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## **Snapshot of our region:**

Economic and Social Councils: 9;

Similar Institutions: 5.

**CESALC:** Regional Cooperation entity of all SEC's and SI in our region, which has been re-instated last year.

**Information from (directly/indirectly): 11 countries (incl 3 questionnaires)**



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## Economic and Social Councils:

- Aruba;
- Buenos Aires (Argentina-not national)
- Costa Rica (only formally as yet);
- Curaçao;
- Dom. Rep;
- Guatemala;
- Honduras;
- Sint Maarten;
- Suriname.



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## Similar Institutions:

- Colombia (Ministry of Labor);
- El Salvador (Ministry of Labor)
- Panama (National Consultation Council for Development);
- Uruguay (Ministry of Labor);
- Venezuela (Council of National Economy).



## General conclusions:

- involvement of the institutions regarding the (intermediate) measures taken: **only 5 out of the 14;**
- measures to alleviate soc-ec consequences:
  - work:* enabling flexibilization (hours/location (Teleworking))
  - income:* facilitating impacted companies through subsidies to be able to continue; providing income for those out of work; ensuring the countries income by seeking loans
  - (inter)nationally/COVID-FUND and reduction of government costs by lowering wages;*
  - stretching the income:* credit-facilities (banks, utility companies);
  - social:* providing food packets/"stamps";
  - addressing the informal sector:* special measures or programs.



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## Nonetheless

**SDG's mentioned most that need attention:**

**SDG nr 1: No poverty;**

**SDG nr 2: Zero hunger;**

**SDG nr 4: Quality education;**

**SDG nr 8: Decent work and economic growth;**

**SDG nr 17: Partnerships for the goals.**



## Concluding observations and recommendations:

- now all endeavors of all countries should be directed to creating inclusive and durable economies and communities;
- Resilient communities and economies will be better able to bounce back after future pandemics, economic crisis's and other threats and other global challenges.



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