

**1st. COLLOQUIUM CILAC 2021 "Science in movement"  
Wednesday August 12, 2020**

***Inclusive Science: the right to science***

**The CILAC Forum Colloquia**

The [Open Science Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean \(CILAC Forum\)](#) was born in 2016 as a dynamic and inclusive regional exchange platform to debate, plan and monitor - among all the actors involved: government, universities, companies, researchers, the social sector - the scientific-technological integration of the region and the role of the *Science, Technology and Innovation* (CTI) system for the sustainable development.

Since its initiation, CILAC has been conceived as a unique space for the alignment of the regional priorities and policies of various international and regional organizations, as well as of the bilateral and multilateral active cooperation agencies in science and technology in the region, together with the national and regional education systems and research.

In this way, as a platform for debate and permanent action, CILAC organizes a series of events with leading figures from the regional and international environment, to address substantive issues of the scientific and social situation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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**Inclusive science: the right to science**

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***Panelists:***

- **Mrs. Lidia Brito**, director of the UNESCO Regional Office for Science in Latin America and the Caribbean,
- **Prof. Dr. Rafael Radi**, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Uruguay
- **Prof. Dr. Rodrigo Uprimny**, member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

***Moderation:***

- **Mr. Andrés Morales**, specialist of the Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO Regional Office for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## **Presentation**

Participating in scientific progress and its benefits is a human right recognized by international human rights treaties and by many legislations in our region.

Despite the fact that science has been little developed as a right of the people, today it gains special relevance to the context that we live. Facing the pandemic, that whips the region and the world, the key role played by the science and technology systems of Latin America and the Caribbean is highlighted, as well as the need for local capacities to develop and implement adequate measures, without depending exclusively on external solutions.

In some ways, all our daily lives are affected by science and technology. The reality is increasingly mediated by the advancement of scientific knowledge, and it is important that we all have access to its achievements.

A few months ago, the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights published the General Comment No. 25 on “science and economic, social and cultural rights, where it gives countries some tracks on how to interpret the right to science.

The Committee pays special attention to "the groups that have experienced systemic discrimination in the enjoyment of the right to participate in scientific progress and its applications and enjoy its benefits, such as women, persons with disabilities, lesbian, gays, bisexual, transgender and intersex, indigenous peoples and persons living in poverty." It even calls for states to take special and temporary measures to achieve substantive equality with these traditionally excluded groups.

Now, based on these postulates to think about the current and future reality of Latin America and the Caribbean, some basic concerns arise:

- What should we do to have a more inclusive science in the region?
- How to democratize its development and ensure that its benefits reach all the people, especially in this context?
- What implies that science is seen as a human right and how can this to be promoted?
- How to reduce the scientific gap within countries and between countries?

Panelists will address these issues, identifying the *specific challenges* they visualized to fully install the science as a *human right*, as well as offering *recommendations* for action for policy makers, education systems, research centers and communicators.

### **Where, when and how to see the 1st. CILAC live colloquium:**

- Date: August 12
- Time: 17:00 (ARG / URU) 15:00 (MEX / COL)
- [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCayKyz9rw0\\_amwc2BuqQuvw/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCayKyz9rw0_amwc2BuqQuvw/live)
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