

## Mexico Attends Meeting of the High-Level Group of the Pacific Alliance



The Pacific Alliance countries, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, met today in Santiago, Chile for the 51st meeting of the High-level Group (GAN). The Mexican delegation was headed by the Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Foreign Ministry, Maximiliano Reyes, and the Undersecretary of Foreign Trade of the Economy Ministry, Luz María de la Mora.

The group reviewed the work done by its 25 technical groups and discussed the steps to take to make progress with the agreements reached at the 14th Summit held in Lima, Peru, on July 6.

It also evaluated the negotiations with the candidates for associate membership and with Korea and Ecuador on the terms of reference for their associate status. The 2019-2020 work plan and priorities of the Pacific Alliance were addressed, including its actions to fulfill the group's strategic vision for 2030.

The GAN held meetings with the Pacific Alliance Business Council, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Inter-American Development Bank, which support the Alliance's work.

A dialogue on “The Trade Challenges of the Pacific Alliance” was held on the sidelines of the meeting between the deputy trade ministers of each country and the private sector, who looked for ways to work together.

The Pacific Alliance continues to advance to become the most important platform for economic and commercial coordination and integration on the continent, which will contribute to creating jobs, reducing poverty and boosting inclusive development.

The Pacific Alliance is a regional integration initiative comprised of Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, It was created on April 28, 2011 to promote the free movement of people, goods, capital and services. Together, the member countries have a population of about 225 million, and a GDP of more than 2 trillion dollars, or 35% of that of Latin America and the Caribbean, which would make it the ninth largest economy in the world. Its four member countries account for 57% of Latin America and the Caribbean's trade with the world.