Side event in the framework of the high-level political forum 2021

**Working together for an inclusive and sustainable future**

Latin American Economic Outlook 2021 prelaunch

**Thursday, 15 July 2021, 7.30–9 a.m. (EST)**
1:30–3 p.m. (CET)

The event will be livestreamed via https://live.cepal.org/hlpf2021

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Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish

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**Background**

The event, co-hosted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the European Union and the OECD Development Centre, will enable a high-level discussion on the COVID-19 impact in Latin America and the Caribbean and the role of regional integration and international partnerships for a sustainable and inclusive recovery. The pandemic hit Latin America and the Caribbean at a time when the region already faced significant structural challenges. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals are at risk. Recovery should be seen as an opportunity to transform the region’s development strategy and rethink the social contract. The 2021 edition of the Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO) — a joint annual publication produced by the OECD Development Centre, ECLAC, the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) and the European Commission — aims to analyse and provide policy recommendations for a strong, inclusive and sustainable recovery in the region. It proposes the development in transition framework to foster regional integration and a new and more ambitious cooperation model.

**Welcome remarks**

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- Koen Doens, Director-General for International Partnerships, European Commission
- Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development

**Leaders’ dialogue**

Moderator: Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary ECLAC
- E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration of Antigua and Barbuda
- Rubén Silié, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic
- Martha Delgado Peralta, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Francisco Bustillo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay (pre-recorded video statement)

**Remarks by member States**

**Closing remarks**

- Javier Niño, Deputy Managing Director for the Americas, European External Action Service (EEAS)