

Decision 6.

ILAC Indicators

Convinced that ILAC is a regional initiative that promotes sustainable development in harmony with nature through the definition of regional priorities and South-South cooperation;

Taking into account that the ILAC indicators should contribute significantly to follow up to the initiative;

Recognizing the need to strengthen integration of the three pillars of sustainable development: environmental, economic and social; and taking into account the different levels of development of countries in the region;

Recalling that Decision 5 of the XVIII Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean called for the experience of the Working Group on Environmental Indicators (WGEI) to be leveraged in initiatives arising from Rio+20;

Emphasizing the importance and need for environmental information that is timely, accurate and sufficiently detailed to support informed decision making and policy development for sustainable development;

Reaffirming the importance of environmental information systems for the achievement of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on access to environmental information and public participation;

Considering the different subregional and national initiatives that are currently being developed to monitor environmental and socio-economic policies;

Recognizing the value of regional and inter-sectoral networks for the implementation of cooperation activities, for knowledge management and transfer, and to support harmonized approaches for the management of environmental information;

Decide

- 1. To adopt** the recommendations of the Working Group on Environmental Indicators (WGEI) presented in document UNEP/LAC-IGWG.XIX/4.Rev.2.
- 2. To approve** the WGEI Work Plan for 2014-2015 proposed in document UNEP/LAC-IGWG.XIX/4.Rev.1, Annex 1.
- 3. To express satisfaction with** the work carried out by WGEI during the past biennium in support of ILAC and **to recognize** the impetus of Mexico, as Chair of the Group, to the Group's work, its development of an on-line portal for display of the ILAC indicators, and its commitment to the Group's objectives.
- 4. To support** the development of indicators that provide information on the links between different priority areas of ILAC; for example, indicators of sustainable consumption and production, through cooperation between WGEI and the Regional Council of Governmental Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production;
- 5. To request** WGEI to assist in the future revision of the ILAC priority issues, harmonizing environmental indicators of the Initiative with the results of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 6. To encourage** the development of environmental information systems on platforms accessible to the public;
- 7. To promote** the involvement of Ministries of Environment and Statistical Offices in the process of establishing Sustainable Development Goals to ensure these goals are in line with regional priorities and capacities for generating, processing and systematizing data and indicators;
- 8. To promote** the government programmes of South-South Cooperation that already exist and urge Governments to attach

priority to cooperation in support of national environmental information systems, the transfer of good practices and the development of national capacities for statistics and geospatial information, with the aim of integrating environmental considerations in economic and social policies;

9. **To invite** governments that do not participate in WGEI to designate focal points for the Working Group, through their Ministries of Environment and National Statistical Offices;
10. **To recognize** the efforts of countries that have produced national reports on the ILAC indicators, calling on other countries to take forward similar efforts and, in particular, to use the indicators to keep the state of environment under review and to support policy making;
11. **To utilize** resources effectively and avoid duplication of efforts through inter-institutional communication and the creation of synergies between environmental information initiatives, both at the national and international levels;
12. **To invite** the agencies of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee and other international organizations concerned with the management of environmental information, in accordance with their respective mandates, to cooperate with the Working Group on Environmental Indicators of the Forum of Ministers.