In June 2010, leaders from countries across Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) pledged their commitment to ensuring contraceptive security (CS) in the region. Contraceptive security exists when all persons have access to high-quality contraceptives and condoms whenever they need them. Signatories to the declaration—drafted and adopted during the Regional CS Conference for LAC—include the host country, Dominican Republic, as well as El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Peru.

The conference, convened from June 28–30, focused on “A Decade in Policy Implementation: Progress and Challenges for Contraceptive Security in Latin America and the Caribbean.” More than 90 representatives from ministries, civil society groups, international agencies, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and implementing partners attended the conference, which was organized with support from the USAID | Health Policy Initiative. Stakeholders presented regional assessments, exchanged lessons learned, and drafted the declaration to promote CS goals.

The regional policy declaration, *Compromiso para la Salud Sexual y Reproductiva con énfasis en la Planificación Familiar* (Commitment for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Family Planning), highlights signatories’ commitment to: address family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) as a right for all persons, including vulnerable populations; make CS a political priority, specifically by ensuring adequate financing and civil society participation; and advance public policies that help reduce maternal and infant mortality through improved FP programs and services. The declaration draws from principles outlined in the *Programme of Action* from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. The public document affirms signatories’ commitment to ensure CS, as local governments and public institutions increasingly assume more responsibility for sustaining national FP/RH programs and services.

Partners in the region—with technical assistance from USAID’s LAC Regional CS Initiative, UNFPA, and the World Health Organization—have achieved significant results. Examples include greater government and multisectoral commitment to support FP policies and programs, increased FP funding, and improved logistics and procurement systems. During the conference, speakers referenced these regional advances.
and outlined future challenges to equitable implementation of FP policies. Key speakers included Dr. José Rodríguez Aybar, the Vice Minister of Health for the Dominican Republic; Dr. Esperanza Martínez, Minister of Health for Paraguay; and Guatemalan Congresswoman, Zury Ríos. Throughout the conference, partners engaged in evidence-based dialogue and reaffirmed their regional commitment for contraceptive security, family planning, and reproductive health.