

Ministerial Water Summit of Latin America and Caribbean

Water Roadmap for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Ministers and Senior Officials of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered at the Ministerial Water Summit held in Lima, Peru, on May 27 and 28, 2025, recognize that the Water Roadmap for Latin America and the Caribbean contains guiding principles applicable internally in each of our countries, and we commit, from our respective water contexts and national capacities, to:

a) Progressively close water information gaps and enable access to such information for our institutions and citizens

Promote the regular generation, systematization, quality control, timely dissemination and strengthening of water information systems with interoperability criteria, which will allow each country, within their respective national territories, to better understand their water resources, and make timely and appropriate decisions to achieve water sustainability.

b) Implement effective tools for water use by different types of users and, at the same time, protect the environment

Create and implement domestic legal and technical instruments that allow access to and multiple uses of water, without compromising the integrity of watersheds, their ecosystems, nor the capacity of natural sources to provide water sustainably over time, in sufficient quantity and quality.

c) Manage water resources by basin through multi-level institutional structures that allow for informed participation of the population

Strengthen legal and internal institutional frameworks to implement cross-cutting and multi-level water governance, with clear roles, effective responsibilities, and informed public participation. This will allow for joint and coordinated management of surface water and groundwater and water resources in each country, while simultaneously promoting a water culture and dialogue-based management.

d) Strengthen national capacities to address water challenges

Strengthen institutional capacities to close gaps in access to water and sanitation, control and reduce water pollution, enhance conservation including the implementation of water reuse strategies and address the impacts of climate change with effective adaptation and mitigation actions.

e) Implement interventions that guarantee water availability and increase watershed resilience

Plan, in a multi-sectoral, cross-cutting, multi-level, and participatory manner, interventions with a risk management approach to the impacts of climate change, recognizing the interdependence between water, ecosystems, energy, and food, and taking into account the balance between the social, environmental, and economic pillars to achieve sustainable development.

f) Promote private sector participation to improve water resource management, adhering to government-mandated guidelines

Promote national public policies aimed at boosting private sector participation through investments that contribute to the development of sustainable, multipurpose gray and green water infrastructure, as well as the provision of products and services for efficient and accessible water resource management.

g) Exchange of experiences that enable better water resource management

Sharing national experiences and best practices to enable countries to reduce learning times, guide the development of domestic public policies, strengthen regulatory and institutional frameworks, promote research, and develop technologies for better water resource management.

The principles we adopt in this Roadmap serve as guidelines for the internal management of water resources in each country, in accordance with their respective national legal frameworks. They do not apply to transboundary or shared water resources, which are governed by agreements, rules and procedures previously agreed upon by the States.