



Draft Agenda

Intra-Regional Relations

*Regional Meeting on Migration and Migration Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean
Lima, Peru
22 March 2018
SP/RRMPM-ALC/DT N° 1-18*

Copyright © SELA, March 2018. All rights reserved.
Printed in the Permanent Secretariat of SELA, Caracas, Venezuela.

The Press and Publications Department of the Permanent Secretariat of SELA must authorize reproduction of this document, whether totally or partially, through sela@sela.org. The Member States and their government institutions may reproduce this document without prior authorization, provided that the source is mentioned and the Secretariat is aware of said reproduction.

The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) and the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN) convene the Regional Meeting on Migration and Migration Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

I. JUSTIFICATION

Migratory processes are, perhaps, the latest and deepest expression of regional integration processes. They have an impact on a variety of aspects, such as urban planning, labour market, capital movements and citizen security. However, their importance goes beyond any of these elements, because above all, migratory processes, put to the test the capacity of adaptation of peoples and recognizing each other as equals, so as to build relations for co-existence and tolerance.

Although it is a variable of enormous significance, there are not many studies that analyse its determinants and evaluate their impact on the region. This is mainly due to two reasons. Firstly, the lack of studies on migration is explained by the difficulties faced in finding reliable statistical databases on cross-border people flows. The information available tends to be inconsistent and, in general, incomplete.

Secondly, the studies on migration have emerged as complementary information to the integration processes, and the emphasis of the governments has rather been on the analysis of intra-regional trade. Paradoxically, the latter continues to be relatively small, whereupon the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean have integrated deeper with extra-regional markets, rather than with each other.

The region's economies cannot escape the globalization and productive transformation processes, which open up new opportunities for the integration of labour markets. These trends are expressly reflected in the constituent documents of the integration mechanisms, and they provide for the harmonization of economic and social policies with the free movement of goods, services, and productive factors among countries within the mechanism.

Thus, concerning mobility of factors and migration aspects, subregional integration schemes have made proposals ranging from the Residence Agreement as a key step in the integration process – since it offers equal treatment in terms of labour law and working conditions – to the promotion of programmes for recognition of higher education diplomas in foster the free movement of labour force and the best use of human resources.

Beyond the legal issues associated with the treatment of persons in the different integration mechanisms, there is a series of economic incentives that have an impact on migration processes. This meeting intends to discuss some of the elements that determine migratory flows and to describe the way in which they have an impact on the labour market of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. It also seeks to review, compare and characterize the available information on migratory movements in the region, which will be useful for the entities responsible for decision-making around this reality facing our nations.

II. OBJECTIVE

This event aims to highlight the importance of migration flows, as a significant expression of regional integration processes, taking into consideration that they have an impact on a variety of aspects, such as urban planning, labour market, capital flows, and citizen security.

2

III. BASE DOCUMENT

The Permanent Secretariat of SELA will submit the document entitled *Migration flows: A determining factor of national productive capacities, the case of CAN countries*, which includes the proposed indicators with a methodology to expand and maintain the required database on migration flows in the region. This study will serve as the basis for discussions at this meeting.

IV. THEMATIC AGENDA

The agenda includes two major topics related to the phenomenon of migration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The first topic is: *Determining factors of migration flows in the region and their impact on the labour market*. This presentation is the result of a research document that analyses the factors and causes of migration in the region and its implications in the work environment.

The second topic, *Regional challenges concerning migration policies*, aims to review migration policies in the region from the experiences of integration blocs. Various experts will present the advances in migration policy in subregional blocs. This analysis will make it possible for participants to know the common and divergent views on migration policies in the region. This topic will be preceded by a presentation on the outlook of migration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

V. PARTICIPANTS

Government representatives responsible for migration issues in the Member States of SELA, representatives of regional and international organizations, as well as experts in the subject are being convened for this event.

VI. VENUE AND DATE

Venue for the event: Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN). Av. Paseo de la República, N° 3895.

Date: 22 March 2018.

DRAFT AGENDA

22 March 2018

Morning	
8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00 – 9:20	SESION INAUGURAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Walker San Miguel. Secretary-General of the Andean Community (CAN). • Ambassador Javier Paulinich. Permanent Secretary of SELA.
9:20 – 10:20	SESSION I: DETERMINING FACTORS OF MIGRATION FLOWS IN THE REGION AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE LABOUR MARKET Moderator: Ambassador José Antonio Arróspide. General Director of CAN. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier Rodríguez. Analyst of Studies and Proposals of the Permanent Secretariat of SELA. Determining factors of migration flows in the region and their impact on the labour market. • Guillermo Dema. Senior Regional Labour Migration Specialist, of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. International Labour Organization (ILO). • Jinob de la Cruz. Official of Statistics of the Andean Community (CAN). Remittances and migration flows in the Andean Community.
10:20 – 10:45	GENERAL DEBATE
10:45 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:30	SESSION II: REGIONAL CHALLENGES CONCERNING MIGRATION POLICIES Moderator: José Iván Dávalos. Head of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Peru. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diego Beltrand. Regional Director for South America of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). South American Conference on Migration. • Jorge Martínez Pizarro. Researcher. Population and Development of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE). Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). • Tricia Barrow. Political Adviser. Association of Caribbean States (ACS). • Pedro Bravo. Consular Policy Director of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Peru. Pacific Alliance (PA).
12:30 – 1:00	GENERAL DEBATE
1:00 – 2:30	LUNCH

4

Evening	
2:30 – 3:50	<p>SESSION II: REGIONAL CHALLENGES CONCERNING MIGRATION POLICIES</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Javier Vega. Official of Programs of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Peru.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier Palummo. Director of Research and Information Management. Institute for Public Policies on Human Rights. Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR). • Carlos Nieto. Senior Specialist in Migration, Human Mobility and Social Security. Andean Community (CAN). • Alecia Bennett-Bryan. Migration and Development Technical Specialist, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) – Mainstreaming Migration into Regional Sustainable Development Planning Challenges and Opportunities. • Claire Charbit. Head of Unit Territorial Dialogues and Migration. Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE). Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
3:50 – 4:10	GENERAL DEBATE
4:10 – 4:40	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Diego Beltrand. Regional Director for South America of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). South American Conference on Migration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consuelo Sánchez. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). Ecuador. • Mariano Nascone. Specialist in migration and social issues. Argentina – Ecuador.
4:40 – 4:50	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Javier Paulinich. Permanent Secretary of SELA. • Mr Walker San Miguel. Secretary-General of the Andean Community (CAN).