

Decision 9

Cooperation on climate change

Recalling the XVIII Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, in Quito, Ecuador, in 2012, that ratified the need to take actions to address the consequences from the increase of the frequency of extreme climatic events;

Acknowledging that negative impacts of climate change on the Latin America and the Caribbean region affect the well-being and quality of life of its inhabitants as well as their future development prospects;

Considering the high vulnerability of the region to climate phenomena, in particular the adverse circumstances of the Caribbean Small Island Developing States, it becomes urgent to impel ambitious and immediate actions;

Taking into consideration the existence of regional capacities to address climate change, and the wide possibilities to strengthen South-South and triangular cooperation on the matter;

Decide

1. **To promote** a regional cooperation programme on climate change as a framework for South-South and triangular cooperation on areas of interest for the region.
2. **To resolve** that the cooperation programme mentioned in paragraph 1, will be designed and coordinated jointly by Mexico as Presidency of this Forum and by Peru as UNFCCC COP20 incoming Presidency, in consultation with the countries in the region and supported by UNEP and other relevant regional and global institutions.
3. **To encourage** the integration of scientific and economic information to contribute to climate change policy making.
4. **To consider** in the cooperation programme, means of supporting Caribbean Small Islands Developing States in responding to the adverse impacts of climate change.
5. **To take into account** during the process of updating the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC), the needs of the region for the full implementation of the decisions from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.