High-level event on the Comprehensive Development Plan
El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. A new paradigm for sustainable development and regional cooperation

Friday, 27 September 2019, 1.15–2.30 p.m. – Conference Room 7

Background
The Presidents of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico signed a Political Declaration on 1 December 2018, with the aim of identifying strategic opportunities and working together to address the structural causes of human mobility in their countries. They asked the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to identify themes and options to form the basis for a Comprehensive Development Plan, which would have four pillars: (i) economic development and integration, (ii) social protection and well-being, (iii) risk reduction and environmental sustainability, and (iv) human mobility with an integrated cycle approach in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Significance
The high-level event on the Comprehensive Development Plan is co-hosted by the Governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, with the support of ECLAC. The main objective is to share updates on the status of the Comprehensive Development Plan and consider possible next steps.

Outcome and format
The event will be co-chaired by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico and moderated by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, with comments by the Secretary-General of the Central American Integration System (SICA). An open discussion will follow. The audience is expected to number around 100 attendees from member States and the United Nations development system.

Envisioned programme
- Introductory remarks by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
  - Remarks by Marco Vinicio Cerezo, Secretary-General of SICA
  - Remarks by Alexandra Hill Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador
  - Remarks by Sandra Érica Jovel Polanco, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala
  - Remarks by José Isaías Barahona Herrera, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Policy Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras
  - Remarks by Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Open discussion

Other details
Further details may be provided upon request.