

# *Latin American Countries to Develop Joint Programs*

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Santiago de Chile, June 12 (PL-RHC) -- Ministers and deputy ministers of Latin American and Caribbean countries have agreed to promote policies in science, innovation, information technologies and communications.

The importance of developing knowledge with mechanisms of integration was discussed in depth during a conference in Santiago de Chile, sponsored by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL).

The challenges faced by the region in structural change, social equality and environmental sustainability were included in the Santiago Declaration adopted during the meeting.

The Conference Executive Committee was also created under Chile's leadership and formed of another 12 regional nations. The declaration is in favor of promoting talks and regional cooperation within the current mechanism, cooperation with other regional, subregional, bilateral, and multilateral entities.



According to CEPAL sources, the countries are committed to work on regional projects and activities in relation to the training of human resources, technological innovation, institutionalization, among other sectors.

Cuba, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Chile were represented at the meeting.

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