

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



Faith in Action: **A Year of Pilots**

Dear ACT Alliance member organizations:

We are honored to present to you the second executive report reflecting the work of ACT in our region. In this edition, we have had the valuable participation of the Forums and Communities of Practice, which enriched these pages with what is most important: the extraordinary work of our member organizations, based on faith, unity and hope. This collective effort, documented on pages 1 to 43, is testimony to the richness, commitment and diversity of our Alliance.

As a Secretariat, in 2024 we promoted historic processes of dialogue and strengthening in favor of rights and justice. The year was marked by important pilots and “firsts”: the first face-to-face workshops on advocacy, the first national dialogues on the impact of fundamentalisms, their regressive agendas and effects on democracy and human rights, the first public event on lessons learned from the RRF (Rapid Response Fund), our inaugural participation in COP 16 of the United Nations, among others, milestones that mark the beginning of a new stage for our ACT in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). A stage in which we project ourselves and dare to build a bolder, more relevant and deeply connected alliance with the challenges and opportunities of the times to come.

The sustainability of these advances depends on the continued leadership of our member organizations. We call on you to stand united, raising the voice of our faith firmly in favor of justice and transformative action.

From the Regional Team, we reaffirm our firm commitment to continue accompanying you every step of the way.

ACT Team for LAC



This report

The purpose of this report is to convey the most outstanding activities and progress of the ACT programs in the region and the work of the Regional Office in a visual, clear and concise manner, in order to make progress visible, promote transparency and generate a systematization tool.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this report.



Contributions, comments or questions

The regional team values constructive feedback. We believe that it is through these contributions that we can improve our work.

We also extend a warm invitation to external readers interested in obtaining additional information to contact the team:



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Top 8 Achievements 2024

- 1** **First** face-to-face capacity building process for advocacy in 4 LAC forums.
- 2** **First** 12 national dialogues on fundamentalisms and their impact on democracy and human rights, plus a regional follow-up event (Guatemala +5).
- 3** Launch of the **new** LinkedIn page of the ACT Alliance in LAC and the **first** regional web page: an effort to make our work more visible.
- 4** **First** regional e-course on human mobility advocacy for climate change.
- 5** **First** regional delegation to a global climate event: regional participation in COP 16.
- 6** **New** periodic follow-up sessions with forum coordinators (Reus de Coordis).
- 7** **First** exchange of experiences of RRFs in the region: strengthening mutual learning.
- 8** Technical support for 4 Rapid Response Funds.



Our communities of practice and forums achievements

In this second regional annual report, we are proud to celebrate an important milestone: for the first time, we are integrating the achievements of the national forums and communities of practice.

In 2024, communities of practice have established themselves as pillars of knowledge, advocacy, innovation and regional collaboration. We invite you to learn more about our **gender justice, youth and community-based psychosocial support communities**.

From the Forums, we have received inspiring contributions from **Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic**, which highlight coordinated actions in emergency response, political advocacy and the promotion of human rights. Although this edition does not include their achievements, we also recognize and celebrate the work of the forums from Cuba, Haiti, Brazil and the South American Forum (FESUR), whose historical contributions continue to enrich our regional and global network.

These regional and national efforts reaffirm that, in the face of growing global, regional and local challenges —our response is-and will continue to be-unit— resilience and creativity. What you will find in the following pages is the very evidence of what the ACT Alliance is: **the action of churches united, a faith-based, rights-driven, justice-seeking partnership**.



Our deepest **gratitude** goes to each person whose commitment and efforts have made these achievements possible.

Gender justice community of practice

- **Launching of the first chapter of the theological argumentation:** progressed in the development of a key tool that provides a foundation, based on the biblical scriptures, for progressive positions and the promotion of human rights (see page XX). This chapter marks a historic milestone in theological reflection applied to contemporary social challenges.
- **Organization of forums for feminist theologians and feminists from Argentina, Guatemala and Honduras:** We created spaces for dialogue between faith leaders and a range of social and governmental actors, strengthening social discourse and fostering new strategic alliances. These gatherings encouraged a critical exchange of knowledge and experiences, paving the way for shared paths toward social transformation rooted in gender justice and an inclusive faith grounded in justice and human rights.
- **Communication consulting:** we worked on consolidating the CoP's identity, developing a coherent message and key materials to strengthen the CoP's visibility and impact.
- **Strengthening ACT's internal commitment to gender justice:** the CoP participated in strategic events such as Guatemala +5 and the ACT General Assembly, making a continuous call for accountability, highlighting cutting-edge approaches from LAC and promoting a more determined and urgent commitment to gender justice.
- **Annual Assembly:** It played a crucial role in the renewal of the CoP's organizational structure by electing CIEETS as co-moderator. The assembly also provided a space to strengthen internal cohesion and ensure that all members are aligned on objectives and commitments.
- **Organizational Learning:** the discussions on economic justice and women's empowerment were systematized, compiling important inputs for future initiatives and advocacy actions.

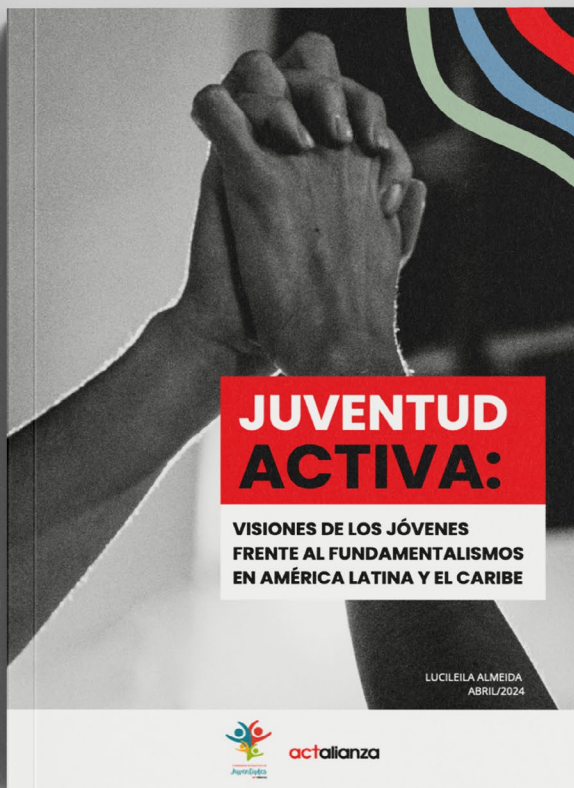




Youth Community of Practice



- The Juventud ACTiva project (phase 2) **achieved the historical publication of a report during 2024, being the first worldwide research conducted by young people, which captures their reflections and political and faith perspectives on fundamentalisms** in multiple countries in Latin America. In addition, communication products were produced in Spanish and Portuguese for dissemination in 2025.
- Youth delegation at the ACT Alliance General Assembly: seven youth representatives strengthened alliances with peers from other regions, exchanged experiences on common challenges and innovative solutions, and **succeeded in positioning the need for a youth approach within the ACT Alliance, from the forums to its global structures.**
- We celebrate the **reactivation of the community of practice** as a key space for youth empowerment and participation within the ACT Alliance, achieving a successful call for new leadership in the moderation of the CoP.
- Agreement for the future in the Youth CoP: the members of the community of practice agreed to promote a collective project on climate justice to articulate youth advocacy actions at the Latin American and Caribbean level.

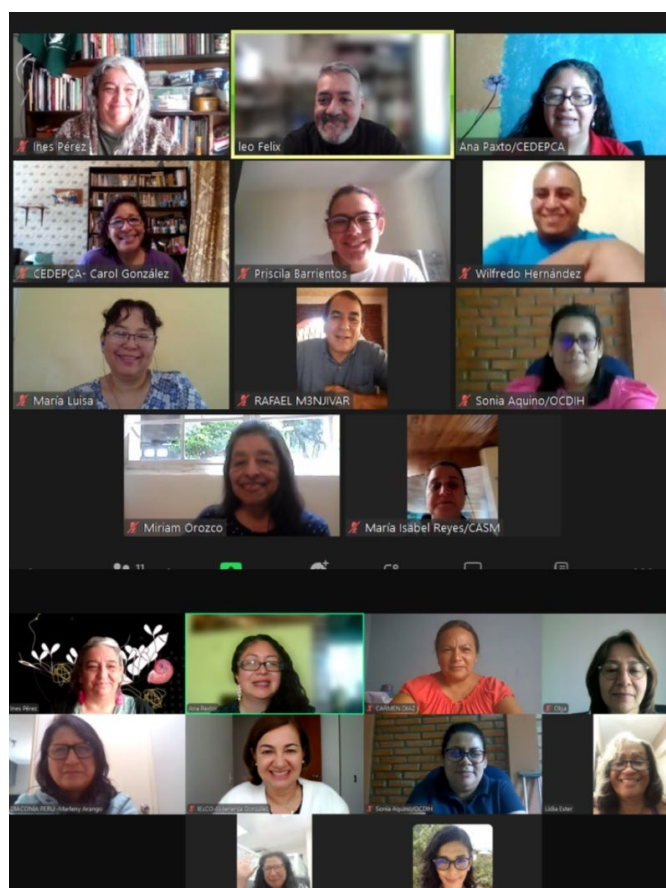


Juventud ACTiva Report

Community-based psychosocial support community of practice

During 2024, the community-based psychosocial support community of practice (CoP CBPS) in Latin America and the Caribbean made significant progress in training and capacity building in the psychosocial field.

- Throughout the year, **five workshops were held** in which 88 people (71 women and 17 men) from various ACT member organizations participated. These spaces addressed key issues such as the strategic use of social networks, monitoring and evaluation of psychosocial support in emergency contexts, spiritual accompaniment in disaster situations, and tools for resilience and self-care.
- In addition, the virtual **forum “Work and mental health: a fundamental link”** was held in partnership with CEDEPCA/Guatemala, which brought together 80 participants (60 women and 20 men), promoting dialogue and reflection on the importance of mental health in the workplace.



- One of the most relevant milestones of the year was the **face-to-face meeting**, with the participation of 13 people. This meeting allowed strengthening relationships among members, consolidating the understanding of the psychosocial approach and structuring the leadership of the APBC CoP for the coming year. A working team was formed with action plans for 2025, with Ana Paxtor (CEDEPCA - Guatemala) as coordinator, Inés Pérez (EPES - Chile) as sub-coordinator, and a communication and training team made up of representatives from various organizations in the region.





Forums



Greatest successes of the ACT LAC forums

Argentina Forum:

1 Climate advocacy and participation in COP 29

In a scenario of governmental political change that threatens the progress of the 2030 Agenda, the ACT Alliance Forum in Argentina promoted a multi-sectoral articulation process, convening environmental organizations, social, trade union and religious actors in a space for plural dialogue. Through an inclusive methodology that combined face-to-face, virtual and hybrid meetings, consensus was built around critical demands, achieving a unified position that amplified the voice of civil society before the authorities and citizens. This achievement not only marked a milestone for national advocacy, but also laid the groundwork for coordinated action towards COP 30, where they will continue to promote public policies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and human rights.

2 RM training in the province of Misiones

The forum carried out a training process in risk management (RM) in the province of Misiones, strengthening the skills of 45 participants, who acquired key knowledge for disaster prevention, preparedness and response, thus contributing to build more resilient communities and conso-

olidate local risk management networks with a focus on rights and sustainability.

3 Leadership in the LAC Gender CoP

The ACT Alliance Forum in Argentina played a strategic role in the community of practice (CoP), providing one of the co-coordinators, leading the coordination of the project work and contributing with the theologian who elaborated the core of the CoP Argumentary. In addition, the forum provided the region's representatives to the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) at the UN in New York. These contributions strengthened regional and global advocacy, positioning the CoP as a relevant actor in the spaces of dialogue and global decision making.

4 Regional strengthening

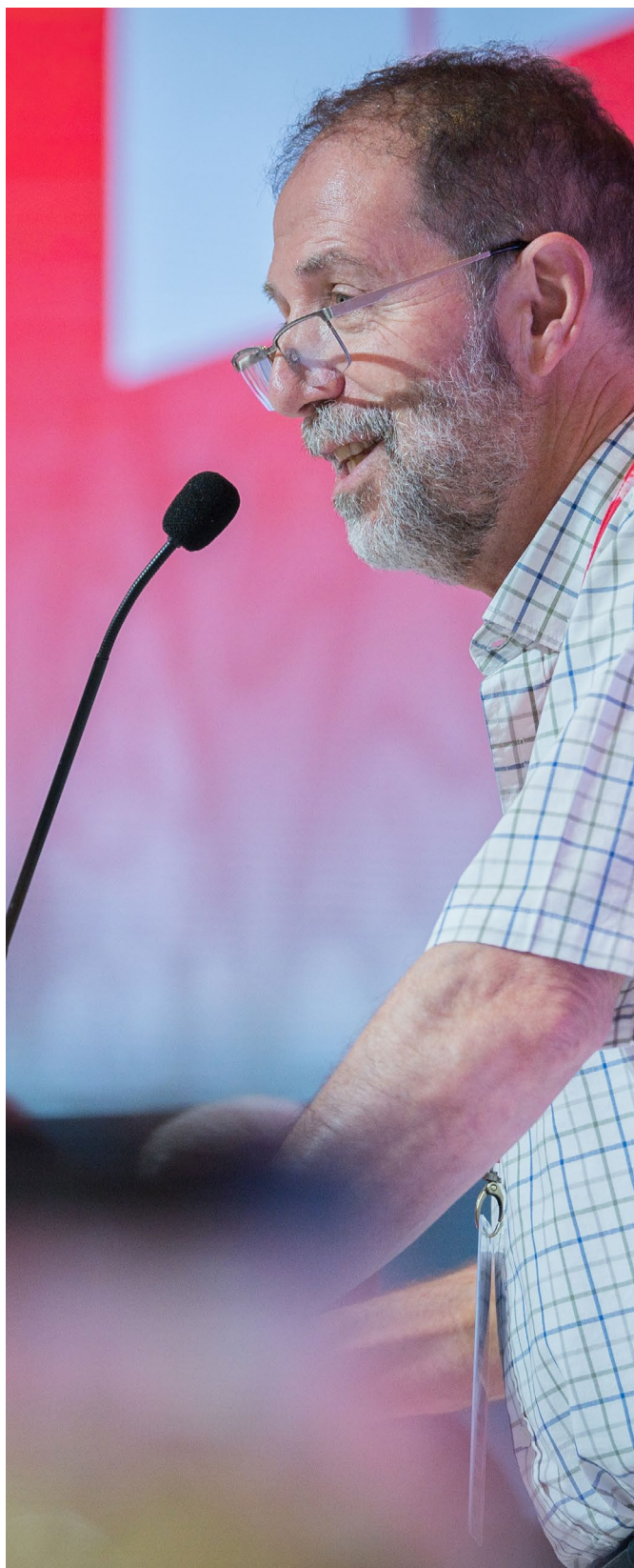
Thanks to its member CREAS, the ACT Alliance Forum in Argentina hosted the FESUR (South American Forum) meeting, strengthening the regional articulation of this strategic space and contributing to consolidate a coordination and joint advocacy platform in South America.

5 Strengthening the presence within the ACT Alliance

The ACT Alliance Forum in Argentina expanded its presence within the ACT Alliance through an outstanding participation in the General Assembly held in Indonesia, where its members contributed as panelists, staff members and youth representatives, evidencing the forum's leadership capacity. The election of the Forum Coordinator as ACT Alliance Global Moderator, together with the selection of one of its members as a member of the Alliance's Membership Committee, reaffirms the strengthening of its impact in international decision-making spaces and strategic articulation within the ACT Alliance.

6 Participation in COP 29

The ACT Alliance Forum in Argentina strengthened its international projection through the participation of two of its members in COP 29. One of them acted as an accredited representative of the ACT Alliance, while the other participated as a governmental advisor, with the financial support of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). This dual presence made it possible to bring the Forum's positions to key climate negotiation forums.



Colombia Forum:

1 Participated in COP 16 on biodiversity

The ACT Forum in Colombia actively participated in the COP16 in Cali, raising awareness of the commitment of churches and faith-based organizations to the protection of the planet. It managed to bring their demands to a high-level political space, positioning the ecumenical sector as a key player in the environmental agenda.

2 Implementation of a rapid response fund in the Urabá region

The Forum activated a rapid response fund to the migration crisis in Urabá, providing primary care, psychosocial support and humanitarian aid. Thousands of migrants, including women and children, were accompanied and protected in transit.



El Salvador Forum:

1 Execution of the rapid response flood fund

The ACT Alliance Forum in El Salvador delivered cash transfers to 500 families affected by storms, with the objective of strengthening their food security and enabling them to cover priority needs. The aid amounted to US\$51.33 per family, calculated according to the basic emergency food basket. This modality contributed to reducing the impact of the loss of livelihoods, reducing the risk of economic violence against women and promoting a more autonomous and dignified recovery for the beneficiary households.

2 Presentation of the El Salvador Forum on Psychosocial Care

The ACT Alliance Forum in El Salvador was invited to present at the community-based psychosocial care community of practice meeting, where they shared their approaches to accompaniment in contexts of crisis. Through its participation, they highlighted how their model has been able to respond to emotional and psychological needs, strengthening the capacities of other members of the Alliance. In addition, the development of monitoring tools that will improve the quality of future interventions was promoted.

3 Co-organization and participation in the First Regional Exchange of Experiences in Emergency Attention.

The ACT Forum El Salvador played a key role as co-organizer and exhibitor at the First Regional Exchange of Experiences in Emergency Care, open to the public, together with the forums of Cuba and Brazil. In this space, it presented its experience in cash transfers, highlighting how this approach promotes a rights-based model and empowers families to decide on their own priorities in crisis contexts. The activity strengthened regional collaboration, identified common challenges and facilitated mutual learning on innovative strategies to improve humanitarian assistance.

4 Workshop to strengthen advocacy for human mobility, climate justice and sustainable development:

In collaboration with the ACT Regional Secretariat and Kerk in Actie (KIA), a technical, practical and collaborative face-to-face workshop based on the collective construction approach was organized. In this workshop, knowledge on effective advocacy strategies related to human mobility, climate justice and sustainable development was presented. In addition, the National Advocacy Plan for the ACT Forum in El Salvador was launched.



Guatemala Forum:

1 Campaign *We pray, but we also speak out*

For the seventh consecutive year, the ACT Guatemala Forum (through CEDPECA) promoted the campaign *We pray, but we also speak out*, reaching more than 166 thousand people and positioning digital violence against women from a biblical-theological perspective. In addition, six years of implementation of this campaign were evaluated, generating lessons and recommendations to professionalize the initiative as a tool for info-activism, psychosocial accompaniment and prophetic denunciation from the faith.

2 Forum-Discussion Feminism and Faith: Necessary Dialogues

The Forum- Discussion Feminism and Faith: Necessary Dialogues developed by CEDEPCA, JOTAY and ACT's Gender Justice Community of Practice, brought together women of faith and feminists to discuss gender violence, sexual rights and economic justice, fostering the building of bridges between different perspectives. The space allowed to dismantle prejudices, strengthen alliances and advance social advocacy from an inclusive and transformative approach.

3 Success in Communications

The Facebook page of the ACT Alliance Forum in Guatemala consolidated its digital presence in 2024, positioning itself as a key space for the visibility and promotion of its work. It reached more than 2,700 followers and achieved an active participation of the community in all its publications. An outstanding achievement was

the publication *Imaginemos los Evangelios* (Let us imagine the Gospels) on social networks, which in the framework of #25N, exceeded 6,500 interactions, demonstrating the forum's capacity to generate relevant and mobilizing content.

Honduras Forum:

1 Project *Embracing gender justice, from a multidimensional perspective*

In 2024, the forum successfully implemented the project *Embracing Gender Justice, from a multidimensional vision*, to strengthen the capacities of 17 gender focal points from member organizations. Through a training plan in four modules (face-to-face and virtual), participants acquired key skills to promote the rights of women and girls with a focus on justice and equity, taking an active role both within their organizations and in the communities with which they work to promote a focus on justice, equity and empowerment in all their projects.

2 Execution of rapid response fund for tropical storm Sara

The ACT Forum began the implementation of the rapid response fund (RRF) to assist families affected by tropical storm Sara in the departments of Cortés, Colón, Yoro and Choluteca, benefiting 1,124 families affected by the storm in November 2024. In response to the crisis, food and hygiene kits were distributed to the most vulnerable families. National coordination among forum members and with local response entities was essential to ensure that the neediest families received the necessary assistance in a timely and effective manner.

3

Discussion Feminism and Faith: Necessary Dialogues

The ACT Forum in Honduras, through its community of practice in gender justice, organized the Discussion Feminism and faith: necessary dialogues in the fight against violence against women and girls with the objective of fostering dialogue between faith-based organizations, feminist organizations and other civil society actors. With the participation of 47 representatives of the 18 member organizations, the discussion not only made the urgency of addressing gender-based violence as a structural manifestation of patriarchy visible, but also positioned the forum's commitment to integrate human rights approaches and feminist theology in its institutional agendas for social transformation.

4

Gender justice awareness campaign

In the framework of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, the ACT Forum in Honduras promoted a successful awareness-raising campaign aimed at both its member organizations and the general public, promoting a deeper understanding of gender justice and human rights. The campaign, which included the production and dissemination of audiovisual material (infographics and videos produced by the Forum's own gender justice group), positioned the message of the fight against gender discrimination and violence, expanding its impact to new audiences and consolidating the forum as a key actor in the promotion of equity and the rights of women and girls.

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Nicaragua Forum:

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Training in psychological first aid and faith-based accompaniment

The ACT Forum in Nicaragua strengthened the competencies of 11 members of its member organizations in psychological first aid and faith-sensitive community-based psychosocial support (CBPS) as part of their emergency and disaster response preparedness. Through this training, participants acquired practical tools to provide immediate psychological support during emergencies, integrating the spiritual dimension in their accompaniment.

2

Obtained the position of vice-coordinator of the gender community of practice.

For the first time, ACT Forum in Nicaragua assumed the position of vice-coordinator in the gender community of practice, strengthening its commitment to gender justice. This achievement underscores the need to develop an action plan to integrate regional and local actions by 2025.

Peru Forum:

1 8M Discussion and Gender Justice Panel

The Peru Forum organized an 8M discussion, with the participation of almost 50 people and panelists of all genders and diversities, promoting the visibility of women's rights and the fight against violence. This event broadened audiences and brought the forum closer to other organizations.

2 Continued strengthening of the Peru Forum and its articulation

In coordination with the same members of the ACT Forum in Peru and in alliance with the platform Forces and Voices for Gender Justice, as well as other civil society organizations, spaces for reflection on gender justice, democracy and human rights were promoted, highlighting the face-to-face discussion No democracy without women, held on March 14; the First Discussion on Democracy and Human Rights: Re-flections from the Faith, held on June 27; and the national workshops Gender Justice, Democracy and Human Rights. These successful spaces are evidence of the forum's efficient capacity for articulation, reflecting the spirit of unity, and the commitment and enormous capacity of our Peru Forum to address fundamentalisms from a faith perspective.

3 Consolidation of digital presence

The Foro ACT Peru Facebook page has consolidated its digital presence as a key space for the visibility and promotion of the work of the ACT Forum in Peru, its members and the Gender Justice and Human Rights Roundtable. With constant and strategic management, the platform has reached a community of more than 1,200

followers, strengthening its impact on the dissemination of initiatives related to gender justice, human rights and social advocacy.

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Dominican Republic Forum:

1 ¡Dominican Republic gets stronger Forum!

In the past year, the Forum has taken a key step to consolidate its role as a space for cross-sectoral and faith-based articulation, with the successful incorporation of two institutions of the faith community as observer members: the Dominican Episcopal Church and the Dominican Evangelical Church. This progress revitalizes the work of the forum and reaffirms its commitment as a platform for dialogue, collaboration and joint action.



FEACT Brazil Forum 2024:

1

International projection of reports on human rights violations and climate crisis in Brazil, with presentations in Germany (Pão para o Mundo) and Switzerland (ACT headquarters and UN Human Rights Council). Emblematic cases of state violence in indigenous, quilombola, peasant and urban territories were made visible, generating international repercussion and articulating strategies towards COP30 in Belém.

2

Concrete impact on the reduction of violence in the affected territories, public denunciation and international pressure. Improvements in the security of communities were observed in four regions: Maré Island (BA), Taquaril dos Fialhos (BA), 4th District in Porto Alegre (RS) and territories of the Munduruku people (PA), with direct impact on more than 60 rural families, hundreds in urban areas and at least two indigenous villages.

3

Leadership in the creation and promotion of the Auxílio Calamidade national campaign, which proposes a monthly minimum wage for families affected by climate disasters. This campaign, born within the Platform for the Reform of the Political System (300 CSOs), was able to articulate a [parliamentary front] of 20 deputies to promote its inclusion in the Budget Law. Although the law has not yet been passed, it has been consolidated as a policy with a high potential impact for millions of vulnerable people.

4

Sustained advocacy in the National Human Rights Council (CNDH), achieving the inclusion of the fight against religious fundamentalism as a permanent topic on the Council's agenda. This progress allows for monitoring, data collection and technical visits to critical areas, in coordination with state agencies such as the Ministry of Human Rights and local Secretariats.

5

Strengthening the interfaith and ecumenical coalition through the Tapiris towards COP30, with the realization of 2 two Tapiris. This process has mobilized more than 50 grassroots groups in the nine states of the Legal Amazon, prioritizing the voice of traditional peoples and communities. Violations legitimized by religious fundamentalisms have been documented, advancing in the construction of a final document to be presented at the **Cúpula dos Povos in Belém (November 2025)**.



Cuba Forum:

1 International Declaration in Solidarity with Cuba

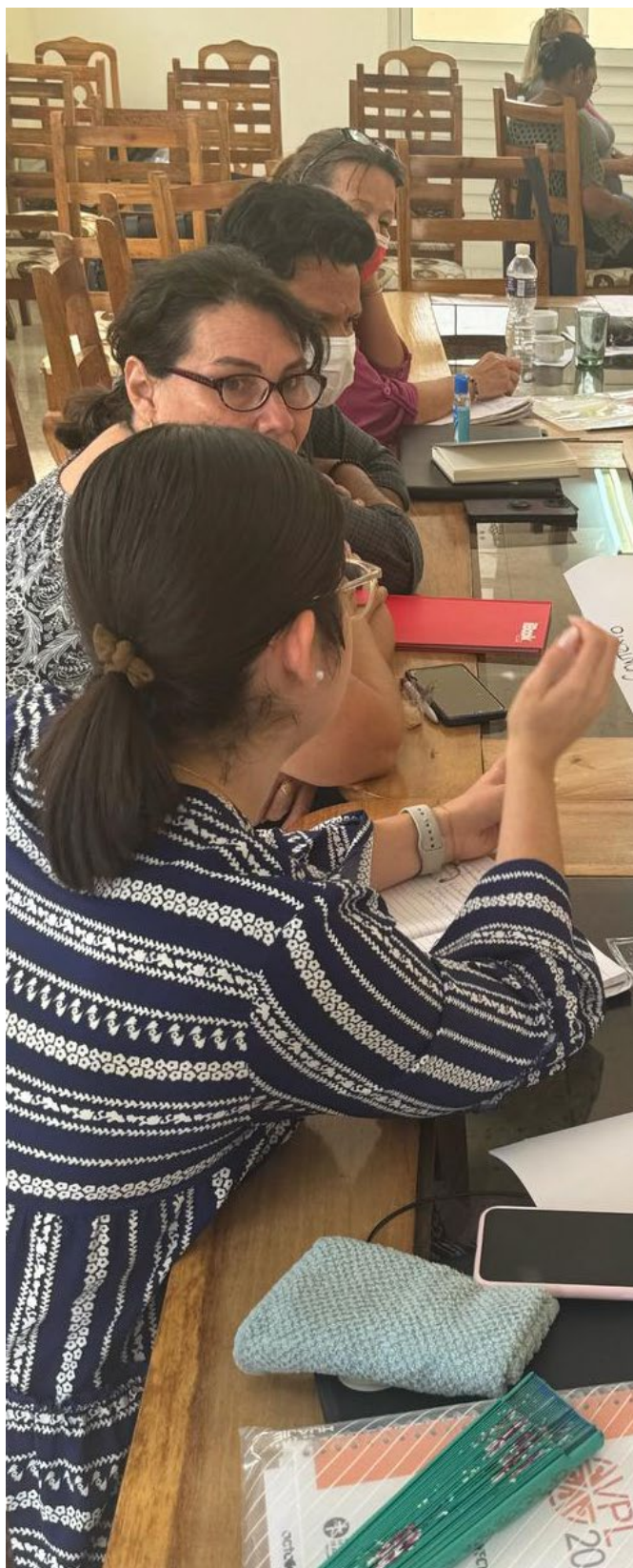
One of the greatest achievements of the Cuba Forum in 2024 was the approval at the ACT General Assembly of the Declaration Together for Justice: Our Collective Action for Cuba. This milestone made visible at the international level the critical humanitarian situation of the country, caused by the unjust foreign policy of the United States. Although it did not succeed in mobilizing immediate resources, it laid the groundwork for future advocacy and solidarity actions.

2 Capacity building in humanitarian emergencies

The forum also strengthened its emergency preparedness by training CIC and CCRD-Cuba staff in key humanitarian standards such as ESFERA and CHS. In addition, emergency preparedness and response plans were updated and a HIP 2025 project for the western and central regions of the country was presented and is currently under evaluation. This reflects a sustained commitment to risk management and humanitarian assistance.

3 International recognition through CHS Alliance

Finally, the CIC and the CCRD-Cuba joined the CHS Alliance, consolidating international recognition of the Forum's work in humanitarian rights, quality and accountability. This affiliation not only strengthens the legitimacy of the Forum, but also opens up new opportunities for collaboration and institutional growth in the global humanitarian arena.





Summary by program

2024 was a successful year for the ACT Alliance in Latin America and the Caribbean: we were full of historic achievements in all our programs.

In the following pages, we summarize the main advances and actions of the five ACT Alliance programs in LAC, followed by the work of the regional office.

Humanitarian Program

- The program provided technical support and guidance to forums and member organizations in the development of **emergency preparedness and response plans (EPRPs) for the ACT forums in the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Brazil and Peru**, resulting in the development or updating of four EPRPs.
- In addition, with the valuable support of Kerk in Actie, a self-assessment **project under the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) was implemented for three ACT member organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean**. This initiative aims to strengthen institutional capacities for the understanding and effective application of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). The project, which will run through 2025, represents a significant step in the organizational strengthening of our members.
- **Four rapid response funds were activated in 2024:** Brazil (RRF 03/2024), El Salvador (RRF 09/2024), Colombia (RRF 15/2024) and Honduras (RRF 17/2024). Remote monitoring of RRF 03/2024 was also completed.
- In collaboration with the APBC Community of Practice, **a comprehensive program package was designed to integrate the psychosocial and spiritual approach into humanitarian responses**.
- **The first public event of ACT's humanitarian program in Latin America and the Caribbean** was held with great success, where key experiences and lessons learned from humanitarian responses were shared with key actors and the general public.





What is to come?

1. Together with Kerk in Actie, it will be ensured that [three] ACT organizations complete their self-assessment under the NHE, including a face-to-face workshop for learning exchange.

2. The program will provide technical accompaniment for the development of alerts, RRFs and Appeals.

Climate Justice Program

- The program provided **financial support to strengthen Argentina's Forum advocacy efforts**. This support contributed to the articulation of the forum with various strategic actors in Argentina, facilitating the establishment of key alliances.
- It also **facilitated the first ACT regional delegation to COP 16**, marking the beginning of the exploration of biodiversity issues from an ecumenical perspective. This effort included the issuance of the first joint statement with the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches, led from our region.
- The program also **ensured the participation of a representative from LAC in COP 29**.
- The program **offered the first virtual course on advocacy and rights promotion for people in human mobility** and climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean.



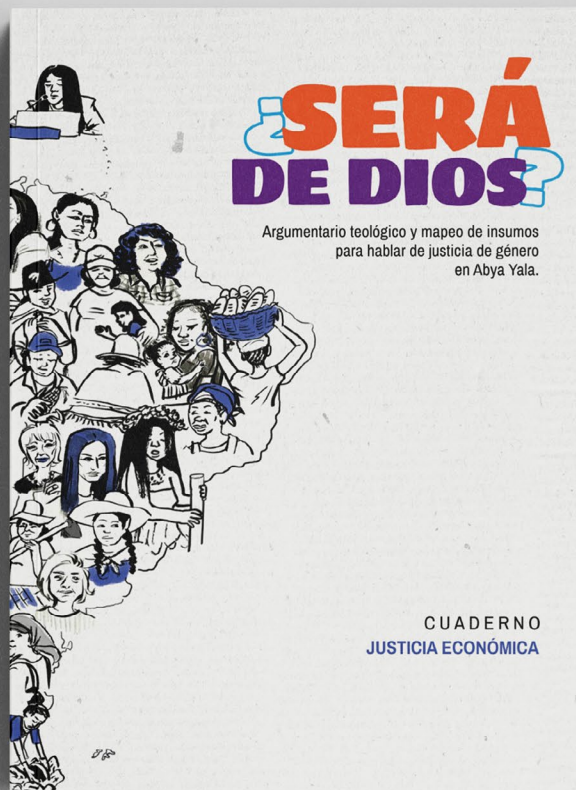


What is to come?

- 1.** The program will strengthen ecumenical articulation in the context of COP30, integrating and actively contributing to existing and future regional ecumenical efforts.
- 2.** It will provide technical assistance and funding to the delegation that will represent ACT Alliance at the Regional Review of the UN Global Compact.
- 3.** To link lived and grassroots experiences with advocacy, support and facilitate dialogue on the adoption and implementation of human rights-based approaches to climate interventions in Argentina, Peru and Honduras, while the regional team will manage the mobilization of resources for El Salvador.
- 4.** Technical accompaniment visits will be made to the prioritized countries to ensure the successful completion of their national advocacy plans.
- 5.** In addition, a strategic initiative developed by ACT youth will be facilitated – [subject] to a selection process.

Gender Justice Program

- The Global Gender Justice Program and the LAC Gender Community of Practice, in collaboration with a group of theologians, and with the outstanding work of Jorge Weishein, **culminated the creation of the Argumentario Teológico sobre Justicia de Género** (Theological Argumentary on Gender Justice). This document integrates the theological contributions of the region, offering:
 - A theological map that systematizes the discussions, tools and approaches used.
 - A structured record of the current state of theological reflection on gender justice.



**Será
de Dios**

- **We facilitated the Brazil forum initiative, *Advocacy for Gender Justice in the Fight Against Fundamentalisms***, which exemplifies the impactful role of faith-based organizations in advancing gender justice. By promoting interfaith dialogue and collaborating with government agencies, we help strengthen resistance to fundamentalist pressures.
- **The program provided valuable platforms for national members in Latin America and the Caribbean to actively participate in international forums.** In particular, representatives of Argentina made speeches during the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) and the 57th Commission on Population and Development (CPD57), contributing to the inclusion of new perspectives of faith from LAC in international agendas.



[LinkedIn: Faith in Gender Justice](#)



What is to come?

- 1.** Articulation and support in the process of internal dialogue for the validation, appropriation and use of the theological.
- 2.** A face-to-face meeting of feminist theologians in the defense of human rights in the region.
- 3.** Participation in global advocacy spaces such as ICPD and CSW, and internal ACT spaces such as Guatemala + 5.

Migration and Displacement Program

Throughout 2024, ACT Alliance members developed and implemented strategies aimed at addressing the interconnected challenges of human mobility and climate justice in the region. Key achievements included:

- **Creation and consolidation of the ACT Advocacy Follow-up Group on Human Mobility and Climate Justice**, to strengthen public policy coordination and influence.
- **Joint identification with ACT member organizations in LAC of collective advocacy strategies** at the regional level, particularly for the regional review of the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- With the support of the climate justice program, **documentation of testimonies and experiences through individual and community narratives that reflect regional and national realities around human mobility and climate justice**. These narratives will offer perspectives on the challenges the region faces. At the same time, they will contribute to raise awareness about the human rights situation of people in contexts of mobility, raising the voice of the women affected, based on their life experience.
- With the support of Kerk in Actie, the ACT

Alliance Secretariat for Latin America and the Caribbean organized workshops to **strengthen advocacy for human mobility, climate justice and sustainable development in Colombia, Peru, Honduras and El Salvador**, with the objectives of: 1) Expanding basic knowledge on the current state of human mobility, climate justice and its interrelationship with sustainable development in the region. 2) Strengthen technical knowledge on the effective incidence of the forums, as well as the strategies available for their achievement.





What is to come?

- 1.** In 2025, we will actively participate in the Regional Review of the Global Compact on Migration, laying the groundwork for an articulated participation in the International Migration Review Forum 2026 (IMRF 2026).
- 2.** We will give continuity to the development of the National Advocacy Plans of the forums in Peru, Honduras and El Salvador, through technical visits, remote support and accompaniment in the implementation of advocacy actions.
- 3.** We will amplify the voices of communities affected by climate-induced mobility through the launch of the [booklet] Displacement for Survival, which documents the impact of this reality on the lives of individuals and communities.
- 4.** We will publish a practical toolkit to strengthen advocacy on climate mobility from a faith-based perspective in the region.
- 5.** We will also carry out the pending face-to-face workshop in Cuba.

Peace and Human Security Program

In 2024, the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region made significant progress in responding to its members' call for a regional process to address fundamentalisms and their impact on human rights and democracy. Through the support of a group of committed members-Act Iglesia Sueca, Christian Aid, Kerk in Actie, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Diakonia Sweden and Bread for the World-this vision materialized in the Guatemala +5 process, officially called the *National and Regional Dialogues on Fundamentalisms and their Impact on Human Rights and Democracy in the LAC Region*.



[Process Report](#)



[Consensus definition of fundamentalisms](#)



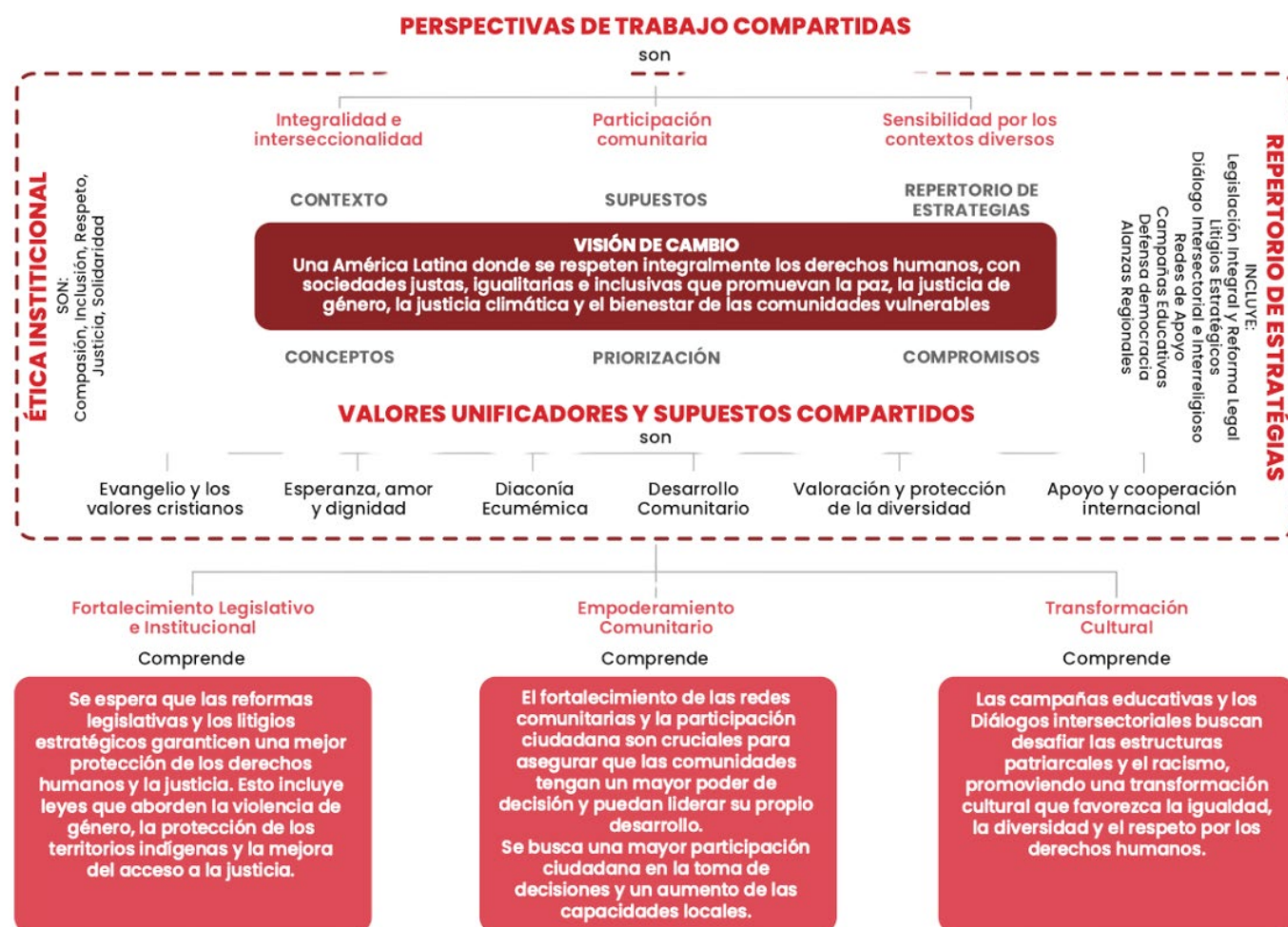
[Youth Report](#)



[Call to action - general assembly](#)

The main achievements of the Guatemala +5 process included the following:

- An updated analysis of regional dynamics in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- A first draft of a possible ACT Alliance theory of change on fundamentalisms for work at the regional level.
- Guidelines, issued by the General Secretary, for addressing fundamentalisms within the ACT Alliance, with an emphasis on critical and multi-religious dialogue, with a human rights-based approach.
- A consensus definition of fundamentalisms.



Fuente: elaboración propia.



What is to come?

- 1.** The regional office, supported by a new Ecumenical Advocacy Coordinator, will provide accompaniment in the development of advocacy initiatives at the request of forums or communities of practice related to issues of democracy, human rights and fundamentalism.
- 2.** We will closely follow the commitments made in relation to the convergence of fundamentalisms in the region, within the framework of the Guatemala +5 process, and will support new regional commitments.
- 3.** We will strengthen ecumenical and multi-religious cooperation in the region, addressing fundamentalisms from the different thematic areas of the ACT Alliance.



Work from the
Regional Office

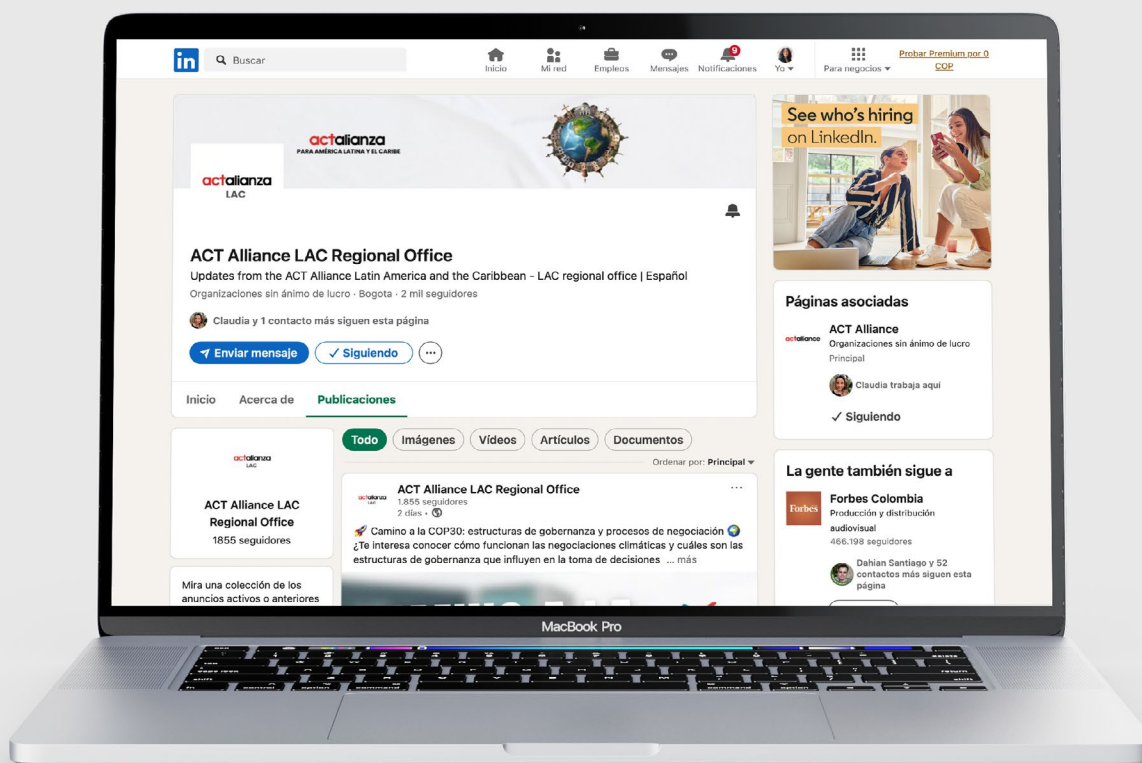
Major successes of the ACT LAC Regional Office

- During 2024, the ACT Alliance Regional Team for Latin America and the Caribbean made significant efforts in terms of **experience sharing and capacity building**, marking historic milestones for the region.
- It established regular **coordination spaces with the ACT forum coordinators** —an initiative valued for its practical usefulness—. The office also actively participated in various meetings of the forums.
- As part of our commitment to meaningful membership participation, we also provide support in the **preparation and logistics to facilitate our members' participation in the General Assembly**.
- In addition, our team assistant played an active role in the **reactivation of the Youth Community of Practice**, contributing to the strengthening of youth leadership in the region.
- Regarding our support to **the ACT Forums**, the office led the management of a pilot of the report **How are we doing? National ACT Forums: Progress, Challenges and Recommendations report**. This first report aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of the activities, achievements and challenges faced by the ACT Alliance national forums in the region. However, this document will be kept as internal material until the methodology used in the analysis is adjusted and refined for future editions.
- In an effort to foster greater exchange and closeness with the forums, the Regional Representative and the Human Mobility and Climate Justice Officer carried out **visits throughout the region**. In addition, the General Secretariat of ACT coordinated visits to Colombia and the Humanitarian Operations Manager to Colombia and El Salvador.
- The regional office also supported the **Global Coordinators' Meeting in Amman**, in which three coordinators from the region participated.
- In addition, the secretariat backed the **holding of a meeting of the members of the South American forum: FESUR** in Buenos Aires.



Regarding advocacy actions from the forums, the **Regional Office contributed to the publication of six public statements:** two on the impact of fundamentalisms, one on collective action for decolonization and linguistic diversity, another on the need for urgent action to support Cuba, and finally, one focused on peace in Colombia.

- In the field of communications, the regional team continues to **develop bi-weekly newsletters rigorously, managing to systematize information and opportunities.** In addition, communication networks and channels were expanded, such as the **LinkedIn profile** of the Regional Office, which has gained a considerable number of followers and interactions with the Alliance's posts and initiatives. Finally, for the first time, an ACT Alliance web page was created for the region, which includes a repository of press releases, publications and other resources in Spanish:
www.actalianzaenalc.org
- **The office secured funding and promoted three key projects:** capacity building in advocacy on Climate Mobility and Sustainable Development, the CHS Self-Assessment for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and the Guatemala +5 process.
- **The office implemented the United Nations Volunteers program,** strengthening the capacity of the regional team with the contribution of valuable professionals.





What is to come?

1.

The ACT regional office will continue to actively support the implementation of the programs in the region, playing a driving and facilitating role.

2.

The regional team will promote greater cohesion through a dialogue between the forum coordinators and the regional office, including a face-to-face meeting in Bogota. This will be accompanied by the launch of the first report on the status of our forums, together with a regional alignment matrix that will include the first mapping of national, regional and global actions.

3.

We will seek to strengthen hemispheric ties between Latin America, the Caribbean and North America, promoting spaces for articulation and exchange to prepare the way for the joint meeting scheduled for January 2026.

4.

Finally, we will continue to provide support to the forums that require it in order to move towards more effective, representative and sustainable structures.

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