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Interoperability in Latin America and the Caribbean

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- **Organization of American States (OAS) and SEDI**
- **RED GEALC**
- **Political framework for interoperability**
- **Upcoming documents**
- **Advanced initiatives**

- **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

- **Network of e-Government Leaders from Latin America and the Caribbea**
- **As of today: 60 members from 32 countries**
- 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), Brasilia (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.

Political framework



- 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**

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Advanced initiatives



- **BRASIL. *e-Ping*. Secretaría de Logística y Tecnologías de la Información.**
- **CHILE. *Agenda Digital*. Ministerio Secretaría General de la Presidencia. Ministerio del Interior.**
- **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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