



Calendar of SELA Meetings for 2010

**PERMANENT SECRETARIAT
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA)**

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Activity	Main objective	Date and venue
Joint Regional Programme UNDP-UNCTAD-SELA for Trade, Investment and Development Issues Regional training activities on International Investment Agreements (IIAs).	Build on capacities of trade negotiators in LAC in the area of bilateral and international investment agreements and dispute settlement concerning investments.	2 to 5 February Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Carried out)
Regional Meeting on the economic relations between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union.	Analyze the status and prospects of the economic relations between LAC and the EU, identifying the areas for cooperation efforts with a bi-regional scope ahead of the VI LAC-EU Summit in Madrid.	25 and 26 February Caracas, Venezuela (Carried out)
Regional Meeting on the institutional framework for regional integration.	Analyze the new integration institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean and outline modalities for coordination.	Caracas, Venezuela (To be defined)
Collaboration among Integration and Cooperation Secretariats of the region. Inter-Agency Meeting.	Promote collaboration among integration and cooperation agencies in LAC, through common and complementary projects.	Caracas, Venezuela (To be defined)
Regional Seminar on the economic relations between the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean in the first year of the Obama Administration.	Examine trade relations between the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean during 2009 and its prospects.	22 and 23 March Caracas, Venezuela
First Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting on International Trade Single Windows.	Exchange best practices and promote the implementation of international trade single windows in the region for foreign trade facilitation.	25 and 26 March Bogota, Colombia
Regional Consultation Meeting on Integration and Convergence for Health in LAC.	Analyze the achievements and limitations of the commitments taken on by the regional integration organizations related to the development of the health sector. Presentation of proposals for medium and long-term actions.	29 and 30 March Caracas, Venezuela
Regional Meeting on external financing, reform of the international financial architecture and financial cooperation for integration in LAC.	Analyze the access to external financing by the economies in Latin America and the Caribbean, the need to reform the international financial architecture and promote cooperation towards LAC.	8 and 9 April Caracas, Venezuela
Regional Seminar on Financial Mechanisms, Insurance and Reinsurance against natural disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Recent experiences.	Analyze financial mechanisms, particularly insurance and reinsurance instruments in case of natural disasters, which have been implemented in several Latin American and Caribbean countries.	29 and 30 April Caracas, Venezuela

Activity	Main objective	Date and venue
Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean, Asian and African institutions for disaster risk reduction.	Promote cooperation, coordination and development of institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and Africa in the area of disaster risk reduction, in order to share experiences, exchange offers and demands for cooperation, develop inter-institutional agreements and identify areas of common interest in their corresponding work programmes.	30 April Caracas, Venezuela
Joint Regional Programme UNDP-UNCTAD-SELA-CEPAL for Trade, Investment and Development Issues Round table on relevant issues for small economies.	Foster exchanges among countries and subregions in Latin America and the Caribbean concerning the WTO negotiations and their impact on small economies in LAC.	3 and 4 May Caracas, Venezuela
Workshop: Interactive digital contents: Tools for interactivity and exchanges in social networks.	Contribute to build skills for the creation of interactive digital contents.	6 May Caracas, Venezuela
Regional Cooperation Programme for Trade Facilitation in LAC: Regional Seminar on the Private Sector and Trade Production.	Gain knowledge about the experiences, proposals and recommendations of commercial operators and representatives of the private sector and business associations concerning trade facilitation in LAC and evaluate them.	13 and 14 May Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPyme Programme Workshop on Innovation for MSMEs.	Gain knowledge about the relevant aspects of innovation processes in products, services and technologies and how to incorporate and develop innovation in MSMEs in Ibero-America.	17 to 19 May Antigua, Guatemala
SELA-IBERPyme Programme Business Mission to Brazil.	Conduct business rounds among SME entrepreneurs from Latin America and businessmen in the region of Santa Catarina, in Brazil, working in sectors related to information and communication technologies and innovation. Pay visits to organizations, institutions and enterprises.	26 to 28 May Florianopolis and Blumenau, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Joint Programme UNCTAD-SELA Regional Seminar on competition policies.	Support and increase cooperation in the area of competition policies among LAC countries in order to promote regional integration processes as a means for human development. Hold a preparatory meeting for the VI UN Conference on the Set of Principles on Competition.	26 to 28 May Brasilia, Brazil
Convergence and integration of Latin America and the Caribbean in the area of health: Regional Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights and Integration for Health in LAC.	Discuss and propose actions by the regional and subregional integration and cooperation organizations in the area of intellectual property rights in order to contribute to development of the health sector in LAC.	1 and 2 June Caracas, Venezuela (*)
SELA-IBERPyme Programme Training workshop on tourist projects, services and quality.	Gain knowledge about best practices, strategies and successful cases in the area of tourist projects, services and quality in Venezuela.	10 June Caracas, Venezuela

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Workshop to build capacities for protection of traditional knowledge.	Train national authorities in the area of multilateral and regional agreements, government policies, as well as access and benefit sharing mechanisms for protection of traditional knowledge.	22 and 23 June Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPyme Programme IV Business Forum: Management of Knowledge, ICTs and Innovation for SMEs.	Spread information about experiences and business initiatives in the use of innovations and Information and Communication Technologies as strategies for development of competitiveness and internationalization of SMEs.	24 June Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
XXI Meeting of International Cooperation Directors for Latin America and the Caribbean.	Strengthen this space for encounter of international cooperation authorities of the Member States of SELA and other actors involved in international cooperation.	28 and 29 June (**) Paramaribo, Suriname
SELA-IBERPyme Programme International Seminar on competitiveness of SMEs and access to regional markets.	Analyze official policies, strategies and instruments to promote competitiveness and access to markets for SMEs.	1 and 2 July Cartagena, Colombia
Regional Meeting on diversification of the region's economic relations with "emerging economies".	Consider the most relevant experiences in Latin America and the Caribbean aimed at strengthening the region's economic relations with China, India, Russia and other emerging economies in Eastern Asia.	6 to 8 July Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPyme Programme IV Workshop "Developing New Enterprises"	Inform about the methodologies developed in Latin America to help new entrepreneurs, as well as the strategies to promote and encourage entrepreneurship.	6 to 8 July Cartagena, Colombia
SELA-IBERPyme Programme Second National Meeting: Learning to export.	Hold a meeting of Guatemalan entrepreneurs and experts in critical issues, with the purpose of improving competitiveness and promoting internationalization of MSMEs.	13 July Guatemala City, Guatemala
SELA-IBERPyme Programme First National Meeting: Learning to export.	Hold a meeting of Salvadoran entrepreneurs and experts in critical issues, with the purpose of improving competitiveness and promoting internationalization of MSMEs.	15 July San Salvador, El Salvador
Forum on development of the software industry in LAC: Public policies and business strategies.	Analyze and promote public policies and business strategies to foster the software industry in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly for SMEs.	15 and 16 July Georgetown, Guyana
Regional Meeting on physical infrastructure for integration.	Gain knowledge about the achievements, difficulties and potentials of the physical infrastructure mega-projects being developed in Latin America and the Caribbean.	16 and 17 July Caracas, Venezuela

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Regional Seminar on promotion and development of creative industries in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Analyze the importance of this sector as well as cooperation needs for its promotion and development in Latin America and the Caribbean.	22 and 23 July Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Seminar on best practices of agricultural cooperatives in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Exchange experiences and trends related to the development of agricultural cooperatives in the region.	II Semester Havana, Cuba
Regional Seminar on sustainable development in LAC: The role of territories and local governments.	Systematize the analysis of the current status of policies and programmes for sustainable development being implemented in LAC, particularly in some regions, cities or territorial spaces at the subnational level.	2 to 4 August Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme International Seminar on Productivity and Competitiveness for SMEs.	Gain knowledge about experiences to obtain quality certifications, application of standards and improvement of productivity and competitiveness for SMEs.	5 August Santiago, Chile
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme III Introductory Workshop on coordination of clusters and business networks.	Encourage capacity-building of public and private actors in order to promote, monitor and follow up projects for productive coordination and integration, particularly in the areas of clusters and business networks.	10 August Asuncion, Paraguay
Meeting of regional research institutes in the area of food security in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Contribute to the progressive coordination of the various efforts conducted at the regional and subregional levels to ensure the integration of Latin American and Caribbean countries in the area of food security.	18 to 20 August Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme V Central American Seminar on innovation and trade: INNOTRADE 2010.	Inform about best practices concerning policies and strategies related to innovation and trade at the international level for MSMEs, with a focus on technology transfers.	26 and 27 August Managua, Nicaragua
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Regional Seminar on Tourism.	Gain knowledge about best practices, strategies and successful cases in the area of tourism.	2 September Nassau, Bahamas
Training workshop for public sector officials of the Member States of SELA on food security policies.	Support institutional capacities of the Member States of SELA and the various integration and cooperation organizations, for designing, implementing and evaluating food security policies.	2 and 3 September Caracas, Venezuela
Regional Seminar on digitalization of international trade procedures and transactions.	Promote the exchange of information, analyses, experiences and best practices concerning the design, implementation and evaluation of the programmes to support trade facilitation in LAC.	6 and 7 September Caracas, Venezuela
Joint Programme UNCTAD-SELA Training course on promotion of foreign direct investment.	Support training and exchange of experiences concerning the promotion of investments for Latin American and Caribbean governments.	6 to 10 September Caracas, Venezuela

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SELA-IBERPYPME Programme International Seminar on Partnership and Inter-Enterprise Cooperation.	Gain knowledge about the strategies, experiences and best practices concerning partnerships, business networks, productive chains, export consortiums, development of suppliers and clusters in LAC.	9 September San Salvador, El Salvador
Annual training workshop for public sector officials on digitalization and standardization of foreign trade procedures, international trade single windows.	Contribute to building the necessary technical capacities for the design and implementation of international trade single windows in the region.	13 and 14 September Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Training workshop on internationalization strategies for SMEs.	Gain knowledge about best practices and strategies of the programmes to promote internationalization and export capacities of MSMEs in the region.	16 September Kingston, Jamaica
Regional Cooperation Programme for Trade Facilitation in LAC: Regional Meeting on cooperation for trade facilitation in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Promote the exchange of information, analyses, experiences and best practices concerning the design, implementation and evaluation of the programmes to support trade facilitation in LAC.	20 and 21 September Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme International Seminar on public policies on innovation and entrepreneurship.	Gain knowledge about strategies, methodologies, best practices and public policies implemented in Latin America and Europe to help MSMEs in their innovation processes, and promote new enterprises.	20 to 22 September Mexico City, Mexico
II Regional Seminar: Innovation, tele-medicine and tele-education in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Generate a space for exchanging best practices in the area of e-health in the region and build on inter-institutional synergies concerning this issue.	23 and 24 September Caracas, Venezuela (*)
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme XV Ibero-American Forum on Guarantee Systems and Financing for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.	Gain knowledge about the achievements in the use of financial support instruments aimed at guarantees and other financing modalities for MSMEs.	23 to 25 September Mexico City, Mexico
II Regional Meeting on skilled migration and sustainable human development in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Deepen the analysis of the impacts of the emigration of skilled human resources on the social and economic development of Latin America and the Caribbean.	27 and 28 September Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Regional Forum on Gender and Development.	Inform about programmes and projects to promote the inclusion of gender considerations in the activities of MSMEs and spread information about experiences and programmes for businesswomen.	30 September Mexico City, Mexico
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme VIII International Congress on Corporate Social Responsibility.	Promote a debate on Social Responsibility and the role played by SMEs in Latin America and the Caribbean.	4 October Mexico City, Mexico

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SELA-IBERPyme Programme VI Latin American business mission to Spain.	Conduct business rounds among SME entrepreneurs from Latin America and Spain working in sectors aimed at improving competitiveness through innovation. Pay visits to organizations, institutions and enterprises.	6 to 8 October Cantabria, España
Regional Seminar for consultation with local communities in LAC on protection of traditional knowledge.	To hold debates on the approaches, principles, policy standards, agreements, and the needs for cooperation as regards protection of traditional knowledge in Latin America and the Caribbean.	8 and 9 October Caracas, Venezuela
Regional Meeting on protection of traditional knowledge.	Discuss about elements for policies and agreements in LAC, and outline a proposal for a regional work programme to contribute to protect traditional knowledge.	8 and 9 October Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPyme Programme Training workshop on Internet marketing and business strategies for SMEs.	Analyze the various strategies and modalities adopted by the countries of the region for the use of Internet and e-commerce to improve productivity of MSMEs.	13 October La Paz, Bolivia
SELA-IBERPyme Programme Central American Seminar for mass-media editors and directors.	Analyze the new scenarios for small and medium-sized enterprises in the region, and encourage a debate on economic development models and support to MSMEs in Latin America and the Caribbean.	15 and 16 October Panama City, Panama
Meeting on computer network security: Legitimacy, interactivity and citizen participation.	Create a space for discussions on the judicial and legal frameworks for computer network security and citizen participation.	22 October Caracas, Venezuela
XXXVI Regular Meeting of the Latin American Council.		27 to 29 October
Joint Programme UNCTAD-SELA Distance learning course on legal aspects of e-commerce.	Support policy-making and legal mechanisms concerning e-commerce.	1 to 26 November Caracas, Venezuela
Regional Consultation Meeting on the most relevant aspects for the region of the key issues of multilateral trade negotiations.	Systematize the analysis of the status of the Doha Round negotiations at the WTO after the December 2009 Ministerial Conference, and evaluate possible common positions for LAC as regards relevant aspects of the negotiations.	1 and 2 November Caracas, Venezuela
International Seminar on innovative practices and successful cases in the relations among the government, enterprises and universities for the creation and strengthening of MSMEs.	Inform about experiences in promoting innovation based on research and development, as well as best practices for entrepreneurship and development of incubators, regional productive chains and clusters.	2 and 3 November Bariloche, Rio Negro, Argentina
Regional Cooperation Programme on Trade Facilitation in LAC: Workshop on modern port management to strengthen regional integration and facilitate trade.	Build on capacities of Latin American and Caribbean agencies related to port management, and exchange experiences related to actions and initiatives undertaken in LAC in the area of reform and efficient port management.	4 and 5 November Caracas, Venezuela

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SELA-IBERPYPME Programme II Workshop on transfer of best practices in public policies to support SMEs.	Promote exchanges of experiences, strategies and best practices among experts and institutions in Ibero-America in order to encourage transfer of such practices and improve the quality of public policies for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises.	8 and 9 November Buenos Aires, Argentina
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme V International Forum FUNDES/SELA: New challenges of SME policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Promote an exchange of experiences and best practices among experts and development institutions in LAC in order to improve the quality of public policies for the development of small-sized enterprises.	11 and 12 November Buenos Aires, Argentina
Informative meeting in Geneva with the GRULAC representatives to the WTO.	Make a presentation on the results of the Regional Consultation Meeting of SELA on the multilateral trade negotiations to the GRULAC representatives to the WTO.	11 and 12 November Geneva, Switzerland
Training Workshop on evaluation of software quality.	Contribute to build on technical capacities for certification of software quality in the region.	15 to 18 November Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Regional Seminar on new enterprises.	Gain knowledge about the methodologies, strategies, best practices and successful cases in order to help new entrepreneurs and promote their development.	18 November Belize City, Belize
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Workshop on financial instruments for MSMEs.	Analyze the various strategies and instruments to facilitate access to credits and financing for MSMEs in the region.	22 November Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Annual Regional Meeting on Food Security in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Contribute to the progressive coordination of the various efforts undertaken at the subregional level in Latin America and the Caribbean to ensure food security in the countries of the region.	22 and 23 November Caracas, Venezuela
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme International Seminar on Competitiveness and Internationalization of SMEs.	Spread information about strategies, best practices, successful cases and lessons learned concerning productivity processes, competitiveness and internationalization of SMEs in LAC.	25 and 26 November Lima, Peru
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Course on territorial economic development and SMEs, simplification of procedures and international trade single windows.	Gain knowledge about tools to improve management at the level of municipalities and put them into practice, by simplifying administrative procedures and implementing single windows as an instrument to facilitate relations with SMEs.	29 November to 3 December Montevideo, Uruguay
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme The necessary convergence: SMEs, telecommunications and information technologies.	Inform about concepts and experiences in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Gain knowledge about best practices and strategies as regards software, hardware, Internet and mobile communications, and spread information about policies, programmes and projects in the area of ICTs to support SMEs.	2 December Caracas, Venezuela



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SELA-IBERPYPME Programme III Meeting: Learning to export.	Hold a meeting of entrepreneurs and experts in critical issues, with the purpose of improving competitiveness and promoting internationalization of MSMEs in LAC.	7 December San Jose, Costa Rica
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Workshop on development of corporate venturing.	Gain knowledge about strategies, methodologies and best practices developed to help enterprises to generate dynamic corporate ventures.	8 December Quito, Ecuador
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Workshop on institutional development of SME business associations in the areas of productivity and competitiveness.	Exchange experiences and strategies concerning the programmes and lines of action to promote the institutional strengthening of SME business associations in the areas of productivity and competitiveness.	9 December Bogota, Colombia
SELA-IBERPYPME Programme Regional Forum on public policies to support SMEs.	Inform about best practices, transfer of knowledge and experiences concerning strategies and programmes for public policies being applied in the region to support SMEs.	14 December Georgetown, Guyana

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