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# I Meeting of the SDG-E2030 Regional Steering Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Santiago, Chile**

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“We reaffirm that education is a fundamental human right of every person and a basis for realizing other rights. Education is an essential condition for peace, sustainable development, socioeconomic growth, decent jobs, gender equality, prevention of discrimination in all its forms, responsible citizenship, health and well-being. As such, we recognize the responsibility of the States and the key role that education plays as a catalyst of sustainable development and instrument for the enactment of the other SDGs by 2030.”

*Buenos Aires Declaration, January 2017*

“Considering the debate carried out, and consensus reached at the Regional Ministerial Meeting in Cochabamba, we agree to: Adopt the Roadmap with its coordination mechanisms for the implementation of SDG4-E2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean (.....). It consists of a reference framework for the development and implementation of regional actions and recommendations to support national implementation, so that Member States advance in a coordinated and coherent manner in the development of policies and actions in themes that have been prioritized by the region: quality education, equity and inclusion, teachers and education workers, and lifelong learning.”

*Cochabamba Agreements, July 2018*

## Background

The UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (OREALC/UNESCO Santiago) will hold the first meeting of the SDG-E2030 Regional Steering Committee in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) on January 31 and February 1, 2019 in Santiago, Chile. The meeting will follow up on the progress in the commitments made within the framework of the [“Cochabamba Agreements: Regional Solidarity for Achieving SDG4-E2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean”](#) at the II Regional Meeting of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Cochabamba, Plurinational State of Bolivia, on July 25 and 26, 2018.

Considering that in the [“Buenos Aires Declaration”](#), adopted at the I Regional Meeting of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 25 and 26 January 2017, Ministers of Education, high-level government representatives, together with representatives of United Nations agencies, regional organizations, civil society organizations and other partners of the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development, committed to develop a roadmap for the implementation of SDG-E2030 at the regional level that included coordinating, communication and monitoring mechanisms that respond to the expectations, realities and educational priorities of the region.

As a follow up to the first ministerial meeting, the OREALC/UNESCO Santiago organized two Technical Follow-up Meetings to the Regional Ministerial Meeting of Buenos Aires, in April 2017, and February 2018, to draft a [Roadmap](#) for the implementation of SDG-E2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was approved at II Regional Meeting of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean. As a result of the “Cochabamba Agreements”, the ministers entrusted OREALC/UNESCO Santiago to facilitate the establishment and functioning of a coordination mechanism that will promote the implementation of the Roadmap and ensure representation, coordination and communication between the Ministries of Education of the Member States and other relevant regional actors.

As agreed, this regional coordination mechanism is composed of a Regional Steering Committee, four Working Groups and an Executive Secretariat, a role assigned to OREALC/UNESCO Santiago (please see *terms of reference* in Annex 1 of the Roadmap). The Regional Steering Committee’s role is to ensure strong regional coherence, coordination (within the region and between regional and global levels) and collective work, so that countries and education partners in LAC move together towards achieving the E2030 targets. Based on the principles of representation, inclusion, rotation and coherence, it is composed of a maximum of 20 members:

- The Latin American and Caribbean country representatives in the Global SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee and additionally, seven Member States, two from South America, two from Central America and Mexico, and three from the Caribbean;
- Three co-convening agencies of United Nations System: UNESCO and UNICEF with permanent seats, and a third rotating seat for another of the co-convening agencies of the E2030 agenda.
- Four intergovernmental organizations: CARICOM, CECC-SICA, OAS, and OEI
- Two civil society organizations, with regional and/or sub-regional coverage

In this context, the aim of the meeting is to operationalize the SDG-E2030 regional coordination mechanism, define the main lines of action for regional cooperation that will jumpstart the formation of the working groups, and formulate an action plan for 2019-2021 in the context of the Roadmap approved in the last ministerial meeting.

## General objective

To constitute the SDG-E2030 regional coordination mechanism, form working groups and formulate an action plan for the period 2019-2021 in the context of the SDG-E2030 [Roadmap](#) approved during the II Regional Meeting of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean held in Cochabamba, Plurinational State of Bolivia, in July 2018.

## Specific objectives

- To share results and documents from the II Regional Meeting of Ministers of Education of Latin America and the Caribbean (2018).
- To report and assess the progress made on the coordination of the Education 2030 agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean for 2017-2018.
- Operationalize the committee according to its terms of reference and agree on a calendar of meetings for 2019.
- Analyze trends and emerging issues related to the implementation of the SDG-E2030 Agenda in the region.

- Define the tasks of the working groups with the identification of priority themes and actions to be implemented within the framework of the E2030 regional roadmap.
- Design an action plan for the period 2019-2021 within the framework of the SDG-E2030 Roadmap for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Day 1, Thursday, 31 January 2019

<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Introduction and meeting objectives</b> Claudia Uribe, Director, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.
<b>09:15 – 09:30</b>	<b>Education 2030 Agenda: overview of ongoing actions at global level</b> Jordan Naidoo, Director, Division of Education 2030 Support and Coordination, UNESCO Paris (videoconference). Q&A.
<b>90:30 – 10:15</b>	<b>Report of the regional coordination of SDG-E2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean (2017-2018)</b> <i>Objective: Present advancements accomplished in the 2017-2018 regional coordination process, considering progress and achievements of regional agreements.</i> <b>Presentation:</b> Cecilia Barbieri, Chief, E2030 Section, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago. <i>Comments, Q&amp;A.</i>
<b>10:15 – 11:15</b>	<b>Overview, progress and emerging issues related to the SDG-E2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean.</b> <i>Objective: on the basis of the SDG 4 indicators, analyze advances to date, main trends and emerging issues related to the regional implementation of the SDG-E2030 Agenda.</i> <b>Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lais Abramo, Director, Social Development Division, ECLAC.</li><li>• Juan Cruz Perusia, Regional Advisor, UNESCO Institute for Statistics, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</li></ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Claudia Uribe, Director, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago. <i>Comments and interventions.</i>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:15</b>	<b>(Continuation) Overview, progress and emerging issues related to the SDG4-E2030 in Latin America and the Caribbean</b> <i>Comments and interventions.</i>
<b>12:15 – 13:15</b>	<b>Junpstarting working groups.</b> <b>Policies and strategies: priority areas, trends and recommendations for achieving the SDG4-E2030 targets in Latin America and the Caribbean</b> <i>Objective: Present the objectives of the Working Group on Policies and Strategies, considering the priorities identified in the Roadmap. Actions and activities carried out during 2017 and 2018 will be shared and next steps defined.</i>

	<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>Cecilia Barbieri, Chief, E2030 Section, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p> <p>Carlos Vargas, Head, Teaching Development Unit, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p> <p><i>Questions and comments.</i></p>
<b>13:15 - 14:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:45 – 15:45</b>	<p><b>Jumpstarting the working groups.</b></p> <p><b>Finance and governance: priority areas, trends and recommendations for achieving the SDG4-E2030 targets in Latin America and the Caribbean</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Present the objectives of the Working Group on Finance and Governance, considering the priorities identified in the Roadmap.</i></p> <p><i>Actions and activities carried out during 2017 and 2018 will be shared and next steps defined.</i></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>Carlos Vargas Tamez, Head, Teacher Development Unit, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p> <p><i>Questions and comments.</i></p>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Jumpstarting the working groups.</b></p> <p><b>Advocacy and communication: priority areas, trends and recommendations for achieving the SDG4-E2030 targets in Latin America and the Caribbean.</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Present the objectives of the Working Group on Communication and Advocacy, considering the priority issues included in the Roadmap.</i></p> <p><i>Actions and activities carried out during 2017 and 2018 will be shared and the next steps will be defined.</i></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> Nicolas Del Valle Orellana, Assistant Specialist, E2030 Section, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p> <p><i>Questions and comments.</i></p>
<b>20:00</b>	<p><b>Welcoming dinner</b></p> <p>Venue: Giratorio Restaurant, Ave. Nueva Providencia 2250, Piso 16, Providencia</p>

Day 2, Friday, 1 February 2019

<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Summary of Day 1</b>
<b>9:15 – 10:45</b>	<p><b>Jumpstarting the working groups.</b> <b>Review, monitoring and reporting: priority areas, trends and recommendations for achieving the SDG4-E2030 targets in Latin America and the Caribbean</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Present the objectives of the Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting, considering the priority issues identified included in the Roadmap. Actions and activities carried out during 2017 and 2018 will be shared and the next steps will be defined.</i></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>Juan Cruz Perusia, Regional Advisor, UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p> <p>Atilio Pizarro, General Coordinator, Latin American Laboratory for the Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE), OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p> <p><i>Questions and comments.</i></p>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<p><b>Actions and strategies that contribute to the implementation of the E2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean during 2019-2021</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Define a joint set of coordinated and collaborative actions and strategies within the Roadmap that will be implemented during 2019-2021 as part of the regional Action Plan to achieve the SDG-E2030 Agenda. This session will start with the sharing by participants of events, actions and initiatives they consider of relevance to the region.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Claudia Uribe, Director, OREALC/UNESCO Santiago.</p>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>End of the meeting</b></p>