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Current Challenges to Sustainable Development in Latin America

An Overview

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Outline

Where everything starts

What are the impacts

What we can do



Where everything starts...

POVERTY and INEQUALITY

- 10 of the 15 most unequal countries are in Latin America
- 38% people economically vulnerable
- Multi-dimensional poverty

“Poverty is at the centre of everything we do”

UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner
21 January 2019



Where everything starts...

CLIMATE CHANGE

- More extreme weather events
- Droughts, floods
- Rising sea levels
- Diminishing polar ice
- Ecosystem collapse
- Declining crop yields



What are the impacts...



Social exclusion

- Hunger
- Access to education
- Access to care (health and well-being)
- Work and employment
- Lack of safety (gender, age)





What are the impacts...

Violence and citizen insecurity

- Against women, children, minorities
- Against gender identity
- Against indigenous people who defend the environment
- Organised crime
- Migration
- Forced displacement

Average homicide rate
in Latin America
=
3.5x greater
than global rate

On average,
12 women
killed each day

27% women
experience physical
violence

What are the impacts...



Environment

- Depletion of natural resources
- Impact of intensive agricultural practices
- Land use, Food v Feed v Fuel
- Access to water



What can we do



RETHINK PROGRESS ALONG MULTIDIMENSIONAL LINES

- Social inclusion
- Multi-cultural and pluri-national rights
- Education
- Gender parity



What we can do



PUBLIC POLICIES

Policies that promote a better quality of life.

Community crime prevention actions and justice systems that are accessible, expeditious and effective.

- Social protection, care systems
- Physical and financial assets
- Labour skills, entrepreneurship
- Socio-economic resilience

➔ **Reduced inequalities**



What we can do



PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainable food consumption and production patterns
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Access to renewable energy
- Sustainable entrepreneurship

Latin America is the most urbanised developing region on the planet

!!! energy, transportation, public services !!!
(UN Habitat)



What we can do



STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS AND CRISES

- Disaster risk reduction plans
 - Protect natural resources
 - Forests, erosion, landscape
 - Water management



What we can do



CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

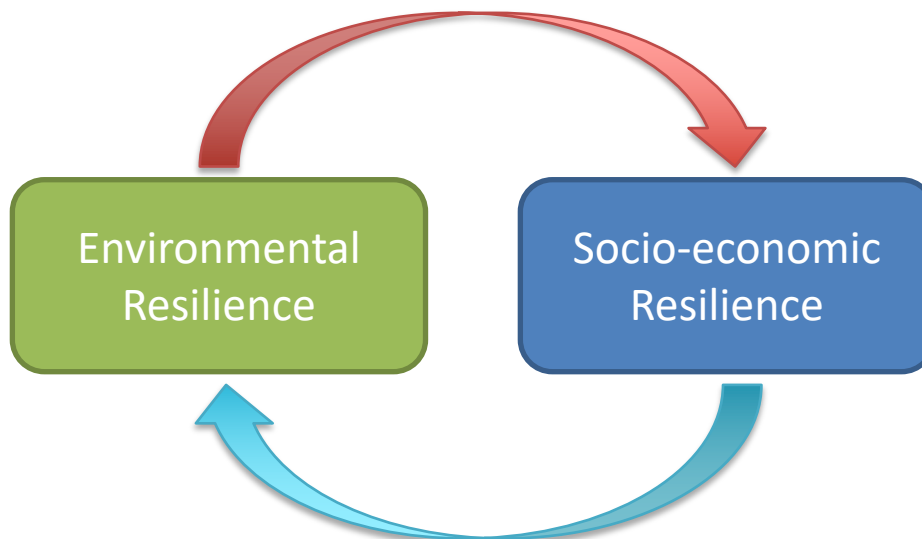
- **Resilience and food security**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Agroecological farming**
 - ❑ Adaptable, site-specific
 - ❑ Integrates of scientific and traditional knowledge
 - ❑ Collective process with practical problem-solving



What we can do

We want to strengthen...

- **Collaborations between countries**
- **Communities – Science – Policy – Industry**



Thank you for your attention
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