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• Main political forum of the Americas

• Comprised of 34 active members from the Americas

• Works to promote among other topics: good governance, human rights, peace and security, trade expansion, transparency and citizen participation

• Agenda set up by:
  – Presidential Summit of the Americas
  – OAS General Assembly
  – Ministerial Meetings
  – Permanent Council
• The OAS body in charge of development cooperation

• Mission
  “To promote, facilitate and support the integral development of OAS’ member states”

• Main action areas: education, science and technology, culture, labor, social development, sustainable development, trade and competitiveness, advancement of the knowledge-based society.

• Working pillars:
  - horizontal cooperation
  - private sector collaboration
  - human capacity building
RED GEALC

- Network of e-Government Leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean
- As of today: 60 members from 32 countries
- [www.redgealc.net](http://www.redgealc.net)
- Supported by OAS, ICA, IDB and CIDA
- The result of the demands from LAC countries related to horizontal cooperation
- Combines virtual and *in-person* collaboration
• Internet-based portal equipped with content management functionalities
• Abundant e-Government information classified by country and topic
• Virtual discussion forums
• The portal has an online classroom to provide technical training to public employees
• Database of experts (200 will be added next month)
• FOCOH – Horizontal Cooperation Fund
• Organizes on-site workshops to learn from good practices: Santiago (Chile), Lima (Perú), Brazilia (Brazil), Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago), Ottawa (Canada), Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)
• Other good practices events such as: Caribbean Mission to Chile, Jamaica CASE visit, St. Lucia Border Control visit
• Two-year plan of activities including: training, exchange of experts, workshops, annual exchange meetings, etc., supported by OAS, ICA, CIDA and the IDB.
• Declaration of Santo Domingo, signed in Dominican Republic on June 2006: “Good governance and development in the Knowledge-based society” (Art. 15)

  ... they reiterate as well the need to encourage and foster collaborative development, interoperative platforms, ...

• eLAC 2007, Plan of Action on the information society for Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the WSIS process:
  • Goal 15 (eGovernment)
  • Point 15.3 (interoperability standards)
Upcoming documents

• White paper on eGovernment Interoperability in Latin America and the Caribbean.
   
   Published by UNECLAC and supported by the OAS and the IDB

• Government intranet and interoperability
   
   Published by RED GEALC and supported by the OAS, the IDB and UNECLAC
Advanced initiatives

• BRASIL. e-Ping. Secretaría de Logística y Tecnologías de la Información.


• MEXICO. e-México. SFP (Secretaría de la Función Pública). Inter-operability Committee.

• COLOMBIA. Connectivity Agenda. Ministerio de Comunicaciones. GEL-XML.

• TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. Fast Forward. Ministry of Public Administration and Information.
Thank you

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