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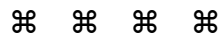
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**Proposals for the Regional
Action Plan 2006-2007 of the
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I. Regional and international context

- 1.** The international community gathered at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2002) recognized that providing responses to the economic and social roots of environmental problems was absolutely necessary if global action was to advance towards the sustainability of our planet, and it underscored the essential need to guarantee sustainable, equitable and inclusive development for all humanity.
- 2.** During the above-mentioned event, the international community adopted the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPI), related to compliance to the decisions of the WSSD, as well as contributing to instrument Agenda 21, ten years after ten years of its adoption.
- 3.** One of the regional initiatives that was incorporated to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPI), is that of the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC) that has been adopted by the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean during the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment, held as well in Johannesburg, South Africa, on August 31, 2002.
- 4.** ILAC explicitly recognizes the importance of subregional and regional processes to promote sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean and to respond to the need to render the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan practical at the regional level, reflecting the singularities, visions and goals of the region.
- 5.** ILAC is also strongly involved in the regional task of strengthening the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean as a political platform that may be crosscutting and cross-sectoral in matters pertaining to the environment, while at the same time offering regional authorities a forum for reflection and adoption of decisions focused on the protection of the environment and contributing to sustainable development.

II. Development of the ILAC Implementation Strategy

- 6.** In response to the mandate issued by the Forum at its Seventh Inter-Sessional Meeting (Sao Paulo, Brazil), the agencies that form the Inter-Agency Technical Committee (ITC) – UNEP, ECLAC, the World Bank, IDB and UNDP – identified mechanisms necessary to put the ILAC into operation and make a periodic comprehensive evaluation of its implementation.
- 7.** The ITC met again in Mexico City in December 2002 and, together with specialists of several countries of the region, it produced a matrix with guidelines for implementing the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development
- 8.** The delegations of the Latin American and Caribbean countries present at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of UNEP/Global Ministerial

Environment Forum (Nairobi, Kenya; February 2003) reviewed the matrix and concluded that it could be not only a good tool for carrying out ILAC activities, but also a guide for the implementation of activities in 2003.

9. Subsequently, in July 2003, a meeting of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee (ITC) of the Forum was convened in Brasilia, Brazil. This meeting was aimed at defining lines of action and concrete proposals to implement and follow-up on environmental components in the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC) in the period 2004-2005.

10. Based on the above-mentioned consultations, at the Fourteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers (Panama City, Panama, November 2003) the Regional Action Plan of the Forum for the period 2004-2005 was adopted and the member agencies of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee were invited to hold a special meeting to complete the final design of the activities agreed to in the Regional Action Plan (RAP). The member countries of the Inter-Sessional Committee were invited to join this endeavour.

11. The first special meeting of the ITC was held in Panama in February 2004, where it proceeded to determine the details for more concrete and specific activities in various themes of the Plan, and specific countries were designated coordinators for follow-up on the Forum decisions. After the new text of the RAP was circulated among the countries and the ITC member agencies for comment, the final version of the Plan was completed.

12. The Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean and the ITC agencies are convinced that in the set of new conditions generated by the Johannesburg Summit, the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC) and the Regional Action Plan (RAP) should be instruments to focus priorities in a consistent and harmonious manner to help achieve environmental protection and sustainable development in our region.

III. Structure of the Regional Plan of Action (RPA) 2004–2005

13. The proposed structure of the RPA encompasses 8 of the 25 ILAC priority themes as focal points for the immediate attention of the ITC within the framework of the Forum's Work Plan for the 2004-2005 period:

- a) Access to genetic resources and equitable distribution of benefits
- b) Management of Water Resources in Latin America and the Caribbean
- c) Human Settlements in Latin America and the Caribbean
- d) Renewable Energy
- e) Trade and the Environment
- f) Economic Instruments and Fiscal Policy
- g) Climate Change
- h) Environmental Indicators

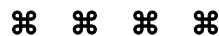
14. The themes proposed have emerged with increasing verve and presence on the international and regional environmental agenda. They have been selected based on their relevance and capacity for progress within the current regional context and their strategic importance in fulfilling the commitments undertaken by the Millennium Goals and the Johannesburg Implementation Plan. At the same time, the need to contribute to and harmonize actions on selected topics –such as water, sanitation and human settlements– was considered, given that these coincide with the first cycle of the multi-annual work program of the Committee for Sustainable Development (CSD), following Johannesburg.

15. The topics related to the creation of capacity, transfer of technology and increasing environmental awareness, as well as the ethics for sustainable development and increasing regional cooperation, are all cross-sectoral themes, and as such should proffer value added for the biennial activities of 2004–2005.

IV. Proposals for the Regional Action Plan (RAP) 2006–2007

16. In preparation for the Fifteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (31 October to 4 November 2005), the first meeting of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee (ITC) of 2005 was held (Panama City, Panama; 12 and 13 July 2005). The ITC member agencies and the coordinating countries of the work areas assessed the progress made in implementing the Action Plan for 2004-2005. Important preliminary experience in implementing the ILAC was drawn from this assessment, which also enabled the identification of factors to be considered in formulating recommendations to be submitted to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers regarding the priority activities to be conducted during the period 2006-2007.

17. The purpose of this document, which is the output of efforts shared by the ITC member agencies¹ and the coordinating countries, is to present a point of departure for the work of the experts segment of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Forum (31 October to 2 November 2005), whose proposals will be submitted to the ministerial segment of the meeting on 3 and 4 November 2005.



⁽¹⁾ The activities proposed by the UNEP-GEF Unit have been planned for implementation over a longer period of time than the biennium 2006-2007.

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Ecuador</u> ² , Mexico		
A. Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Distribution of Benefits			
Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, partners and timetable
i) Adopt regulatory frameworks for access to genetic resources as well as for the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, compatible with the Convention on Biological Diversity	Promote the implementation of and subsequent work on the 2001 Bonn Guidelines on the Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising out of their Utilization as input to support the CBD Parties in the development of measures related to these topics	Implementation of the UNEP Initiative on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their utilization, including its component of capacity building as well as the following: a) Legal frameworks:	
	Negotiate, within the framework of the CBD, an international system to promote the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources Promote the technical and financial support for developing nations and countries with economies in transition in their efforts to develop and implement sui generis systems with the final objective of conserving and sustainably using biodiversity	Provide technical assistance to the countries of the region, at their request, to give them advisory services in the formulation of legislation in the theme.	UNEP 2006-2007
		Compile existing national and subregional legislation	UNEP 2006-2007
		- Hold workshops to exchange experiences related to the current state of the regulatory frameworks and their effective enforcement.	UNEP 2006-2007
		- Include technical and financial support components for the use and conservation of genetic resources in conformity with the Convention on Biological Diversity	World Bank 2006-2007
		Strengthen the institutional capacities of the countries for the enforcement of and compliance with legal and international mandates in the matter:	World Bank 2006-2007
		Provide technical assistance to the countries of the region at their request to provide advisory services in formulating, reviewing or adapting the legislation necessary to fulfil pertinent regional and international agreements to which they are parties.	UNEP 2006-2007
	Recognize the rights of indigenous and local communities –the owners of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices– and develop and implement mechanisms to distribute benefits, under terms mutually agreed upon, by the use of the above-mentioned traditional knowledge, innovations and practices	Hold regional and subregional workshops to examine the possibility of adopting harmonized national or subregional systems or a common regional position in relation to the negotiation of an international system and the negotiations on Article 8 (j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity.	UNEP 2006-2007

² Coordinating country

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Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, partners and timetable
		<p>- Provide advisory services to the Andean countries in the identification of challenges and opportunities linked to international markets for their genetic resources and related products. Approve technical cooperation for the Andean Community (CAN)</p>	<p>IBD 2006</p>
		<p>The Organization of the Treaty for Amazonian Cooperation will carry out joint activities with the countries that comprise the Amazon basin, with the support of IDB resources aimed at improving knowledge and information on biodiversity and generating local and regional benefits arising from environmental goods and services associated with biodiversity. Activities initiated in October 2005</p>	<p>IBD 2005-2008</p>
		<p>Projects aimed at environmentally sustainable development that includes components important to the protection of biodiversity.</p>	<p>IBD 2006</p>
		<p>Sustainable tourism revolving around protected wilderness areas (Costa Rica). The programme will finance the consolidation of ecotourism products and services in and around selected and protected areas and, at the same time, will strengthen conservation activities and economic opportunities for neighbouring communities.</p>	<p>IBD 2006-2007.</p>
	<p>Promote the participation of indigenous and local communities and groups in the processes of developing policies and making decisions related to the use of their traditional knowledge. In order to strengthen synergy and mutual support, promote discussions concerning the relationship between the CBD and the agreements on international trade and intellectual property rights (WTO/TRIPS)</p>	<p>Subregional and regional workshops to facilitate exchange forums linked to the positions of the Latin American and Caribbean region in relation to negotiations that take place in the aforementioned international spheres.</p>	<p>ITC Agencies 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Awareness building and training: - Development of activities with government entities, including local governments, parliaments, judicial powers and civil society, to build awareness in the theme, including:</p>	<p>UNEP 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Workshops in the framework of the regular and special meetings of the Commission on Environment and Tourism of the Latin American Parliament regarding multilateral environmental agreements.</p>	<p>UNEP 2006-2007</p>

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Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, partners and timetable
		Capacity building for judges and attorneys-general at the subregional and national level in the field of environmental law.	UNEP 2006-2007
		Conduct annual regional training programmes in environmental law and policy, including diverse themes linked to biodiversity and aimed at officials of the three branches of government and of local governments, as well as representatives of civil society	UNEP 2006-2007
		- Promote projects for capacity building in the fields of legislation, policy, and negotiation of contracts for access to and participation in the benefits as well protection and recognition of traditional knowledge and genetically modified organisms;	UNEP 2006-2007
		- "Capacity building for the implementation of a regional framework for benefit access and distribution in the countries of the Andean Community" – Regional.	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		- Develop national, sub-regional and regional inventories of marine and land genetic resources;	
		- Integrated Management of the Montecristo Trinational Protected Area (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador).	IDB 2006-2007
		- Improvement in the effectiveness of the management of the Maya Biosphere Reserve (Guatemala)	IDB 2006-2007
		Sustainability of Protected Areas	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Project on Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity in the Cocos Island Marine Conservation Area, Costa Rica	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Project on a Conservation System for the Western Meseta of Guatemala	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Project on Conservation of Biodiversity in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve in Mexico	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007

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Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, partners and timetable
		Project on Conservation of coastal marine and forest biodiversity on the South Pacific coast of Nicaragua: building public and private partnerships for conservation	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Project for establishing a programme for the consolidation of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Project for expanding and catalyzing the sustainability of the National System of Conservation Areas of Costa Rica	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Project being formulated: Strengthening of park management and the financial sustainability of the National System of Protected Areas of the Dominican Republic	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		GEF Project in preparation in Belize: Integration of the management of protected and scenic areas of the Golden Stream basin to develop a model for the integrated management of various protected areas that could be replicated in other areas of the country and help to define a national strategy. A basic component of this management plan is the generation of sustainable livelihood options for the communities in the area.	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		GEF project in Suriname: Conservation of important forest ecosystems in the bioregion of the Guyana shelf of Suriname, which would be an initial strategic step towards developing a programming approach to conservation through work in two areas of great importance, the Central Suriname Nature Reserve and the Sipaliwini Nature Reserve in the south of the country.	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		<p>Make biodiversity protection a cross-cutting activity in productive landscapes.</p> <p>National projects supporting the integration of conservationist principles in the productive sectors and landscapes in Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil and Central America.</p>	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007

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Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, partners and timetable
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development, conservation education and public awareness programmes to promote local pride and action on island biodiversity - Agro-biodiversity in island ecosystems - Mechanism and structures for access to benefits sharing from the use of island genetic resources - Support for the development of local capacity to protect and effectively use traditional knowledge. Project Proposal "Enhancing Inter-cultural Dialogue and Follow-up to United Nations Processes on the Protection of Indigenous Peoples Rights in Environmental and Sustainable Development Matters. - Implementation Partnership Initiative on the sustainable management of non-timber forest products: creating opportunities for the private sector involvement and the creation of alternative livelihoods for indigenous peoples and local communities - Resource assessment - Establishment of protocols and legal agreements - Development of products, branding, prototyping and the necessary supporting infrastructure for project activities - Establishing of protocol lines for products for NFTP - Capacity Building - Indigenous Peoples Rights with special reference to Intellectual Property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS UNEP/SIDS

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Mexico</u> ³ , <u>Nicaragua</u> , Colombia B. Water Resources		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and timetable
WATER SUPPLY i) Improve technology to increase the efficiency of industrial and agricultural water use, and of household consumption	Reduce by half –by the year 2015– the proportion of the world population without access to drinking water or basic sanitation services	Approval of new projects and implementation of approved projects geared toward increasing the coverage of drinking water and water resource management in the countries of the region Carrying out studies and providing technical assistance for the improvement of water use efficiency and its integrated management Three regional conferences to discuss new opportunities for financing drinking water and sanitation projects to support the countries in achieving the millennium goals and those of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation Participation in and contributions to the Fourth World Water Forum (Mexico)	WB, IDB 2006-2007 WB, IDB, GEF 2006-2007 IDB, UNEP, ECLAC, UNDP through country offices 2006 IDB, UNEP, UNDP 2006
ii) Introduce modern technologies for the desalinization of seawater iii) Integrate the management of coastal aquifers to avoid the intrusion of salt		Organization of a workshop on the management of coastal aquifers in the Insular Caribbean. Elaboration of manuals Approval of new projects and implementation of approved projects aimed at increasing the coverage of drinking water and water resource management in Brazil.	UNEP UNEP UN COUNTRY TEAM BRAZIL (inter-agency action in the scope of UNDAF). 2006-2007
WATER POLLUTION i) Expand the coverage of drinking water and wastewater management services	By the year 2015, reduce in half the world population that does not have access to drinking water or basic sanitation services	Approval of new projects and implementation of approved projects aimed towards increasing sanitation coverage and wastewater treatment in countries of the region	IDB 2006-2007

³ Underlined countries: coordinating countries

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Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and timetable
		<p>- Norte Grande Water Resources Management (Argentina). The Programme would have the following components: (i) Irrigation and drainage systems; (ii) Drinking water and sanitation systems in low-income communities; (iii) Water regulation works.</p> <p>-Private Investment Schemes for Irrigation and Drainage (Colombia).</p>	<p>IDB 2006-2007</p> <p>IDB 2006-2007</p>
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT		<p>- Integrated Water Resources Management (Peru)</p> <p>Integrated water resources management strategy, pilot case</p> <p>“Risk Management for the Sustainability of Coastal Aquifers in the Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean” (MoRSCA) – Regional</p> <p>“Integrated Management Programme of the El Pantanal Basin and the Upper Basin of the Rio Paraguay” – Brazil</p> <p>“Integrated Management of land-based activities in the San Francisco Basin” – Brazil</p> <p>“Strategic Action Programme for the Binational Basin of the Rio Bermejo” – Argentina, Bolivia</p> <p>“Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources of the Amazon River” – Regional</p> <p>“Formulation of the Strategic Action Programme for Integrated Water Resources Management and Sustainable Development of the San Juan Basin and its Coastal Area” – Costa Rica, Nicaragua</p> <p>“Formulation of a Water Resources Management Framework for the Plate River Basin” – Regional</p>	<p>IDB 2006-2007</p> <p>IBD 2006</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p>

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Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and timetable
		<p>“Sustainable Land Management in the Basin of the Mopan-Belize River” – Belize, Guatemala</p> <p>“Sustainable Land Management in the basins that flow into the Gulf of Fonseca” – El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua</p>	<p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP-GEF 2006-2007</p>
		<p>“Integrated Watershed Coastal Area Management (IWCAM) in the Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean”.</p>	<p>UNEP/GEF 2006-2007.</p>
		<p>Implementation of Project: “Securing Water Resources through Watershed Rehabilitation In Grenada in the Post Ivan Era”</p>	<p>UNEP/EU 2006-2007</p>
		<p>GEF Project in the Dominican Republic: Demonstration of Sustainable Land Management in the Upper System of the Sabana Yegua Basin, which will strengthen policy frameworks and national and local capacities while, at the same time, developing financial mechanisms to ensure management. It will also provide an important model for integrated watershed management that incorporates both environmental and socio-economic aspects.</p>	<p>UNDP/GEF 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Regional GEF Project in Argentina and Uruguay, Environmental Protection of the Río de la Plata and its Maritime Front: Pollution prevention and control and habitat restoration. Programme for the integrated management of the Río de la Plata basin and its maritime front, based on a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and the preparation of a Strategic Action Programme.</p>	<p>UNDP/GEF 2006-2007</p>
		<p>1) Project promoting the integrated management of ecosystems and natural resources in Honduras</p> <p>2) Project for integrated management of ecosystems in three priority ecoregions, Mexico</p>	<p>UNDP/GEF 2006-2007</p>

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Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and timetable
		3) Project on capacity building for a sustainable land management programme in Nicaragua 4) Project on a capacity.-building programme for sustainable land management in Guatemala 5) Project on micro-basin management in Mexico 6) Project being formulated to support the programme of sustainable management for the restoration, rehabilitation and conservation of ecosystems in Arco Seco, Sabana Veraguense and Cerro Punta in Panama.	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007 UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
i) Improve and strengthen institutional arrangements for the integrated management of watersheds and aquifers, among other items, through the establishment of hydrographic basin committees with the participation of all sub-national government, civil society, and private sector levels as well all other parties involved	By 2005, develop integrated management systems for water resources and plans for the efficient use of water	Implementation of Guarani hidric Project (Argentina, Brasil, Paraguay)	WB, OAS 2006-2007
		GEO Water Resources – Brazil	UNEP 2006
		GEO Alto do Tietê Basin – Sao Paulo, Brazil	UNEP 2006
MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES i) Implement action plans for the integrated management of coastal and coastal ecosystem resources, particularly focusing on the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	By 2012, facilitate the use of tools such as the elimination of destructive fishing practices, the establishment of protected marine areas and closed season systems to favor the proper use of coastal zones, watershed planning, and the integrated management of marine coastal areas in key sectors Make progress in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities	Integrated management of the maritime and coastal area of the Samaná Region (Dominican Republic) Integrated management of the Gulf of Fonseca ecosystem (El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua) “Reduce the drainage of pesticides into the Caribbean Sea” – Regional Development of national action plans in various countries	IDB 2006-2007 IDB 2006-2007 UNEP-GEF 2006-2007 UNEP 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Mexico</u> ² , <u>Nicaragua</u> , Colombia B. Water Resources		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and timetable
	Reduce, prevent, and control waste and pollution, as well as their impact on health by adopting initiatives designed to apply the GPA in SIDS	Regional GEF project, Integrated Watershed and Coastal Area Management in the small island developing States (SIDS) of the Caribbean, implemented together with UNEP. Seek to strengthen the capacity of the countries in this area in order to achieve sustainable management of water resources and ecosystems, based on recognition of the links between basins and coastal areas of the SIDS. In addition to strengthening regional coordination and cooperation, it is developing nine demonstration projects that address strategic themes such as water resources conservation and management, wastewater management and treatment, and land-use planning and management (Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Kitts, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago).	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Regional GEF Project, Haiti and Dominican Republic, integrated management of the Rio Artibonito river basin, aimed at applying the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA)-Strategic Action Programme (SAP) methodology to solve problems of land degradation and inappropriate water resources management.	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
ii) Adopt a comprehensive and integrated approach to the management of the Caribbean Sea through the development of a comprehensive strategy for its protection and management	Accelerate national and regional implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action, with appropriate financial resources, transfer of rational environmental technologies and assistance in capacity building. Carry out a widespread review of said implementation in 2006	Implementation of a programme on the physical alteration and destruction of habitats in the Caribbean	UNEP 2006-2007
		Implementation of several projects in the Caribbean focused on the prevention and mitigation of natural disasters, including activities in St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica and Grenada, among others	UNEP 2006-2007

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Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and timetable
		<p>Implementation of a programme on the physical alteration and destruction of habitats in the Caribbean</p> <hr/> <p>Implementation of Partnership Initiative on Management of Coastal Aquifers and Fresh Water in Caribbean SIDS, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vulnerability mapping of coastal aquifers - Development and replication of tools and methodologies for monitoring coastal aquifers - Establishment of a new network of coastal aquifers in the Caribbean Region - Capacity Building and Strengthening of technological capacity for the management of coastal aquifers - Assessment of methodologist for maintaining the impact of extreme advance and potential sea level rise in coastal aquifers - South-South cooperation between Caribbean SIDS and Latin American Countries <p>Implement GPA Initiative on Micro-financing of activities in the Coastal Zone of Brazil</p>	<p>WB 2006-2007</p> <hr/> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p> <p>UNEP 2006-2007</p>

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Cuba</u> ⁴ , Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay C. Human Settlements		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
LAND USE i) Implement land use plans and policies based on a sustainable development focus		Culmination of the first phase of the GEO City projects (Havana, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Bogotá, Mexico, Rio de Janeiro, <u>Sao Paulo</u> , and Manaus) of integrated environmental assessments of cities ----- Organization and implementation of the second phase of the GEO cities projects in 20 cities of Latin America and the Caribbean, making comprehensive environmental assessments of the cities ----- Preparation and implementation of strategies to strengthen the capacity of cities to conduct comprehensive environmental assessments and monitor the state of the urban environment. ----- Implementation Partnership Initiative on Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Caribbean SIDS: - Elaboration of Action Plans ----- - Establishment of a Regional/Sub-regional Platform for the implementation of the UNCCD, including the building of complementarities with other MEAs ----- - Elaboration of integrated Sub-regional Action Plans (SRAP) ----- - Development of Methods and Tools for Monitoring and Measuring Land Degradation - Training, Research, Capacity Development and Policy Analysis - South-South Cooperation - Targeted GEF Interventions	UNEP, HABITAT, WB 2006-2007 ----- UNEP, HABITAT, WB 2006-2007 ----- UNEP, HABITAT, WB 2006-2007 ----- UNEP / GM/UNCCD 2006-2007 ----- UNEP / GM/UNCCD ----- UNEP / GM/UNCCD
ii) Incorporate instruments for risk management in land use plans		Incorporation of an environmental ethic in the networks of environmental authorities of cities in Latin America and the Caribbean ----- National Projects in Argentina, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic supporting sustainable land management. ----- Pipeline GEO Cities – São Lourenço da Serra, Santo André	WB, IDB, PAHO 2006-2007 ----- UNDP/GEF 2006-2007 ----- UNEP, State Government, NGO 2006-2007

⁴ Coordinating country

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Cuba</u> ⁴ , Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay C. Human Settlements		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		GEO Cities Pilot in Brazil – Beberibe, Ponta Porã, Piranhas and Maraba	UNEP, HABITAT 2006
		Elaboration of project to support the implementation of Brazilian National Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	UNEP, UNDP, National Government 2006-2007

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Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
i) Implement in the region the use of at least 10% of the renewable energy of the total energy percentage in the region for 2010	Increase: a) access to modern energy services; b) energy efficiency; and c) the use of renewable energy	Implementation of projects that support the introduction of cleaner production, with special emphasis on the use of renewable energy	UNEP, WB 2006-2007
		Pilot project on the use of coconut oil as a renewable energy source. (Paraguay).	IDB 2006-2007
		Viability of "biomass-derived ethanol" as fuel for the transport sector, in support of the Energy Ministry of Mexico	IDB 2006-2007
		Joint efforts of IDB, , GTZ, the countries of the region, and training centres to reduce barriers to financing for new renewable energy projects.	IDB 2006-2008
	Promote interaction among the different energy management centers of excellence in order to attain sustainable development	Promotion and dissemination of methodologies and instruments on sustainable production and consumption among governments, industrial sectors and civil society	UNEP 2006-2007
	Take steps to mobilize the supply of financial resources, technology transfer, capacity development and dissemination of appropriate technologies	Promotion of the use of renewable sources of energy in rural areas to benefit the poorest population	UNEP, UNDP 2006-2007
		"Generation and distribution of renewable energy based on modern energy services" – Cuba	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		"Eastern Caribbean Geothermal Development Project"	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		Identify legal, institutional and political obstacles in the design and implementation of renewable energy projects in the Caribbean and Central America	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007

⁵ Coordinating country

ILAC Guiding Goal	<p style="text-align: right;">Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Brazil</u>⁵, Barbados, Chile, Honduras</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Renewable Energy</p>		
Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		Project on rural electrification and renewable energy through a participatory citizen process in Bolivia	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Removal of barriers to rural electrification with renewable energy in Chile	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Electrification with renewable energy in Costa Rica	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Removal of barriers to the use of renewable energy in Galapagos, Ecuador	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Productive uses of renewable energy in Guatemala	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Renewable energy development programme in the Caribbean	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Action Plan to remove large-scale barriers for the implementation of wind energy in Mexico	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Productive uses of small-scale hydroelectricity in Nicaragua	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Rural photovoltaic electricity in Peru	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Promote the use of renewable energy through the removal of barriers and the reduction of implementation costs in Haiti	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Renewable energy system in the Peruvian Amazon region	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Generation of renewable energy through sugarcane in Brazil	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Removal of large-scale barriers to the commercial implementation of renewable energy in Uruguay	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Brazil</u> ⁵ , Barbados, Chile, Honduras D. Renewable Energy		
Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
	Develop and disseminate alternative energy technologies so that renewable energy might play a more significant role in the general use of energy, improving energy efficiency and offering more reliability on advanced energy technologies	Support the countries of the region in the study, development and implementation of renewable energy, following up on projects such as the Solar and Wind Energy Survey Assessment (SWERA).	UNEP 2006
	Strengthen institutions or national and regional energy agreements to increase regional and international cooperation on the topic of energy in relation to sustainable development, especially to assist developing nations in their internal efforts to provide reliable, accessible, economically feasible, socially acceptable energy services as well as services that protect the environment of all sectors of the population	Promotion of the participation of regional centers of the Global Network of Renewable Energy Centers	UNEP, Governments of the region 2006-2007
	Take action to gradually eliminate subsidies in this area that inhibit sustainable development		UNEP, Governments of the region 2006-2007
	Encourage governments to improve the operation of national energy markets so that they back up sustainable development, overcome tariff barriers, and improve their accessibility, bearing in mind that policy should be decided by each country	Joint research with GTZ on challenges and opportunities to increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of regional integration.	IDB 2005-2008

ILAC Guiding Goal	<p style="text-align: right;">Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Peru</u>⁶, Argentina, Jamaica, Chile, Mexico</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. Trade and the Environment</p>		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
<p>Raise the level of competitiveness of the productive structures of the countries of the region to foster an appropriate insertion into the world economy⁷</p>	<p>Continue to improve the mutual support of trade, the environment and development in order to attain sustainable development through actions at all levels</p>	<p>Promotion of programmes for training and exchanging experiences on trade and the environment in coordination with the ITC agencies, emphasizing issues on negotiation capabilities (within the context of free trade negotiations and latter phases), impact analysis and environmental systems, including the comprehensive assessment and impact analysis of trade agreements and programmes, as well as multilateral environmental regulations and environmental agreements and the valuation of environmental goods and services.</p>	<p>IDB, UNEP, ECLAC, UNCTAD, WB, IISD 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Advocate the preparation of a distance course on trade, environment and sustainability in cooperation with the ITC.</p>	<p>ECLAC, UNDP, UNEP, WB, IDB 2006</p>
		<p>Development of activities and events to generate and channel demands for training on facilitate access to financial resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate events among agencies at the level of environmental trade or economy authorities; - Foster interest in finance ministries to incorporate environmental themes in financing applications 	<p>UNEP, WB, IDB, ECLAC, UNDP, Ministries 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Conduct studies on the cost of environmental degradation with a view to redefining environmental priorities, particularly in reference to the environmental implications of free trade agreements and the expansion of infrastructure (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama)</p>	<p>WB 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Promotion of sustainable production and of the trade in products resulting from sustainable practices, with emphasis on the work of small rural producers through training workshops, product exhibits, awareness campaigns, and national and regional fairs to link supply and demand</p>	<p>UNEP, Governments of the region 2006-2007</p>
		<p>Support the ministries of the environment so that they lead governmental institutions in the promotion of policies and practices of green purchases</p>	<p>UNEP 2006-2007</p>

⁶ Coordinating country

⁷ Note: This goal on Trade and the Environment was identified at ILAC III, Operational Guidelines, 9b.vi.

ILAC Guiding Goal	<p style="text-align: right;">Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Peru</u>⁶, Argentina, Jamaica, Chile, Mexico</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. Trade and the Environment</p>		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
4		<p>Promotion of sustainable tourism practices with an emphasis on the reduction of water and energy consumption; minimization of environmental impacts. Incorporation of local communities in the planning, implementation and sharing of the benefits of tourist activities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dissemination of the Galapagos Declaration Galápagos and the Amazon River; - manuals on best practices; - exchange of experiences; - promotion of regulatory frameworks; - training of local parties 	UNEP 2006-2007
		Meeting on Trade and Environment	UNEP 2006-2007
		Meeting of Ministers of Tourism and Environment	UNEP 2006-2007
		Support for financing bio-businesses and support for a Development Activities Market in the Andean Region – Regional	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		<p>Implementation of the South-South Cooperation Programme in Trade and Environment</p> <p>Emphasis will be placed in a number of themes inter alia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environment assessment of trade policies - Trade and Environment goods and services 	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environment and Trade in context of regional trade agreements (FTAA) - Biodiversity and trade including relationships between TRIPs and the CDB - Production process methods (PPM) 	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		<p>Promotion of programmes for training and assessment on trade, environment and poverty alleviation, emphasizing issues on negotiation capabilities and planning process, including the comprehensive assessment and impact analysis of several trade segments, as well as their linkages between environmental degradation and international trade flows.</p>	UNEP 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Peru</u> ⁶ , Argentina, Jamaica, Chile, Mexico E. Trade and the Environment		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of Integrated Assessment and Planning pilot methodology in South American countries. Conduct studies, based on GEO methodology, on trade agreements and sub- regional integration. - GEO MERCOSUR Support sub-regional agreements and strengthen their environmental agenda, emphasizing priority themes, such as environmental goods and services and biodiversity strategies. - MERCOSUR Biodiversity strategy; - EGS preparatory meetings to WTO; Promotion of capacity building programmes sub-regional oriented so as to strengthen sub-regional participation in global fora. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP and National Governments 2006-2007 UNEP 2006-2007 UNEP, UNCTAD 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Chile</u> ⁸ , Ecuador, Mexico		
F. Financial Instruments and Fiscal Policy			
Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
i) Establish a system of economic incentives for productive and industrial projects that conserve natural resources and energy, and reduce the final disposal of effluents that are dumped into the water, soil and air	Support the successful conclusion of the program in the Doha Declaration and the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, putting the needs and interests of developing nations at the core of respective work programs, including the improvement of market access to products of interest to developing countries		
	Actively promote corporate responsibility, based on the Rio Principles (13)	Workshops on fiscal policy and the environment and, in cooperation with ECLAC, regional seminars on fiscal policy and environment.	ECLAC, WB, UNDP 2006-2007
		Institutional strengthening of environmental management in Haiti and Guatemala.	IDB 2006-2007
		Implementation of environmental requirements for free trade (Chile)	IDB 2006-2007
		A series of NGO seminars on environmental aspects of operational priorities (regional)	IBD 2006-2007
		Fifth meeting of the Environmental Network of Regional Dialogue on Policy: environmental goods and services	IBD 2006-2007
		Promotion of corporate responsibility principles, based on Global Compact approach, emphasizing financial institutions and ethic funds contribution to sustainable development.	UNEP 2006-2007
		MOU between UNEP and Caixa Econômica Federal (Brazil Public Bank).	

⁸ Coordinating country

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Chile</u> ⁸ , Ecuador, Mexico F. Financial Instruments and Fiscal Policy		
Actions for implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		Promotion of programmes for capacity building and exchanging experiences on sustainable corporate management, emphasizing issues on negotiation capabilities and inclusion of environmental risk in decision-making process	UNEP 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: Panama ⁹ , Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Belize G. Climate Change		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
AIR POLLUTION i) Reduce the concentration of pollutant emissions in the air	Implement sustainable transportation strategies aiming at increasing energy efficiency, reducing pollution, traffic congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions, consequently reducing their adverse effects on health and the environment	Continued introduction of cleaner production practices into industrial sectors with the objective of limiting pollutant emissions and improving energy efficiency	UNEP, local governments
		Projects to improve urban transport in cities such as Santiago and Mexico City	WB 2006-2007
		- Regional dialogue on urban transport: a workshop will be organized to study better practices in urban transport in the Andean region.	IBD 2006-2007
		Preparation and implementation of Prototype Carbon Fund projects to combat climate change in countries such as Chile, Costa Rica and Colombia	WB 2006-2007
		Support for the Clean Air Initiative to foster the exchange of information and technical assistance to cities of Latin America and the Caribbean (i.e. Mexico City, Lima, Santiago, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires)	WB 2006-2007
		Promotion of environmentally sustainable means of transport in medium-sized cities in Chile	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Promotion of environmentally sustainable means of transport in Managua, the capital city of Nicaragua	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Promotion of environmentally sustainable means of transport in the city of Valencia, Venezuela	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007

⁹ Coordinating country

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: Panama², Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Belize G. Climate Change		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		Project to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) through bicycle transport in the city of Quito, Ecuador	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Project to reduce GHGs through bicycle transport in the most pertinent urban areas in El Salvador	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Regional project for energy efficiency in Central America (Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras)	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Regional project in the Southern Cone: Capacity-building for removing barriers to the cost-effective development and implementation of energy efficiency standards and labelling	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Regional project in the Andean countries: Capacity-building to remove barriers to the cost-effective development and implementation of energy efficiency standards and labelling	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
	Promote international, regional and national cooperation to reduce air pollution, including transboundary air pollution, acid deposits and ozone depletion, taking into account the Rio principles, which include the concept that given that countries have contributed in different ways to global environmental degradation, they have common but differentiated responsibilities, adopting measures at all levels	Financing of the Compliance Assistance Programme by the Multilateral Fund for the Application of the Montreal Protocol, to assist the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean to reach and sustain the phase-out targets of ozone depleting substances pertaining to developing countries	UNEP, WB, UNDP 2006-2007
		- Conduct studies on the cost of environmental degradation with a view to redefining environmental priorities, particularly in reference to the links between health and environment – GEO Health	WB, UNEP, 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: Panama ² , Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Belize G. Climate Change		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		Organization of 30 sub-regional workshops on the four GEF themes, 6 for each of the Environmental Citizenship's Network	UNEP, IUCN-South, CLAI, CI, AMARC-ALER, PARLATINO, IULA 2006-2007
		Elaboration of demonstration campaigns in the 7 countries participating in the Environmental Citizenship Project	UNEP, Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru 2006-2007
VULNERABILITY TO MAN-MADE DISASTERS AND THOSE CAUSED BY NATURAL PHENOMENA i) Implement and strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms for risk management, and mitigation of man made disasters, as well as those caused by natural phenomena, including the design of a regional early warning system and establishment of immediate response groups		Promotion of the implementation of APELL methodology for the prevention of industrial accidents and the creation of awareness in local communities, with special emphasis on the mining, transportation and chemical substance sectors	UNDP-Peru, UNEP 2006-2007
		Follow-up of the reports on climate change impacts in the Caribbean	UNEP 2006-2007
		Continue incorporating the theme of adaptation to climate change in national development strategies (Central America, Cuba and Mexico)	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Continue incorporating the theme of adaptation to climate change in national development strategies (Central America, Cuba and Mexico)	UNDP/GEF 2006-2007
		Incorporation of the issue of climate change adjustment in national development strategies (Central America, Cuba and Mexico)	UNDP-GEF 2006-2007
		Incorporation of climate change risk management, adaptation and mitigation in the English-speaking Caribbean	UNDP 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: Panama², Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Belize G. Climate Change		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		Incorporation of climate change risk management, adaptation and mitigation in the Andean countries	UNDP 2006-2007
		"Investigation of the impacts of climate change on mid-latitude galciers in the south"	UNEP-GEF 2006-2007
		Preparation and implementation of projects on adaptation to climate change in the Caribbean	WB, OAS 2006-2007
		Generation of opportunities for Clean Development Mechanism projects (Bolivia).	IDB 2006-2007
		Action Plan on GHG Mitigation and Carbon Credits (Regional)	IDB 2006-2007
		Assistance in facing emergencies caused by climate change in the Caribbean (subregional)	IDB 2006-2007
		Implementation of natural disaster prevention and mitigation projects such as those related to climate change, principally in countries such as Argentina, (flooding) and Mexico (institutional strengthening), as well as Central America and the Caribbean, and particularly the preparation of a project for the implementation of adaptation measures in coastal areas (SPACC)	WB, IDB 2006-2007
		- National Disaster Prevention and Risk Management Programme (Dominican Republic),	IDB 2006-2007
		- Preventive Management of Natural Risks (Bahamas).	IDB 2006-2007
		- Early Warning and Natural Risk Management System (Ecuador)	IDB 2006-2007
		- Disaster risk analysis by country (Jamaica, Peru, El Salvador, Bolivia).	IDB 2006-2007
		- Sixth meeting of the Disaster Risk Management Network of the Regional Dialogue on Policy.	IDB 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Panama</u> ² , Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Belize G. Climate Change		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		- Subregional meetings of the Disaster Risk Management Network of the Regional Dialogue on Policy ----- Institutional Support for the establishment of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) ----- Implementation of project "Strengthening the scientific basis for Climate Change related issues in Brazil"	IDB 2006-2007 ----- UNEP/ CCCCC 2006-2007 ----- UNEP, UNDP, National Government 2006-2007

ILAC Guiding Goal	<p style="text-align: right;">Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Costa Rica</u>,¹⁰ Colombia, St. Lucia, Mexico</p> H. Environmental Indicators		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
ASSESSMENT AND INDICATORS			
i) Develop and implement an assessment process to follow-up the progress of accomplished sustainable development goals, including the results of the Johannesburg Plan of Action, by adopting systems of sustainability indicators at the national and regional levels that respond to the special social, economic and political needs of the region	Encourage the initiatives undertaken by countries on sustainable development indicators at the national level, including the integration of gender aspects, and of a voluntary nature in accordance with national priorities and conditions	Development of assessments employing the GEO methodology at the regional, subregional, national and municipal levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional: GEO LAC 2007 - Subregions, including MERCOSUR and Andean countries - National: eight countries - State level (Minas Gerais, Bahia) 	UNEP, governments of the region 2006-2007
	Promote work on indicators, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Decision 9/4 of the Commission on Sustainable Development	Implement draft methodology tests for integrated assessment of health and environment themes and the impacts of environmental problems on health (GEO Health), and regional assessment of environment and health in LAC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilot projects at three sites to finalize the methodology - GEO Health in LAC Implementation of GEO Health in Sao Paulo, Brazil:	UNEP, PAHO 2006-2007 UNEP, PAHO, State Government 2006
		Support to Millennium Development Goals National Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilize funds to implement GEO Health in LAC 	UNEP 2006, 2007
		Continue with the revision and monitoring of ILAC indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize the methodology sheets for all 38 approved indicators 	UNEP, Costa Rica, governments of the region 2006-2007

¹⁰ Coordinating country

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Costa Rica</u> , ¹⁰ Colombia, St. Lucia, Mexico H. Environmental Indicators		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		Develop methodology sheets for the 12 new indicators proposed Establish a programme of national application of ILAC indicator. By 2007 at least 15 countries would be completed the application of ILAC indicators at the national level.	
		Strengthen the network of national focal points of ILAC	
		Conduct a study on indicators used by the LAC countries.	
		Continue with the construction of the GEO LAC Data Portal - Achieve a consensus among the national focal points about the services that should be offered by the regional portal. - Collaborate and start the integration of existing initiatives of environmental information such as el Sistema de Información Ambiental Mesoamericano (SIAM), SERVIR, among others	UNEP, ECLAC, Government of Costa Rica 2006-2007
		Continue with the efforts to institutionalize the activities on environmental information in all countries in LAC with support of the Interagency Technical Committee of the Forum of Ministers. Implementation of the UNEP-ECLAC Framework Cooperation Agreement in the field of environmental information and statistics	UNEP 2006-2007 UNEP and ECLAC 2006-2007
		- Finalize the proposal of a SIREA project to strengthen capacities and promote collection and harmonisation of data and indicators at the national level	UNEP and ECLAC 2006-2007
		- Formulate a strategic plan for the implementation of SIREA and the construction of national capacities	

ILAC Guiding Goal	Countries responsible for the topic: <u>Costa Rica</u> , ¹⁰ Colombia, St. Lucia, Mexico H. Environmental Indicators		
Actions for Implementation	Johannesburg Goals	Activities	Focal Points, Partners and Timetable
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect national data and indicators for the use of the Forum Development the network for training in the preparation and use of satellite information and other geospatial and georeferencial applications, which is necessary to strengthen South-South cooperation. - Develop a platform to share satellite and geospatial information among countries through expert institutions with the capacities to use and manage such type of information. - Create a network of centres with technical capacities to manage geospatial and satellite information. - Strengthen the mechanisms for access to the information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Establish mechanisms to share processed information. * Develop and publish an Atlas of Regional Environmental Change in LAC. Continued organization of meetings of experts and training workshops/courses on environmental indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP and ECLAC 2006-2007 PNUMA y Panamá 2006-2007 ECLAC, WB, SIDA 2006-2007
VULNERABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT			
i) Fine-tune and apply vulnerability indicators			
ii) Incorporate indicators into national development plans			

