

## EU-LAC HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

### “INCLUSIVE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH PRODUCTS”

#### 1. Objectives

The III EU-CELAC Summit of Heads of State and Government in Brussels (17-18 July 2023) marked the revitalisation of the bi-regional relations between the European Union (EU) and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). The new Global Gateway Investment Agenda for LAC emerged as a central element for enhanced collaboration, including its human development dimension.

The EU-LAC High Level Event on Human Development builds on the [EU-CELAC Roadmap for 2023-2025](#) agreed in the Summit and proposes to strengthen the bi-regional collaboration on health including on regulatory matters. It also proposes to take this dialogue forward by offering a comprehensive overview on our bi-regional collaboration in human development with a view to enhance the social dimension of the EU-CELAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda and to showcase the broader Team Europe response for human development in the LAC region.

The **expected outcomes** of the EU-LAC High Level event will be:

- **An EU-LAC high-level exchange focusing on health enabling frameworks and equitable access to health products.** The aim is to advance discussions on potential partnerships supporting the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda on health. The event responds to EU-LAC partners' interest in sharing recent experiences and models, providing a platform to discuss equitable access to health products and fostering future collaborations in innovation and investments towards that aim.
- **An EU-LAC high-level dialogue on social policies,** as a follow up of the high-level policy dialogue on social affairs held in June 2022 and the EU-CELAC Summit in 2023. This will be an opportunity to highlight key bi-regional challenges and priorities, and to look for areas of cooperation with added value in the field of social cohesion, contributing to the overall goal of increasing the resilience of social systems, fostering social inclusion and reducing inequalities.
- **The launch of the regional Team Europe Initiative “Inclusive and Equitable Societies in LAC” and the presentation of new actions of the Team Europe within the framework of the EU-LAC Partnership on Health Resilience and Equitable Access to Health Products.** This can be a sound opportunity to highlight how both initiatives can contribute to improve a rights based universal coverage of basic social services including health, help to reduce socio-economic inequalities, and foster social cohesion and protection by moving towards wellbeing and care societies.

#### 2. Target Audience

The event will aim to bring **high-level participation** from the EU and LAC regions. This will create a milestone opportunity to identify priorities and potential deliverables in the field of human development for the CELAC-EU Summit foreseen in 2025. This will include:

- Commissioner level for the opening
- Ministerial level selected on the bases of the thematic dialogues
- Multilateral level
- Private sector
- Academia, civil society, youth and other actors

It will be important to have a well-balanced representation between high-level EU-LAC partners, including in terms of gender and stakeholders.

### 3. Practical Details

**Venue and format:** The event will take place in Brussels on March 21-22, 2023. It will be organized in a hybrid format to facilitate both face-to-face participation and virtual engagement of all the key stakeholders. The in-person portion will be held at the Charlemagne Building and the Albert Borschette Centre (see agenda for details).

**Sessions:** On the first day, March 21, there will be a series of High-Level Roundtable Dialogues between EU and LAC representatives. The second day, March 22, will feature a series of Technical Roundtable Dialogues involving key stakeholders from partner countries. Each roundtable will allow time for interaction and exchanges between participants.

Side events may be incorporated based on the feasibility of coordination with available opportunities. It's important to note that the event will coincide with an EU-AU High-Level Event on a related topic during the same week. This presents an opportunity to promote triangular cooperation among the EU, LAC, and the AU.

**Participants:** The event will bring together around 100-150 participants (tbc), involving key EU and LAC actors in the areas to be discussed, representing public authorities, private sector, experts, academia, civil society, local authorities and youth, among other. Indicatively, the health-focused sessions will engage regulatory authorities, industry representatives, research institutions, public health institutes and organisations, local authorities, civil society networks, and financial institutions active in the region.

Travelling expenses for speakers and selected in-person participants may be covered by the European Commission.

### 4. Draft Agenda

Day 1: High Level Dialogue between European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean (all times in CET)	
<i>Moderator for the overall Day: tbc</i>	
9.00 -10.00	Welcome and registration
10.00-11.00	<p><b>Opening Session with High-Level Representatives of EU and Latin America and the Caribbean</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Charlemagne Building, Room Lord Jenkins (120 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Youth female representative from LAC (tbc)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Ms. Jutta URPILAINEN</b>, European Commissioner of International Partnerships to welcome the high-level participants and to provide the opening remarks (confirmed)</li><li>▪ <b>Ms. Mia MOTTLEY</b>, Prime Minister of Barbados (tbc)*</li><li>▪ <b>Ms. Alicia BÁRCENA IBARRA</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (tbc)*</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. José Manuel ALBARES BUENO</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain (tbc)</li><li>▪ <b>Ms. Caroline GENNEZ</b>, Minister of Development of Belgium, EU Council Presidency (tbc)</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Eduardo Enrique REINA</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras</li><li>▪ <b>Mr. Josep BORRELL</b>, High Representative and Vice President (tbc)</li></ul> <p><i>Guiding Topic: Human Development and Global Gateway from a 360º approach.</i></p>

11.00-11.30	<p><b>Official launch of the Team Europe Initiative on Inclusive and Equitable Societies</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Charlemagne Building, Room Lord Jenkins (120 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT).</p> <p>The Team Europe Initiative (TEI) will be launched by the EU Commissioner jointly with the EU Member States involved, in presence of the EU-LAC high-level representatives present in the opening. Indicatively, frontline participants representing the Team Europe will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Eva GRANADOS</b>, Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Spain (confirmed). Co-lead of the TEI Inclusive and Equitable Societies and EU-LAC Partnership on Health.</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Chrysoula ZACHARAPOPOULOU</b>, Minister of State for Development, France (tbc). Member of the TEI Inclusive and Equitable Societies and EU-LAC Partnership on Health.</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Alexander TEMPEL</b>, Policy Advisor at the GIZ Representation Brussels, Germany (confirmed). Member of the TEI Inclusive and Equitable Societies.</li> <li>▪ <b>Representatives of Italy, Luxembourg and Sweden</b> (names tbc). Members of the TEI Inclusive and Equitable Societies.</li> </ul> <p>Representatives of youth, civil society and local authorities will also be invited. <b>Ms Natalia GOMES SOLANO</b>, Special Youth Adviser to EU Commissioner will be present to close the session.</p>
11.30-11.45	<p><b>Photo opportunity with EU-LAC High-Level Representatives and Short Break</b></p>
11.45-12.45	<p><b>High Level Dialogue: Social Policies to foster Sustainable, Inclusive and Equitable Societies</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Charlemagne Building, Room Lord Jenkins (120 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Leanny LEMOS</b> (tbc)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Myriam FERRAN</b>, Deputy Director-General for International Partnerships, European Commission to welcome the speakers and frame the conversation (confirmed).</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Andrés ROMERO RODRÍGUEZ</b>, Minister of Labour and Social Security of Costa Rica (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Maria Teresa BELLUCCI</b>, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Italy (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Antonia ORELLANA</b>, Minister of Women and Gender Equality of Chile (tbc)*</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Anielle FRANCO</b>, Minister of Racial Equity of Brazil (tbc)*</li> <li>▪ <b>Representative of Spain, France, Germany, Luxembourg or Sweden</b> (name tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Representative of Colombia / Dominican Republic</b> (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>The session will focus on how EU-LAC could collaborate to move towards well-being societies that foster social cohesion and take action to reduce poverty and inequality in its different forms. Partners could discuss shared values, common goals and priorities with the prospect of the next CELAC-EU Summit in 2025. The guiding topic will be how to target strategic bi-regional actions that contribute to build societies that are more inclusive, gender-equal and fair for all.</i></p>
12.45-14.45	<p><b>Lunch and Networking</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> tbc</p>

15.00-16.30	<p><b>High Level Dialogue: Enabling Frameworks Towards Inclusive Access to Health Products</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Centre Albert Borschette, Room 3D (main room, 80 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT) and Room 4D (listening room, 80 participants – Streaming, no translation).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mr. Kai FIGUERAS, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (tbc)</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Martin SEYCHELL</b>, Deputy Director-General for International Partnerships, European Commission to welcome the speakers and frame the conversation (tbc).</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Monica GARCÍA</b>, Minister of Health, Spain (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Nísia TRINDADE</b>, Minister of Health, Brazil (tbc)*</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Francisco ROSSI</b>, National Regulatory Agency, Colombia (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Francesco SUCRE MEJIA</b>, Minister of Health, Panamá (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Frank C.S. ANTHONY</b>, Minister of Health, Guyana (tbc)*</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Chrysoula ZACHARAPOPOULOU</b>, Minister of State for Development, France (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Jarbas BARBOSA</b>, Director General, PAHO (tbc)*</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Philippe DUNETON</b>, Executive Director, Unitaid (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Germán VELÁSQUEZ</b>, Special Advisor on Policy and Health of the South Centre (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Charles GORE</b>, Executive Director, Medicines Patent Pool (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. José Manuel SALAZAR-XIRINACHS</b>, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>The session will focus on how EU-LAC could collaborate to increase equitable access and resilience of health systems by strengthening and harmonising enabling frameworks, including marketing approval and monitoring priority health products in LAC. Partners could signal areas of interest, present ideas for collaboration and share experience on policy/regulations.</i></p>
16:30-16:45	<p><b>Short Break</b></p>
16.45-17.30	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Triangular Cooperation Opportunities on Access to Health and Wellbeing between the EU, AU and LAC (tbc)</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Centre Albert Borschette, Room 3D (main room, 80 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT) and Room 4D (listening room, 80 participants – Streaming, no translation).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mr. Martin SEYCHELL</b>, Deputy Director General for International Partnerships, European Commission (tbc)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Vincent BIRUTA</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Kerrie SYMMONDS</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs/PM of Barbados (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. José Angel PORTAL MIRANDA</b>, Minister of Public Health of Cuba (tbc)* / <b>Ms. Mayda MAURI PEREZ</b>, BioCubaFarma (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Felix ROSEMBERG</b>, IANPHI-LAC and PALOP-Brazil cooperation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Jean KASEYA</b>, Director, Africa CDC (tbc)</li> <li>▪ Vice-Minister, Mozambique (tbc)</li> <li>▪ Algeria (tbc)</li> <li>▪ Spain (tbc)</li> </ul>
<b>17.30 -19.00</b>	<b>Networking Drink</b> <u>Location:</u> tbc

## Day 2: Thematic Dialogue between European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean (all times in CET)

Moderator for the overall Day: Ms. Veronica VARGAS, Researcher on Pharmaceutical Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean | Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics | Cambridge Core

<b>9.30-10.00</b>	<b>Welcome and registration</b>
<b>10.00-12.00</b>	<p><b>Roundtable Session 1: Strengthening regulatory frameworks to support innovation and access to health products in the EU and LAC: challenges, opportunities and best practices.</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Centre Albert Borschette, Room 3D (main room, 80 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT) and Room OC (listening room, 80 participants – Streaming, no translation).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Ms. Judit RIUS</b>, Innovation, Access and Health Technologies, PAHO (tbc)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Marc LEMAITRE</b>, Director General for Research and Innovation (RTD), European Commission (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Agustín LAGE</b>, Assessor of the Presidency of Cuba on Pharmaceutical and Innovation Policies (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Emer COOKE</b>, Executive Director, European Medicines Agency (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Mario MOREIRA</b>, CEO, FIOCRUZ, Brazil (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Pierre MEULIEN</b>, Executive Director, Innovative Medicines Initiative (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Joy ST. JOHN</b>, Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Carlos BATTHYANY</b>, Director, Institute Pasteur of Montevideo, Uruguay (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Carolina SANCHEZ</b>, Lead Life Sciences Sector CINDE, Costa Rica (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Luis PIZARRO</b>, Executive Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Jose Manuel FREIRE</b>, Escuela Nacional de Sanidad, Madrid (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Rogerio GASPAS</b>, Director, Regulation and Prequalification Department, WHO (tbc)</li> </ul>
<b>12.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>14.00-16.00</b>	<p><b>Roundtable Session 2: Public-Private Investments as Opportunities to Strengthen Pharmaceutical Capacities</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Centre Albert Borschette, Room 3D (main room, 80 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT) and Room OC (listening room, 80 participants – Streaming, no translation).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mr. Félix FERNÁNDEZ SHAW</b>, Director INTPA B and/or <b>Ms. Erica GERRETSEN</b>, Director, INTPA G</p>

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Carlos GRABOIS GADELHA</b>, Secretary of Science, Technology, Innovation and Health, Complejo Económico e Industrial de la Salud, Brasil (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Yaneth GIHA</b>, Executive Director, LAC private sector: Fifarma (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Nathalie MOLL</b>, Director General; EFPIA (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Ilan GOLDFAJN</b>, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Jorge ARBACHE</b>, Private Sector VP, Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe (CAF) (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Nadia CALVIÑO</b>, President, EIB (tbc) / <b>Barbara BALKE</b>, Secretary General, EIB</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Remy RIOUX</b>, CEO, AFD (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr Rodrigo MORALES</b>, Director General of Economic Bilateral Promotion (Impulso Económico Bilateral), Mexico (tbc)</li> </ul>
<b>16.00-16.15</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>16.30-17.30</b>	<p><b>Roundtable Session 3: Health Equity and Wellbeing Societies</b></p> <p><u>Location:</u> Centre Albert Borschette, Room 3D (main room, 80 participants - Hybrid in EN-FR-ES-PT) and Room OC (listening room, 80 participants – Streaming, no translation).</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Leire PAJÍN</b>, President of the EU-LAC Foundation and Current IS Global International Development Director (tbc)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Rocio SAENZ</b>, Executive Director, Health Equity Network of the Americas (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Luis Eugenio SOUSA</b>, President, World Federation of Public Health Associations (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Charlotte MARCHANDISE</b>, Executive Director, European Public Health Association (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Armando DI NEGRI</b>, Peoples Health Movement (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr Anton LEIS</b>, Director of AECID, Spain /Or: <b>Ms. Laura OROZ ULIBARRI</b>, Director of Cooperation with LAC (confirmed)</li> </ul>
<b>17.30</b>	<b>Closure</b>