, School of International Relations, National University of Costa Rica (UNA)

Presentation and exchange on the results of the working groups

18:00 – 18:45 Closing Session

Moderation: Anna Barrera Vivero, EU-LAC Foundation

- **Carlos Isaac Pérez Mejía**, Vice Minister for Strategic Management of the Republic of Costa Rica
- **Andreas Schaal**, Director for OECD Global Relations and Co-operation
- **Matteo Banti**, Head of Regional Cooperation of the EU in Central America
- **Marco Méndez**, Director School of International Relations, National University of Costa Rica (UNA)
- **Adrián Bonilla**, Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation

