

UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

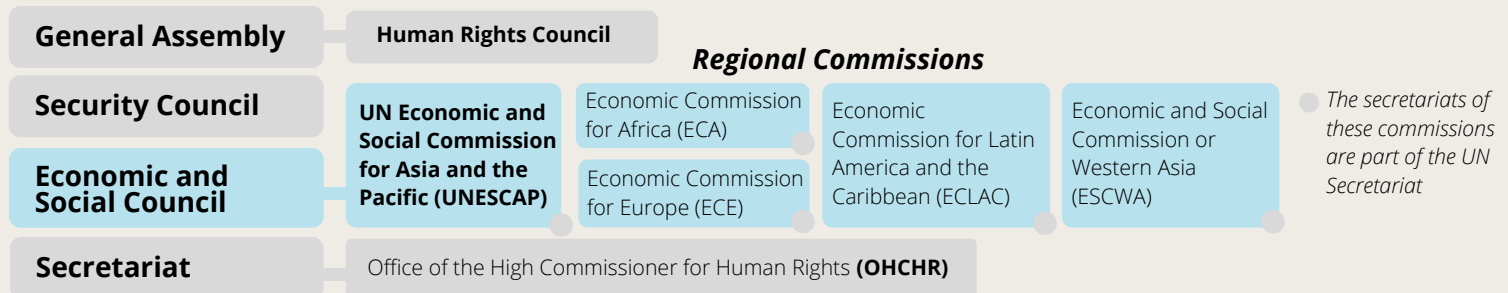


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WHAT IS ECLAC

UNECLAC is part of the UN System and together with other regional commissions, it reports to one of the branches of the UN Economic and Social Council.

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WHAT IS THE ROLE OF ECLAC?

The overall purpose of ECLAC is to promote the economic, social and environmentally sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean through continuous international cooperation.

ECLAC main activities are:

Research and data

Undertake research and analysis and disseminate information and data relating to the economic and social development of the region.

Technical cooperation

Provides advisory services to Governments and plan, organize and execute programmes of technical cooperation.

Training + capacity building

Provides training to technical staff and decision makers in public authorities, as well as academic experts and opinion makers in civil society.

Dialogue

Provides for intergovernmental platforms for policy dialogue, peer learning and normative discussion.

ECLAC AND WASH

ECLAC Secretariat's Division of Natural Resources function focuses on strengthen the institutional capacity of the countries to improve the governance, policies, management and sustainable use of natural resources and associated ecosystem and basic services, in accordance with the principles of sustainable development. This Division includes the Water and Energy Unit that includes:

Equitable access to WASH:

Analysis of water tariffs and WASH sector regulatory frameworks

Climate crisis:

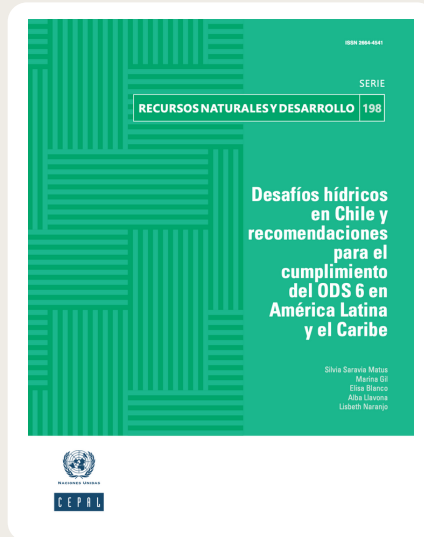
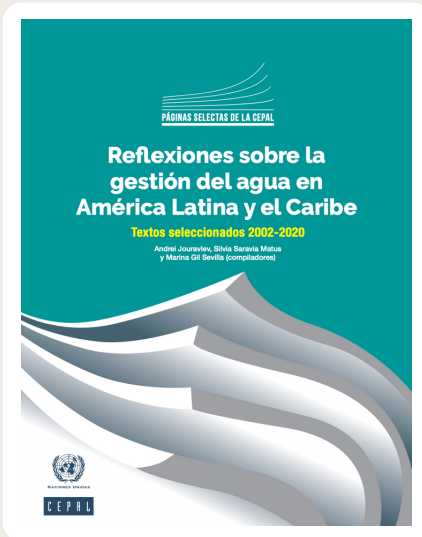
Management of regional water-related conflicts and challenges

Integrated water resources management:

Policy analysis and recommendations

Circular economy and nature based solutions:

Opportunities for WASH sector in LAC



In the context of COVID-19, ECLAC has issued several publications on issues related to human rights such as the impact of the pandemic on the rights to life and health of older persons. In December 2020 it published a [study](#) on the importance of Social protection for families with children and adolescents in addressing the impact of COVID-19 in the region.

THE WAY FORWARD

The COVID19 crisis is one of the three pillars based on which I will plan my activities as the Special Rapporteur. I would like to develop a global mapping of the situation on water disconnections - both in the context of COVID19 crisis and beyond - particularly for those who are not capable of paying for water. I have started this exercise in the Latin America region (GRULAC) and look forward to working on this with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.



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UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

*The Special Rapporteur held a meeting with ECLAC representatives on 18 February 2021