



## Governmental Organizations

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Governmental Organization. Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **ALADI. Latin-American Integration Association**

ALADI Secretariat  
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Montevideo, Uruguay

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Established in: 1980

Email: [sgaladi@aladi.org](mailto:sgaladi@aladi.org)

Member countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile,  
Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador,  
Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay  
and Venezuela.

Website: <http://www.aladi.org>

President: Mr. Juan Fransisco Rojas

Latin-American Integration Association, ALADI, (former Latin-American Free Trade Association or ALALC) is an intergovernmental organization which promotes the economic integration of the region for economic and social development. ALADI final goal is the establishment of a Latin-American common market through:

- ✓ Promotion and regulation of trade between countries of the region
- ✓ Economic complementation among its member countries
- ✓ Development of cooperative actions to help the expansion of national markets

**Helpful links for organizations, trade agreements and regulations. Statistics, socio-economics indicators and publications for every country member. Glossaries related to trade.**

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### **CAN. Andean Community**

CAN Secretariat  
Paseo de la República 3895, esq. Aramburú, San  
Isidro  
Lima 27, Peru.

Tel: (+511) 411 14 00

Fax: (+511) 221 33 29

Established in: 1969

Email: [contacto@comunidadandina.org](mailto:contacto@comunidadandina.org)

Member countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru  
and Venezuela.

Website: <http://www.comunidadandina.org/>

The Andean Community or CAN is a sub-regional organization with an international legal status, comprising member countries and institutions of the Andean Integration System (AIS).

The key objectives of CAN are:

- ✓ To promote development under equitable conditions
- ✓ To boost growth through integration and economic and social cooperation
- ✓ To enhance participation in the regional integration process with a Latin American common market in the visor
- ✓ To strive for steady improvement in the standard of living of their inhabitants

**Reports, statistics and socio-economic indicators of Latin American countries. Links to countries, organizations, agreements and economics websites in Latin America.**

### **G-3. Grupo de los Tres**

*Pro tempore* Secretariat of biannual rotation, whose people in charge are the chancelleries of each member country. For 2003-2005 the secretariat is in Colombia.

Tel:

Fax:

Established in: 1989

Email:

Countries members: Colombia, Venezuela and Mexico.

Website:

The Grupo de los Tres (Group of the Three) is an intergovernmental agreement for integration and economic complementation of its members.

Their objectives are:

- ✓ To adopt an agreement of trilateral commercial liberalization;
- ✓ To extend the cooperation and economic complementation of the Group;
- ✓ Promote consultation and political agreement;

To increase economic, cultural, scientific and technical cooperation of the Group countries towards Central America and the Caribbean, with the purpose of fortifying the development of both regions.

**Free Trade Agreement among members in 1994. No website.**

### **MERCOSUR. Southern Common Market**

MERCOSUR Secretariat  
Luis Piera 1992. Ed. Parque Hotel. 1er. Piso  
Montevideo, Uruguay

Tel: (+598) 402 9024

Fax: (+598) 408 0557

Established in: 1991

Email: [sam@mercosur.com.uy](mailto:sam@mercosur.com.uy)

Member Countries: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.  
Associated members are: Bolivia, Chile and Peru.

Website: <http://www.mercosur.org.uy>

Director: Mr. Reginaldo Braga Arcuri

The Southern Common Market, MERCOSUR, is a sub-regional agreement of integration within the framework of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI).

Main objectives are:

- ✓ The free circulation of goods, services and factors of the production by means of the non-tariff suppression of the customs tariffs and restrictions
- ✓ The establishment of common external tariffs
- ✓ The coordination of common positions in international economic forums

**Statistics and socio-economic indicators, publications and official reports**

### **ECLAC. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean**

ECLAC Secretariat  
Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura,  
Casilla de Correo 179-D  
Santiago de Chile, Chile

Tel: (+56-2) 471-2000  
210 2000 - 2085051

Fax: (+56-2) 2080252

Established in: 1948

Email: [cepal@eclac.cl](mailto:cepal@eclac.cl)

Countries members:

Website: <http://www.eclac.cl/>

Executive Secretary: Mr. José Luis Machinea

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC, is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. It was founded for the purposes of contributing to the economic development of Latin America, coordinating actions directed towards this end, and reinforcing economic relationships among the countries and with other nations. The promotion of the region's social development was later included among its primary objectives.

## **Statistics, socio-economic indicators and major assessments about the socio-economic situation in Latin America.**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
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**SELA. Latin American Economic System**

SELA Secretariat  
Torre Europa, Fourth floor, Urb. Campo Alegre,  
Av Francisco de Miranda,  
Caracas 1060, Venezuela

Tel: (+58) (212) 955.71.11

Fax: (+58) (212) 951.52.92

Established in: 1975

Email: <http://www.sela.org>

Countries members: 28 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Website: [sela@sela.org](mailto:sela@sela.org)

Permanent Secretary: Mr. Roberto Guarnieri

The Latin American Economic System, SELA, is a regional intergovernmental organization established by the Panama Convention. Its fields of work are: globalization, trade, integration, technical cooperation, financing and foreign investment, economic and social policies.

SELA mains objectives are:

- ✓ To promote a consultation and coordination system for consensus on joint positions and common strategies for the Latin American and Caribbean region on economic issues vis-à-vis countries, groups of countries, international fora and organizations
- ✓ To launch cooperation and integration among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

## **Statistics, socio-economic indicators and major assessments about the socio-economic situation in Latin America. Helpful directory for all America economics issues**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Governmental Organization. Latin America and the Caribbean**  
**PARLATINO. The Latin American Parliament**

PARLATINO Secretariat  
Av. Auro Soares de Moura Andrade, nº 564, Portão 10  
CEP 01156-001. Barra Funda, São Paulo - SP -, Brazil

Tel: (+5511) 3824 6122

Fax: (+5511) 3824-0621

Established in: 1964

Email:

Countries members: The Nederland Antilles, Argentina, Aruba, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru Dominican Republic, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Website: <http://www.parlatino.org>

President: Mr. Ney Lopes

The Latin American Parliament, Parlatino, is a regional, permanent organism, integrated by the national Parliaments of Latin America. It constitutes a democratic institution representative of all the existing political issues in their legislative bodies, and promotes regional integration.

Among others, Parlatino main goals are:

- ✓ To foment the economic and social development of the Latin American community and to create conditions for total economic, political, social and cultural integration of its countries;
- ✓ To channel and to support the exigencies of the Latin American countries, in the international scope, with respect to the recognition of its rights.

## **Only Spanish and Portuguese. Documents not on-line, not in English. Good Links. Chairs in Argentina and Venezuela too.**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Governmental Organization. Latin America and the Caribbean**  
**INTAL. Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean**

INTAL Secretariat  
Esmeralda 130, 17th floor, (C1035ABD),  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Tel: (+54 11) 4320-1850

Fax: (+54 11) 4320-1865

Established in: 1965

Email: [intal@iadb.org](mailto:intal@iadb.org)

Countries members:

Website: <http://www.iadb.org/intal/>

Director: Mr. Juan Jose Taccone

INTAL is an international organization created by an agreement between the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Government of Argentina in 1965. Institutionally, INTAL is part of the Integration and Regional Programs Department of the IDB.

The Institute's working plan meets the demands and changes produced by regional integration scenario in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as a response to the strong tendency towards the globalization of the economies which came about in the latest years around the world. Based upon this, INTAL has implemented four lines of action: Regional and National Cooperation Projects on Integration, Policy Fora, Integration Fora and Information.

**Statistics on external trade of American countries. Documentation Center (not all on-line). Database with organized basic juridical texts relevant to regional economic integration in Latin America.**

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## **G-Rio. Grupo de Rio**

*Pro tempore* Secretariat

In 2005 Argentina

In 2004:

Edificio AYFRA, Piso 10, Pdte Franco y Ayolas

Asuncion, Paraguay

Tel: (+595 21) 448409  
493872

Fax: (+595 21) 450911  
493910

Established in: 1986

Email:

Countries members: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic Dominican, Uruguay, Venezuela, and one turning country representing CARICOM (Guyana).

Website: no website.

Initially known as the Group of the 8, the Grupo de Río (Group of River) is a flexible mechanism for dialogue and political agreement, a framework in which to approach subjects of common interest for Latin America and the Caribbean. At the present time, the Grupo de Río is the main regional interlocutor front to third countries or groups of countries like the European Union.

Grupo de Rio main goals are:

- ✓ To extend and to systematize political cooperation and dialogue;
- ✓ To examine and to arrange positions on international subjects of common interest;
- ✓ To promote the better operation of the organisms and processes of Latin American integration and cooperation;
- ✓ To decipher solutions to the problems and conflicts that affect the region;
- ✓ To impel the improvement of inter-American relations, and;
- ✓ To explore new fields of social, scientific and technological cooperation that favor the economic development of the member countries.

### **Spanish and Portuguese only.**

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## **SICA. Central America Integration System**

SICA Secretariat

Blv. Orden de Malta No. 470, Urb. Santa Elena,

Antiguo Cuscatlán, El Salvador

Tel: (+503) 248-8800

Fax: (+503) 248-8899

Established in: 1991

Email: [info@sgsica.org](mailto:info@sgsica.org)

Countries members: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Belize and The Dominican Republic

Website: <http://www.sgsica.org/>

General Secretary: Mr. Anibal Enrique Quiñónez Abarca

The Central American Integration System, SICA, is an international organization created by the Protocol from Tegucigalpa to the Letter of the Organization of Central American States (ODECA). It has been the main target for integration of Central America, to constitute it as a Region of Peace, Freedom, Democracy and Development. The trusteeship, respect and promotion of Human rights constitute its fundamental base.

### **Spanish only. Documents on-line about Central America integration.**

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## **CARICOM. Caribbean Community**

Caribbean Community Secretariat  
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Avenue of the Republic  
Georgetown, Guyana

Tel: (+592) 226 9280

Fax: (+592) 226 7816

Established in: 1973

Email: [carisec3@caricom.org](mailto:carisec3@caricom.org)

Countries members: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. Associate Members: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin, Islands, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands.

Website: <http://www.caricom.org/>

CARICOM is an intergovernmental organization working in the Caribbean region. It aims at the eventual integration of its members and economies, and the creation of a common market.

From its inception, the Community has concentrated on the promotion of the integration of the economies of Member States, coordinating the foreign policies of the independent Member States and in Functional Cooperation, especially in relation to various areas of social and human endeavor.

### **Statistics, publications, treaties and protocols about the region.**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Governmental Organization. Americas**

## **FTAA. Free Trade Area of the Americas**

*Pro tempore* Secretariat

Tel:

Fax:

Established in: 1998

Contacts for every country in:

[http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca\\_e.asp](http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca_e.asp)

Countries members: 34 countries in America, 32 in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Website: [http:// www.ftaa-alca.org](http://www.ftaa-alca.org)

The Free Trade Area of the Americas is an intergovernmental mechanism that aims to unite the economies of the Americas into a single free trade area. Its original framework is the meeting of the Summits of the Americas, which was held in 1994 in Miami, USA.

### **Trade and FTTA tariff database.**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean  
**Governmental Organization. Latin America-Europe**

## **CEFIR. Training Center for Regional Integration**

CEFIR Secretariat  
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Montevideo 11700, Uruguay

Tel: (+598-2) 336 5232

Fax: (+598-2) 336 3695

Established in: 1993

Email: [cefir@cefir.org](mailto:cefir@cefir.org)

Member countries: Grupo de Rio and European Community member countries.

Website: [www.cefir.org.uy](http://www.cefir.org.uy)

President: Mr. Didier Opertti

The Training for Center Regional Integration, CEFIR, is an intergovernmental organization created as an initiative of the Group de Rio and the European Community in 1990 within the framework of the Declaration of Rome. Both parts decided to create a program for the formation for regional integration destined to the qualification of pictures in regional integration.

The CEFIR seeks to bridge the exchange of information between Europe and Latin America in the matter of integration, being their general mission the one to contribute to the development of the formation and the capacity of management in the matter of integration and cooperation of the sectors public and deprived of the States Members.

#### **Spanish only. 400 documents about regional integration.**

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**Governmental Organization. Latin America-Asia**

### **PECC. Pacific Economic Cooperation Council**

PECC International Secretariat  
4 Nassim Road, 258372, Singapore

Tel: (+65) 6737 9823

Fax: (+65) 6737 9824

Established in: 1980

Email: [info@pecc.org](mailto:info@pecc.org)

Countries members: 25 members in the Asia-Pacific region and 5 in Latin America: Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru.

Website: <http://www.pecc.org>

The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, PECC, is a unique tripartite partnership of senior individuals from business and industry, government, academic and other intellectual circles. It aims to serve as a regional forum for cooperation and policy coordination to promote economic development in the Asia-Pacific region. PEEC is an official observer of APEC.

#### **Statistics and socio-economics indicators, publications and official reports.**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean

**Governmental Organization. Latin America-Asia**

### **APEC. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation**

APEC Secretariat  
35 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, 119616, Singapore

Tel: (+65) 6775 6012

Fax: (+65) 6775 6013

Established in: 1989

Email: [info@apec.org](mailto:info@apec.org)

Countries members: 21 members in the Asia-Pacific region and 3 in Latin America: Chile, Peru and Mexico.

Website: <http://www.apec.org>

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. Since its inception, APEC has worked to reduce tariffs and other trade barriers across the region, creating efficient domestic economies and increasing exports.

Key to achieving APEC's vision are what are referred to as the 'Bogor Goals' of free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific by 2010 for industrialized economies and 2020 for developing economies.

#### **Statistics and socio-economics indicators, publications and official reports.**

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**Governmental Organization. Latin America-Asia**

### **FEALAC. Forum for East Asia - Latin America Cooperation**

Established in: 2001

Email: ?

Countries members: 17 members in Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Website: [www.focalae.net](http://www.focalae.net)

The Forum is an informal mechanism for dialogue and cooperation among the countries of the two regions. It strives for better understanding, dialogue and cooperation between the private sector, Governments and greater population. It promotes intellectual and cultural exchanges to facilitate commerce, investment, tourism, science and technological development, and environmental protection.

## Financial Organizations

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**Financial Organization. Latin America**

### CAF. Andean Development Corporation

CAF Secretariat  
Ave. Luis Roche, Torre Altamira,  
Caracas, Venezuela

Tel: (+58212) 209 2111

Fax: (+58212) 209 2444

Established in: 1968

Email: [Infocaf@caf.com](mailto:Infocaf@caf.com)

Members: The main shareholders are the member countries of the Andean Community (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela), together with Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Spain, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and 16 private banks from the region.

Website: <http://www.caf.com>

The Andean Development Corporation, CAF, is a multilateral financial institution. Its mission is to promote the sustainable development, integration, and competitiveness of the Latin American region through the efficient raising of financial resources.

CAF plays an anti-cyclical and catalytic role, and has become the main source of multilateral financing for the Andean countries.

**Political information and pedagogic socio-economics indicators for country member (go in “Home, Countries, more information about this country”).**

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**Financial Organization. Latin America**

### ALIDE. Latin American Association of Financial Institutions for the Development

Paseo de la República 3211.  
San Isidro, Lima 27, Peru  
Apartado Postal: 3988 Lima 100, Peru

Tel: (+511) 442-2400

Fax: (+511) 442-8105

Established in: 1968

Email: [sg@alide.org.pe](mailto:sg@alide.org.pe)

Members: Financial institutions of all Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Website: <http://www.alide.org.pe/>

General Secretary: Mr. Rommel Acevedo

The Latin American Association of Financial Institutions for the Development, ALIDE, is the international organization representative of the Bank of Development of Latin America and the Caribbean. It promotes cohesion and the fortification of the action and participation of the financial institutions in the economic and social process of the region.

**Spanish only. Database and publications about financial issues in the region.**

## Non-Governmental Organizations

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**Non-Governmental Organization. Latin America**

### **ALOP. Asociación Latinoamericana de Organizaciones de Promoción**

ALOP Secretariat  
400 m. oeste de la esquina noroeste  
del Parque de Sabanilla, Montes de Oca  
apartado postal 265 1350  
San Sebastián, San José, Costa Rica

Tel: (+506) 280-8609  
225-8935

Fax: (+506) 283-5898

Established in: 1979

Email:

Members: ALOP groups almost 50 NGOs of 20 countries in Latin America: 15 in the five Andean countries; 17 in Center America, Mexico and the Caribbean and 15 in the countries of the South Cone and Brazil.

Website: <http://www.alop.or.cr>

The Latin American Association of Promotion Organizations, ALOP, is an association of more than 50 NGOs of development, originating of 20 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

ALOP main goals are:

- ✓ to elaborate proposals of development;
- ✓ to establish a proactive relationship with actors of Latin American development and the Caribbean;
- ✓ to elevate the effectiveness of the NGOs in the development processes promoting their management and instrumental modernization, and;
- ✓ to develop a capacity for dialogue and agreement between the NGOs in the region.

### **Spanish only. Publications on-line about civil society and globalization trends in Latin America.**

Integration and Cooperation Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean

**Non-Governmental Organization. Latin America**

### **ASC. Alianza Social Continental**

ASC Secretariat  
Rua Caetano Pinto, 575/7o andar  
Brás  
São Paulo - SP - 03041-000, Brazil

Tel: (+55) (11) 2108-9129

Fax:

Established in: no specification

Email: [secr.asc@cut.org.br](mailto:secr.asc@cut.org.br)

Members: NGOs in Latin America and the Caribbean

Website: <http://www.asc-hsa.org/>

The Social Continental Alliance (ASC) is a forum of more than 30 organizations and social movements of the Americas, directed to the search of a model of alternative and democratic development. The initiative to create the ASC arose from the forum of the civil society made in May of 1997 in Belo Horizon, Brazil, of parallel form to a meeting of the Area of Free Commerce of Americas (FTTA).

ASC main objectives are:

- ✓ To strengthen civil society in the countries of the Americas;
- ✓ To support the efforts of different social sectors, at the national and regional level;
- ✓ To promote the respect of the basic standards approved by the International Labour Organization, and;
- ✓ To promote respect for all the rights recognized in international instruments.

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**Non-Governmental Organization. Latin America**

### **CRIES. Regional Coordination of Social and Economic Research**

CRIES Secretariat  
Lavalle 1619, 9º "A"  
Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Tel: (+54) (11) 4372 8351

Fax:

Established in: 1982

Email: [info@cries.org](mailto:info@cries.org)

Members: more than 54 institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Website: <http://www.cries.org>

President: Mr. Andrés Serbin

The Regional Coordinator of Economic and Social Research, CRIES, is a network of research centers, NGOs, professional associations and foundations. CRIES promotes the social and economic research in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. It aims to improve the participation of the civil society in the process of regional integration.

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**Non-Governmental Organization. National**

## **TWI. Third World Institute**

Instituto del Tercer Mundo - ITeM  
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Montevideo 11000  
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Jackson 1136  
Montevideo 11200, Uruguay

Tel: (+598) 2 419 6192

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Established in: 1989

Email: [item@item.org.uy](mailto:item@item.org.uy)

Country: Uruguay

Website: <http://www.item.org.uy>

Director: Mr. Roberto Bissio

The Third World Institute, TWI, performs information, communication and education activities on an international level, concerning development and environment-related activities. It is a civil society organization which encourages citizen involvement in global decision-making processes. TWI is one of the organizations in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is part of Social Watch.

TWI aims to:

- ✓ Contribute to the construction of democracy;
- ✓ Promote respect for human rights;
- ✓ Promote national and international networking among citizens, and;
- ✓ Contribute to the study, assessment and solutions to problems affecting the Third World.

**The World Guide (2003-2004), a reference book with information updated on 247 countries: initial data; informative synopsis about environmental issues, the society and the State; history from the first settlers to the present; the flag and the national anthem; national maps and regional; photos and statistics; situation of human rights and social conditions (on-line, Spanish only).**

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**Non-Governmental Organization. National**

## **ACJR. Alianza Chilena por un Comercio Justo y Responsable**

ACJR Secretariat  
Av. Irrarrazábal 3260, Ñuñoa  
Santiago de Chile, Chile

Tel: (+56) (2) 341 5110

Fax: (+56) (2) 341 5110

Established in: No specification

Email: [secretaria\\_acjr@ctcinternet.cl](mailto:secretaria_acjr@ctcinternet.cl)

Country: Chile

Website: <http://www.comerciojusto.cl>

The Chilean Alliance for a Right and Responsible Trade, ACJR, is a network of Chilean NGOs. It has as a function to propel the process of democratic development and integration, creating alternative solutions to reduce the environmental and social costs of free trade policies.

ACJR works with the governmental and non governmental sectors for a regional integration based on a trade with justice, on the total respect to the economic, social and cultural rights. At the international level, ACJR constitutes the Chilean Chapter of the Social Continental Alliance (ASC).

**Spanish only. Chilean Chapter of the Social Continental Alliance (ASC).**

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## **CELAG. Centro Latinoamericano de la Globalidad**

CELAG  
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Col. San Miguel Chapultepec  
C.P. 11850

Tel/Fax: (+52) 71 52 58

Mexico

Established in: 1996

Email: celag@rtn.net.mx

Country: Mexico

Website: <http://www.celag.edu.mx>

The Globalization Latin American Center, CELAG, is an institution that intends to develop studies, research, exchanges and publications on the political, economic and social events of a global character affecting Mexico and Latin America. Their projects look for alternatives so that regional integration, as well as the cooperation between regions, create a more democratic and pluralistic society. The objective of its research is to generate proposals of public policies and to offer elements of exchange between civil society, the government and the academy.

**Spanish Only. Good links to governmental and no governmental organizations in Latin America.**

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## **INVESP. Instituto Venezolano de Estudios Sociales y Politicos**

INVESP  
Apartado Postal 80948  
Caracas 1080, Venezuela

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Established in:

Email: [invesp@cantv.net](mailto:invesp@cantv.net)

Country: Venezuela

Website: <http://www.hri.ca/partners/invesp/>

Director: Francine Jácome

INVESP is a NGO whose fundamental purpose is to promote and undertake research in the area of international relations and social and political sciences. Its research programs include: Latin American and Caribbean Integration, Peace and Security in Latin America and the Caribbean, International Relations, Economics and the Environment, and Global Transformations.

In addition to this research work, the Institute has numerous publications and organizes seminars, workshops and conferences throughout the year.

**Spanish Only. Several publications about integration (not on-line).**

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**Non-Governmental Organization. National**

## **AmerSur**

Amersur  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Tel: ?

Fax: ?

Established in: 1997

Email: [info@amersur.org.ar](mailto:info@amersur.org.ar)

Country: Argentina

Website: <http://www.amersur.org.ar>

Directors: Ms. Celia Mayer, Ms. Cristina Dirie, Mr. Alberto J. Sosa.

What is it? AmerSur is an organization dedicated to research and acting to favor the development, integration, autonomy and social justice in South America. In order to reach these objectives, AmerSur carries out research, that contribute to better knowledge and communication between different social actors of South America and the world. It also seeks to intensify the social participation of nongovernmental organizations and movements in the improvement of the MERCOSUR and the construction of the project of Area of Free South American Trade (ALCSA).

AmerSur participates at the Consultative Socioeconomic Forum of MERCOSUR, Argentina Section.

**Spanish Only.**

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## **CEICOM. Observatorio del Sur**

CEICOM Observatorio del Sur  
Residencial Zanzibar, Calle Motocross,  
Pasaje A Oriente, Casa N 24  
San Salvador, El Salvador

Tel/Fax: (503) 2574871, 2574872

Established in: No specification.

Email: [info@ceicomobservatoriodelsur.org](mailto:info@ceicomobservatoriodelsur.org)

Country: El Salvador

Website: <http://www.ceicomobservatoriodelsur.org/>

The CEICOM Observatory of the South is an organization dedicated to research and information dissemination on processes of economic integration and world-wide commerce, mainly on their impact in the small economies.

CEICOM main objectives are:

- ✓ To support research in the field of economic integration in Mesoamerica and its effects on the more vulnerable social sectors;
- ✓ To form people with critical perspective with the purpose of obtaining an effect of multiplied knowledge;
- ✓ To offer coherent tools to social movements, and contribute to the design of a new political, social and economic model.

### **Spanish only. Books on-line about social trends in Latin America.**

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## **CLAES. Latin American Center of Social Ecology**

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CLAES is an organization dedicated to the research, action and promotion of social ecology.

Between its main areas of interest are:

- ✓ Integration and international trade;
- ✓ The studies of social and environmental impacts in the agreements of free trade and integration, with special reference to the Latin American commercial blocks (MERCOSUR, CAN) and global context (WTO):
- ✓ The impact of the globalization on of sustainable development in Latin America, its political, economic, cultural and environmental dimensions, and;
- ✓ The role of civil society in global processes.

Associated Organizations: D3E and South integration. Resources and information on globalization, development and civil society in Latin America (<http://www.globalizacion.org/> and <http://www.integracionsur.com/>)

### **Spanish only. Books and documents on-line about social integration and international trade in Latin America.** **Latin American Trade Agreements Map**

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## **INESC. Institute of Socioeconomics Studies**

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The Institute of Socioeconomic Studies, INESC, is a not governmental organization that has as a main mission to contribute to the promotion of representative and plural democracy. INESC has the National Congress as its privileged space, but mediation between Parliament and the civil society organizes characterizes much of its work. It develops approval of laws for the National Congress that grant legal base to its public policies. International politics are among its major fields of activities, following the policies of the Bretton Woods institutions and monitoring the consequences of the free trade agreements in Latin America. INESC is member of the Brazil Net (Rede Brasil).

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## **Rede Brasil**

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The Brazil Net (Rede Brasil) is a network of more than 60 organizations of the civil society with the common objective of following and intervening in questions related to the actions of multilateral financial institutions in Brazil. The set of organizations includes social movements, syndicate entities, research institutes, professional associations and NGOs of all the regions of the country, with contributions of local, regional and national scope. The main objective of Brazil Net is to exert influence towards democratization, participation and transparency in the elaboration and implementation of multilateral financial policies.

**Portuguese only. Several books on-line focusing on multilateral financial policies and their impact on the Brazilian society.**

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## **RMALC. Red Mexicana de Acción frente al Libre Comercio**

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The RMALC, the Mexican network of action towards free trade, is a network constituted of more than 16 Mexican civil society organizations. It works towards the creation of a space for thinking and action of social movements in the framework of globalization.

RMALC main objectives are:

- ✓ To promote and to support the processes of social convergence to democratize the current models
- ✓ To affect the processes of economic and financial globalization to include an alternative proposal to the current trade agreements.

**Spanish only. Full text of regional trade agreements between Mexico and the Americas. Several documents and books (some on-line).**

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## **LACGP. Latin American Center for Globalization and Prospective**

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Prospective, LACGP, is a free initiative of experts on different subjects. The center was created as a result of a seminar on learning and higher education in 1996 at Colombia, entitled "Globalization and Futures Research". It constitutes one of the South American Nodes of the Millennium Project (a project of the American Council for the United Nations University).

LACGP main goals are:

- ✓ Developing programs to advance interactive training through digital classrooms and to strengthen the capacity of action in both phases of the globalization process;
- ✓ Consulting on reengineering enterprise; institutional reforms, or new university level educational planes, all based on the knowledge of the globalization.

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## **Red Internacional de Género y Comercio. Capitulo Latinoamericano**

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Members in Latin America: NGOs from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Uruguay and Mexico.

Website: <http://www.generoycomercio.org>

The International Network of Sort and Commerce (Red Internacional de Género y Comercio) is a network of NGOs dedicated to evaluate the impact on women of free trade agreements and to formulate policies that aim at social fairness. The Latin American chapter of the Network has a priority in the pursuit of the process of negotiations in the Free Trade of Americas (FTTA) agreement.

Their objectives are:

- ✓ To promote the advancement of women and the equality in the processes of regional integration;
- ✓ To promote research studies oriented to understanding the relationship between international trade and gender, and; To affect the trade negotiations.

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## **Social Watch**

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What is it? Social Watch is an international citizens' network acting on 63 countries on poverty eradication and gender equality. National citizens' groups aiming at following up the fulfillment of the internationally agreed commitments on poverty eradication and equality.

**Basic country data and development indicators. Signatures and ratifications by country in human rights.**