

# Regional symposium on the Integrated Approach for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

4-5 October, Brasilia, Brazil

The 2030 Agenda was adopted by all 195 members States of the United Nations in September 2015. Its goals are “integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development.” By moving towards practices which adopt this integrated approach, we can address the complexity and interdisciplinary nature of the development challenges we face in Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC).

The report of ‘experiences’ from the region which will be launched at, and provide much of the structure for this symposium, provides us with a diverse collection of innovative examples that will provide inspiration on how to overcome challenges to build coherent, integrated and effective policy.

## Outcomes and Objectives

This symposium, organized by UN Environment (UNEP) with the support of the Brazilian Government, will provide an interactive environment to exchange knowledge and expertise. Participants will become part of a highly engaged community of practitioners, leaders, businesspeople, technical experts and government officials who will develop ideas, solutions and partnerships during and between events. The symposium will focus in the following key objectives:

- Learn from a dynamic and diverse range of experiences that are advancing integrated approaches to sustainable development in the LAC region.
- Map the main challenges and opportunities for integrated policy support to the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to network, identify synergies and partnership opportunities, including South-South/ Triangular and cross-sectoral cooperation.

## Agenda

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
<p><b>Official Opening - Minister of Environment of Brazil and UN Environment Regional Director for LAC.</b></p> <p><b>Session 1 - Integrated approach and policy coherence for Agenda 2030</b></p> <p><b>1.1. Global Goals in Regional Focus</b> – The Rio+20 legacy for advancing sustainable development in LAC.</p> <p><b>1.2. Integrated policy making towards the 2030 Agenda</b> – Institutional shifts needed to advance the SDG.</p>	<p><b>Session 3 – A toolkit for an integrated approach</b></p> <p><b>3.1. The SDGs as a network of targets</b> - Innovation and integration for synergistic public action.</p> <p><b>3.2. Science-policy dialogue</b> - Open Science and information to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.</p>
<p><b>Session 2 –Sustainable development in practice in LAC.</b></p> <p><b>2.1. Introduction to experiences and compilation process.</b></p> <p><b>2.2. Experiences in focus</b> - Parallel sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrating innovation and technology.</li> <li>- Integration among sectors.</li> <li>- Integration of stakeholders.</li> <li>- Integrating finance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 4 – Participation for Agenda 2030: South-South and Triangular cooperation</b></p> <p><b>4.1. Fostering opportunities for partnerships</b> -Alliances for sustainable transformation</p> <p><b>4.2. Views on financing and technical assistance for the 2030 Agenda implementation in LAC.</b></p>
<p><b>Conclusions</b> - Review of sessions and wrap up.</p>	<p><b>Official Closure</b></p>