



## **ReLAC**

### **Latin American and the Caribbean Network for Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization**

#### **Who we are?**

ReLAC is a network oriented to strengthen the practice and culture on monitoring and evaluation in the Latin American and the Caribbean countries.

ReLAC mission is aimed at influencing and improving projects, programmes and policies as well as contributing to a major civil society participation and transparency.

ReLAC is member of the International Organization for Cooperation on Evaluation (IOCE)

#### **Which are our main objectives?**

1. To stimulate and facilitate the exchange and reflection on evaluation, monitoring and systematization among different social actors, evaluators and institution in the region
2. To professionalize evaluation by promoting different training and learning activities on the field.
3. To develop general principles of evaluation, highlighting the relevance of procedures, ethic criteria and behaviour for getting good evaluation practices.
4. To development of and spread evaluation knowledge, methodologies and tools adapted to Latin American and Caribbean social and political highly diverse context.
5. To promote and influence the theory and practice of evaluation and the use of

transparent, participatory and equitable tools and methodologies.

6. Contribute to the development of national and international evaluation community by respecting cultural and social particularities within the region.

7. To support and strengthen the development of local and national Latin American and the Caribbean organizations and networks working on evaluation, monitoring and systematization.

## **Main Previous Activities**

- March 2003. Brazilian, Colombian and Peruvian Evaluation Networks compromised to promote the creation of ReLAC.
- September 2003. First international meeting to strategically plan ReLAC, defining its vision, mission and objectives.
- October 2004. First ReLAC International Conference on “Evaluation and Democracy for Latin America and the Caribbean” took place in Lima, Perú.
- October 2004. Second strategic planning meeting of ReLAC took place, and the Coordination Committee was nominated by including representatives from almost all Latin American and Caribbean countries.
- January 2005-2006. The ReLAC started to work by developing local seminars and workshops on evaluation in Bolivia, Venezuela, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala and Honduras.
- February 2007. RELAC designed the first master e-learning programme on evaluation for Latin American and Caribbean professionals and evaluators.
- July 2007. Second ReLAC International Conference on “Monitoring and Evaluation contributions to Governance and Democracy” took place in Bogotá, Colombia.
- January 2008. The first Diploma Training course on “Project and Program Monitoring and me Evaluation” was developed in association with the Latin America Social Science Faculty (FLACSO) in Chile. The diploma was implemented again in January 2009 and November 2009.

## **Main Future Activity**

We are organizing the **Third International ReLAC Conference on Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization**, to be held from 27 to 29 of July, 2010, in Costa Rica. The conference will be developed together with the University of Costa Rica.

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