

HLPF Side Event Proposal

HLPF Side event: Intergenerational approaches in the LAC region to ensure an inclusive response to and recovery from COVID-19 and the Advancement of the 2030 Agenda *Leaving no one behind.*

DESCRIPTION:

The pandemic has significantly affected older and younger people in Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) in comparison with other regions, generating new challenges but also new opportunities for age-inclusive response and recovery efforts, and leadership for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region.

Seizing these opportunities will require combating the stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination that exist against different generations and fostering intergenerational solidarity. Intergenerational approaches will not only ensure all voices are recognized and meaningfully engaged in the advancement of the 2030 Agenda and the policy making processes, but they will also allow countries to benefit from the contributions of people of all ages. These approaches are needed to fulfil the central, transformative promise of the SDGs: Leave no one behind.

This side event will bring different actors that are implementing and promoting intergenerational approaches to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic and to advance the 2030 Agenda. During the session we will (1) discuss key barriers to achieve intergenerational solidarity including ageism; (2) illustrate the benefits and importance of intergenerational approaches in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (3) showcase efforts taking place in different sectors and across generations to achieve the SDGs. The session will include an opening segment followed by a panel, an interactive segment with participants, a keynote from the World Health Organization that will focus on the Global Campaign to Combat Ageism, and closing remarks.

The session is co-organized by Fundación Sostenibilidad, Educación, Solidaridad (Fundación SES), The Millennials Movement, the Children, Adolescents and Youth Group for the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Civil Society Mechanism (MeSCLAC), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO).

Opening words

- Marcela Browne Coordinadora de Educación - Fundación SES

Panel

- Sabrina Juran, Regional Adviser on Population, Development and Youth, United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA LACRO
- Javier Abugattás Fatule, Board President Peruvian National Center for Strategic Planning - CEPLAN
- Children, Adolescents and Youth Group for the LAC Regional Mechanism for Civil Society Engagement - MeSCLAC
- Ms. Silvia Perel-Levin, a representative of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), Stakeholder Group on Ageing

- Moderated by: Rosario Diaz Garavito, Founder and Executive Director at The Millennials Movement and Elected Focal Point at CAY Group - MeSCLAC.

Keynote

- Dr Vânia de la Fuente-Núñez, Technical Officer, Demographic Change & Healthy Ageing, World Health Organization (WHO), Global Campaign to Fight Ageism

Content focus:

- Intergenerational efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda and an inclusive response and a resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the LAC region.

Objectives:

- Identify key barriers, including ageism, that need to be addressed for an inclusive and intergenerational response and recovery process in the LAC region.
- Illustrate the benefits and importance of intergenerational approaches in the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the success of the SDGs.
- Showcase intergenerational efforts taking place in the region as part of the response to the pandemic and the advancement of the 2030 Agenda.
- Strengthen intergenerational and glocal partnership building to respond to a post COVID-19 era during the decade of action of the SDGs.

Session's specifics:

- Duration: 90 minutes
- Up to 6 speakers plus a moderator from different MGOs, Regional and National actors and networks.
- Interactive Panel
- At least 25% of the time allocation spent on interaction with participants during the Q & A section.

Proposed speakers:

The speakers will be identified from different MGOs, regional and national actors and networks and UN Agencies to provide a diverse group of stakeholders engaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development using intergenerational approaches.

Proposed speakers:

- *UNFPA LACRO representative*
- *Dr Vânia de la Fuente-Núñez, World Health Organization*

- *UNDP Venezuela youth representative TBC*
- Girls, Boys, Adolescents and Youth Group for the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Civil Society Mechanism - MeSCLAC, representative.
- The Millennials Movement representative
- Peruvian Government representative

Co organizers:

- Fundación Sostenibilidad, Educación, Solidaridad - Fundación SES - **Lead organization.**
- The Millennials Movement
- Girls, Boys, Adolescents and Youth Group for the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Civil Society Mechanism - MeSCLAC
- United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA LACRO
- World Health Organization – Global Campaign to Fight Ageism