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The [Internet & Jurisdiction and ECLAC Regional Status Report 2020](#) of the multistakeholder organization the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network and the United Nations Economic Cooperation for Latin America and the Caribbean, showcases the digital policy initiatives taking place across Latin America and the Caribbean. Outlining key policy areas where harmonization is challenging, the Report presents the state of cooperation towards a regional digital single market.

“The Report seeks to strengthen our understanding of how digital integration is progressing in Latin America and the Caribbean and identifies opportunities we can seize to bring us closer to a more harmonized digital single market.” Alicia Bárcena Executive Secretary Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

- *83% of stakeholders agree or strongly agree that the deployment of innovative frameworks, such as regulatory sandboxes, helps foster economic growth.*
- *61% believe that the cross-border nature of the internet facilitates foreign interference with the democratic process.*
- *73% agree or strongly agree that there is a demand for coordination to address cross-border legal challenges.*
- *81% of stakeholders believe that foreign regulatory approaches (e.g. EU or the U.S.) inspire initiatives in the LAC Region.*

Now available in Spanish, the Internet & Jurisdiction and ECLAC Status Report 2020, draws on the pioneering methodology of the [Internet & Jurisdiction Global Status Report 2019](#) by combining detailed desk research with a regional data collection engaging key stakeholders – states, internet companies, technical operators, civil society, academia, and international organizations.

“The Report outlines the challenges the region is facing in efforts towards digital integration and how foreign regulatory approaches are inspiring action. It seeks to make available a trans-regional picture of the current policy landscape to support an inclusive and coherent debate.” Carlos Affonso de Souza, Professor and Lead Author of the Regional Status Report, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ), Director - Institute for Technology & Society (ITS Rio).

Translating highly technical information into actionable information for policymakers, the Report reveals the latest trends on key topics ranging from the role of intermediaries, privacy, freedom of expression and also start-ups, artificial intelligence and Internet of Things.

The active outreach of the Report will be complemented by the findings of the most recent publication: [“We Need to Talk About Data: Framing the Debate Around the Free Flow of Data and Data Sovereignty”](#). The publication maps ways to reconcile these apparently conflicting policy approaches and calls for a debate that is global, multi-stakeholder, across sectors on innovative policy tools and frameworks.

“The I&JPN Secretariat will be initiating further consultations across sectors and regions to foster a collaborative discussion on how to organize our common Datasphere. We look forward to continuing our work with UN ECLAC as a key partner in LAC to support this effort” said Bertrand de La Chapelle, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network.

As societies become more reliant on digital goods and services, strong cross-border normative frameworks are becoming increasingly necessary to handle cross-border data transfers, privacy, and data security. UN ECLAC will be supporting the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network’s future work on the Datasphere to build new modes of transnational cooperation.

“We cannot improve development if we don’t improve institutions. Institutions are very important for data competition and regulation” said Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

About the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network

The Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network is the multistakeholder organization addressing the tension between the cross-border internet and national jurisdictions. Its Paris-based Secretariat facilitates a global policy process in which over 400 key entities including governments, the world's largest internet companies, technical operators, civil society groups, academia and international organizations from over 70 countries work together. They enhance policy coherence and legal interoperability through the joint development of operational solutions.

About the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); the Spanish acronym is CEPAL, was established by Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI) of 25 February 1948 and began to function that same year. ECLAC, which is headquartered in Santiago, Chile, is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. It was founded with the purpose of contributing to the economic development of Latin America, coordinating actions directed towards this end, and reinforcing economic ties among countries and with other nations of the world. The promotion of the region's social development was later included among its primary objectives.

The Report can be downloaded here: <https://connect.internetjurisdiction.net/zs/cSB8bc>

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