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Cepei: **A Data-driven Think Tank from the Global South**

Cepei is an independent, non-profit think tank. Established in 2002 and headquartered in Bogota, Colombia, Cepei runs on diversity, free speech, and the creativity of its multidisciplinary team of issue experts and partners worldwide. Based on data and analysis, we empower people and institutions to find pathways towards sustainable development.

What We Do

Our projects contribute to three global development areas:

- 1. Data.** Knowledge and tools for harnessing the use of data and visualizations.
- 2. Governance.** The institutional architecture for monitoring progress in the 2030 Agenda and multi-actor participation.
- 3. Financing.** Monitor domestic resources mobilization in low and middle-income countries.

Governance for Sustainable Development *Evidence-based Analysis for Policy Making*

The goal of the Governance For Development unit is to create rigorous data-driven analysis to be used by decision makers at the global, regional, national, and local levels.

Since the beginning of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development process, Cepei has been involved as a stakeholder in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS)-setting negotiations, generating information to support the process, and publishing policy papers on the results reached at every step.

- We have analyzed each single report submitted to Latin American and the Caribbean country to the UN High Level Political Forum, publishing short reports highlighting their main contents and pointing out their weaknesses. We also created regional Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) comparative reports annually published.
- When the first cycle of SDGs monitoring established in the 2030 Agenda came to an end in 2019, we built a four-year comparative report.

As a result, we have created a unique database of VNRs contents, good practices and recommendations on how to build a VNR. Based on the experience gained, Cepei's Governance was among the institutions championing the concept of "Second Generation VNRs" to promote a new and innovative generation of reporting exercises, promoting a cycle reporting approach.

More than fifteen years of experience supporting, monitoring, and analyzing global development agendas and partnering with governments and stakeholders place us as a leader in this field. While focusing on Latin America and the Caribbean, we work globally.

We are deeply engaged in the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, and Human Rights Council national reports. We monitor States' commitments in these areas, and to that effect, our multidisciplinary teams have developed evidence web-based tools, providing critical information and analysis.

Our Audience

Governance products and services are focused on contributing to public decision makers and their advisory teams. In addition, our contributions have been used by international organizations, the private sector, journalists, academia, and civil society.

Cepei facts:

The Cepei Governance area traveled to the UN five regions to get inputs from more than 600 interviewees from UN staff, Governments, and non-governmental actors in more than 40 countries. We analyzed the collected information and presented the results, which advised the Secretary-General proposal for the United Nations Development System reform at the regional level.

Our Strategy

To attain our goals and advance the 2030 Agenda, we:

- **Build interactive tools** for our audiences and decision-makers.
- **Co-create knowledge** with partners.
- **Join forces with stakeholders** in international advocacy efforts.
- **Position Cepei** in national and international fora for Sustainable Development.
- **Lead international campaigns** to strengthen global Sustainable Development agendas implementation and follow-up.

Our Programmatic Offer

- 1. SDG LAC Position Tracker:** A VNRs information repository, and lab for monitoring, analyzing, and reporting progress towards meeting the LAC SDGs. We track every country, every SDG, and every speech at the UN General Debate and the HLPF. Using it, stakeholders will plan better and make informed decisions for positive outcomes.
- 2. SDG LAC Easy Access:** A gateway into Cepei's VNR and other reports analysis created to follow the 2030 Agenda at the national and local levels, including comparative reports across the region with statistics, recommendations, and best practices.
- 3. SDG LAC Action Scenarios:** A one-stop platform that maps the national ecosystems on the progress towards the 2030 Agenda and provides analysis and knowledge on the LAC development reality. Artificial Intelligence tools allow Cepei to include the latest available data, capturing any update in real-time scattered data sources. Expert analysis pieces on meeting the SDGs support the evidence.
- 4. Community of Practice (CoP):** We created this collaborative group to share good practices, ideas, and knowledge to achieve the SDGs joining forces with international experts, peers, and practitioners from the public and private sectors. The 2021 theme is "Build Back Better: linking national recovery strategies and Sustainable Development global agendas."

Cepei facts:

Cepei's Governance collaborated with ECLAC to support LAC countries' VNRs capacity building programs in 2020.

Governance and Data for Development

Our Governance and Data units collaborate to develop tools and generate knowledge based on information and data to promote stakeholder interaction and participation in the Sustainable Development debate.

An example is **PUBLICA - DATAREPÚBLICA**, an initiative highlighting the critical role of data stories for sharing experiences, facts and creating proposals contributing to Sustainable Development.

Partnering with Cepei is Partnering with the Global South

Become a partner.

Take advantage of Cepei's track-record and branding, and contribute to our analysis and knowledge creation for Sustainable Development.

Become a content fellow.

We welcome practitioners to apply their knowledge and share their talent and creativity to track and validate the analysis produced.

Donate.

Your support is an investment to ensure the impact on Sustainable Development policies with the best teams, fellows, information, and data.

Cepei facts:

The knowledge arising from Cepei's Governance unit has impacted international and regional organizations, national law proposals, civil society, the private sector, and academic research.

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