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*XXXI Meeting of International Cooperation Directors for Latin America and the Caribbean: Unity and solidarity against the pandemic*

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**"XXXI MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIRECTORS FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE PANDEMIC"****Date:** Thursday 3 and Friday 4 December 2020**Time:** 10:00 to 12:00 Caracas.**Platform:** ZOOM

The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) and the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) are organizing the "XXXI Meeting of International Cooperation Directors for Latin America and the Caribbean: Unity and solidarity against the pandemic". This activity is aimed at assessing the actions of international cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of the pandemic and analyzing mechanisms to make it more effective and efficient in the short term.

**OBJECTIVES**

This virtual activity aims to: i) Exchange information and experiences in cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the strengths and weaknesses in terms of cooperation (what Member States can offer and demand); ii) provide a space for dialogue and exchange of supply and demand for cooperation in the context of the pandemic, in the priority areas defined by the cooperation directors; and iii) assess the major problems and failures of international aid, how regional cooperation and solidarity is working and what elements should be corrected in the future, in the short and medium term.



**AGENDA****Thursday, 3 December 2020****10:00 - 10:15 OPENING SESSION**

- Ambassador Javier Paulinich, Permanent Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA)
- Dr. Gibrán Ramírez Reyes, Secretary-General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS)

**10:15 – 10:20 Moderator:** Ambassador Oscar Hernández, Director of Relations for Integration and Cooperation of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA)

**10:20 – 10:30 Latin American and Caribbean reality in times of pandemic**

Econ. Eduardo Piña, Specialist of Studies and Proposals, Permanent Secretariat of SELA

**10:30 – 11:40 International cooperation in times of pandemic: How to make it more effective and efficient? - Recent experiences**  
**Panel with Cooperation Directors for Latin America and the Caribbean (10 min. each)**

- Yill Otero, Director for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MIRE) of Panama
- Roberto Mohar Rivera, Assistant Director-General, Directorate-General for Technical and Scientific Cooperation, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)
- Nancy Silva Sebastián, Director for Policies and Programmes of the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation (ACPI)
- Juan Ignacio Roccatagliata, Director for Multilateral Cooperation, Directorate-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina
- Olaya Dotel, Deputy Minister of International Cooperation, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPYD), Dominican Republic

**11:40 – 12:20 The health crisis from a social security perspective (10 min. each)**

- Alvaro Velarca, Coordinator of Interinstitutional and International Monitoring, Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS)
- Santiago Urbizo, Assistant Manager of Planning and Development, Guatemalan Institute of Social Security
- Daniel Quesada Rodríguez, Director of the Emergency and Disaster Assistance Center at the Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS)

**12:20 – 12:35 Remarks by Cooperation Directors (15 min.): potential areas of cooperation**

- Orla Kantum Coleman, Orla Kantum Coleman, Director of International Affairs (Cooperation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belize

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- María Cristina Fuentes Arévalo, Director of Non-Governmental Cooperation and Evaluation, Leader of Technical Bureau No. 8 of the Committee on Emergency Operations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador
- Sidhartha Marin, Minister, Adviser to the President of the Republic for International Policy and Affairs, Nicaragua.
- Leonel Barreto, Project Officer, in charge of Cooperation and Technical Assistance, Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)

### Questions and answers

#### **Friday, 4 December 2020**

10:00 - 10:05 **Moderator:** Daisy Corrales, Director of the Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies (CIESS), Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS)

10:05 – 10:50 **Contribution of international organizations and bilateral development agencies in the effective response to COVID-19 (10 min. each)**

- Ambassador Soong-chull Shin, President of the Korean Council on Latin America and the Caribbean (KCLAC)
- Ghotai Ghazialam, Operations Manager - COVID 19, International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC)
- Nahuel Oddone, Head of Promotion and Exchange of Regional Social Policies Department, MERCOSUR Social Institute
- Leonardo Hernandez, Chief of Emergency Operations Unit, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

10:50 – 11:10 **The coordinating action of the region's institutions specializing in health**

- Melissa Marcela Hernández, Director of Development Projects at the Executive Secretariat of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and Dominican Republic - SE-COMISCA
- Dr. María del Carmen Calle, Executive Secretary, Andean Health Agency - Hipolito Unanue Convention (ORAS CONHU)

11:10 – 11:30 **Remarks by Cooperation Directors (10 min.): potential areas of cooperation**

- Pedro Albarrán, Director of Mechanisms and Cooperation, People's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Venezuela

### Questions and answers

11:30 – 12:10 **Presentation of the Disaster Protocol for Social Security Institutions in the Americas of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS)**

**Moderator:** Monica Nuño, Executive Director of Relations and Cooperation, Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS)

- Amb. Efraín Guadarrama, Director-General of American Regional Organizations and Mechanisms, Foreign Ministry of Mexico, National Coordinator of Mexico to the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)
- Dr. Verhonica Zamudio, Social Security Researcher. Executive Directorate for Projects and Research of the CISS
- Dr. Gibrán Ramírez Reyes, Secretary-General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS)

12:10 - 12:20 **General conclusions**