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The 7th Forum of Ministers of Social Development for Latin America and the Caribbean

The 7th Forum of Ministers of Social Development for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Government of Ecuador and UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations Programme, will be held in **Quito** (Ecuador) from 27 to 29 August 2009 with the support of UNICEF.

This Forum, the first area for dialogue created by UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme to encourage links between research and social policies, will address "The impact of the global financial crisis on social policies in **Latin America**". It will discuss not only the challenges caused by this crisis, but, above all, the choices it forces upon all the countries of the region.

Among the participants expected to take part in this forum are the President of the Republic of **Ecuador**, Mr Rafael Correa Delgado and at least 15 Ministers of the region. Other people who will be present include, notably: the President of the MOST Intergovernmental Council and former South-African Minister for Social Development, Zola S. Skweyiya; the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, Pierre Sané; the current President of the Forum of Ministers of Social Development for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Minister for Social Development of Argentina, Alicia Kirchner; the Executive Secretary of the Latin-American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO), Mr. Emir Sader; the Secretary General of the Latin-American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Mr Francisco Rojas; and a Senior Interregional Advisor for UNDESA, Dr Isabel Ortiz.

Together, they will discuss the consequences of the financial crash on education, job creation, food and nutritional safety, family protection, equality between men and women, and, more generally, on all the social rights of the people of that region.

During this meeting, policy-makers, researchers, and civil society actors will share their experiences and mutual practices in order to, notably, develop proposals to strengthen regional cooperation and promote the contribution of regional social science research institutes in the development of public development policies.

After these debates, the Ministers will elect a new President of the Forum to replace Alicia Kirchner, and will adopt a common Declaration to record their decisions and proposals.

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