



LAUNCH OF THE REPORT

Latin American Economic Outlook 2018: Rethinking Institutions for Development

Monday, 9 April 2018, 15.00 – 16.30

Lord Jenkins Room, Charlemagne Building, European Commission, Brussels

15.00 – 15.10 Welcoming remarks: **Stefano Manservigi**, Director General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission

15.10 – 15.50 Panel discussion on the Latin American Economic Outlook 2018: **Stefano Manservigi**, Director General for International Cooperation and Development (European Commission), **Christian Leffler**, Deputy Secretary General for Global Economic Issues at the European External Action Service (EEAS), **Mario Cimoli**, Deputy Executive Secretary (ECLAC), **Mario Pezzini**, Director (OECD Development Centre), and **Gonzalo de Castro**, Senior Executive (CAF – Development Bank of Latin America).

15.50 – 16.30 Open debate

Moderation by: **Dharmendra Kanani**, Director of Strategy (Friends of Europe)

The *Latin American Economic Outlook 2018: Rethinking Institutions for Development* focuses on how institutions can underpin the foundations of a long period of sustained and inclusive growth and increased well-being in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). The report analyses the increasing disconnection and dissatisfaction of citizens with institutions and public services, and links it to a number of long-standing, structural features of the region, as well as more recent, contextual dynamics that are shaping LAC's economy, society and polity. The report argues that these dynamics are weakening the social contract in the LAC region, and examines how it can be strengthened. First, it presents an overview of the main macroeconomic challenges, analysing the complex macroeconomic context in the region with a particular focus on trade, and explores policy options to boost potential growth and foster inclusion by providing better job opportunities for all. Second, it analyses the main institutional challenges facing states, and presents policy recommendations to build states that deliver and respond to citizens' changing demands and aspirations by being more reliable, effective, open, and innovative. Finally, the report argues that institutions need to be forward-looking, to anticipate change and adapt to a rapidly evolving and increasingly complex global context.

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