

National Conference of Governors (Conferencia Nacional de Gobernadores)

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The *National Conference of Governors* (CONAGO) is a permanent forum that seeks to strengthen federalism through democratic mechanisms and by empowering Mexico's public institutions.

The organization is open to all the Mexican States, regardless of the political affiliation of their representatives.

The Organization is a plural and inclusive forum that promotes the analysis of State level issues and the discussion of viable solutions. These ideals are directed to construct agreements that have as main goal to benefit all Mexicans.

The objective of CONAGO is to build consensus between the Governors and the Head of Government of Mexico City in order to strengthen the values of federalism, democracy and the rule of law.



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Fundamentals of CONAGO

- Work as a permanent and institutional space that attempts to balance the political power of the Federal and State Governments;
- Strengthen the political relations between the States so that they can contribute to the national development;
- Uphold the commitment of the Federal Pact with the states and the duty to promote a genuine process of political decentralization and federalism;
- Promote the consolidation of a relationship of respect and collaboration between the all the government orders.



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Traits of CONAGO

CONAGO is a permanent forum designed for dialogue, consensus and strengthening the relations between the State Governors and the Chief of Government of Mexico City. It also promotes a strong relation with other state actors.

The Organization is committed to promote the democratic and federalist ideals from within the States, to strengthen the institutional spaces and privilege agreements that promote the development and welfare of all Mexicans.

CONAGO, as a space of deliberation, is a dynamic institution that is characterized by four key traits:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 117 of the Mexican Constitution, subsection I, indicating that "States may under no circumstances celebrate any alliance, treaty, or coalition with another State, or with any foreign powers"; Due to this, the members deliberate and take no binding decisions. Their agreements are propositional, which support the commitment and political views of them as a group. CONAGO also holds no legal personality, nor any kind of patrimony and official headquarters.
2. Each of the Governors and the Head of Government of Mexico City participate voluntarily.
3. CONAGO members work under a relation of mutuality and respect to all members.
4. All the decisions of CONAGO must be discussed by the members and have be approved by unanimity.



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Main Themes of CONAGO

To systematize the fulfillment of its objectives, the organization has created the following themes to coordinate their goals:

1. Treasury and Public Funds

Strengthen public finances of the States and Mexico City, as well as promoting policies and mechanisms that enable them to better use said resources.

2. Federalism and Government

Fortify the powers and authorities of the States by promoting reforms and mechanisms that enable them to achieve their objectives.

3. Regional Development and Competitiveness

Promote policies to ensure the sustainable development of the country's regions and increase the competitiveness of its Members and the welfare of their people.

4. Human Development and Social Welfare

Promote mechanisms to ensure progress and prosperity of the population, as well as the free exercise of their rights.



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History of CONAGO

The first official reunion of CONAGO dates to the Governors Meeting held in Mazatlán, Sinaloa, on August 10, 2001. 20 out of 32 State Governors attended the event.

The Organization was constituted on July 13, 2002 in Cancun, Quintana Roo, in the presence of all the Governors of the *Institutional Revolutionary Party* and of the *Democratic Revolution Party*. The 9 Governors of the National Action Party also held their own organization at the time.

During the **Tenth Reunion of CONAGO** and the **VI Reunion of Governors of the National Action Party**, held simultaneously in San Luis Potosi on July 30, 2003; 31 Governors of the States and the Chief of Government of Mexico City gathered up.

The purpose as CONAGO was set to establish a common agenda with the aim of finding channels of dialogue and to strengthen the Federal Pact to work in an integrated manner.

Structure of CONAGO

To achieve its purpose, CONAGO works through four main bodies: House of Governors, Permanent Council, Committees of Governors, and Technical Secretariat.

- **House of Governors**

The Heads of Government of all the Federative Entities constitute the House of Governors. It's the highest governing body within CONAGO. The guidelines stipulate that the House of Governors meets in ordinary and extraordinary Plenary Meetings.

The agreements and resolutions taken during a plenary session have a direct impact in the public administration of Mexico, as they are proof of the commitment of all the States towards the strengthening of federalism.



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- **Permanent Council**

The Permanent Council of CONAGO is formed by the current President, the former President, and the upcoming President of the Conference.

Its functions include addressing issues related to the functional improvement of this Conference; suggest the central matters to be discussed in the Plenary Meeting of Governors. It also analyses the proposed agenda that the current President of CONAGO makes. It must comply with all the tasks that were assigned to it by the House of Governors.

- **Committees of Governors**

The Governors Committees are created by the agreement of the House of Governors. Their objectives include the analysis and discussion of topics related to the objectives of the Conference and to matters that are of interest to the Members. The Committees may be permanent or temporary. The Committees may disappear or merge only by the agreement of the House of Governors.

The Committees are integrated by the voluntary participation of its members. For each committee, there must be a Coordinator and one Vice-coordinator. In the case of a newly established Committee, the plenary of Governors elects the Coordinator and Vice-coordinator. In subsequent cases, they will be appointed by consensus, amongst the members of the Committee.

Committees will exist as long as they fulfill the purpose for which they were created.



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Committee meetings

There are two types of committee meetings:

Executive Committee

When the Coordinator and/or Vice-coordinator personally chairs a meeting of a Committee, and it's attended by at least two or more Members or their representatives, it will be acknowledged as an Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee may represent the Conference for internal and external entities in compliance with the previously approved issues and those expressly entrusted to resolve by the House of Governors.

Technical Committee

When the Coordinator or Vice-coordinator don't chair personally a Committee Meeting of Governors, it will be recognized as a Technical Committee Meeting.

When the Committee works in this capacity, a representative of the Coordinator will be responsible for presiding the meeting. The agreements of the Technical Committee cannot be brought to the House of Governors if they have not been previously approved by Members.



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Main Topics and Committees

Main Topic		Committee			
1	Treasury and Public Funds	1	Open Governments, Transparency and Public Records		
		2	Treasury		
2	Federalism and Government	3	Digital Development		
		4	Agriculture		
3	Regional Development and Competitiveness	5	Civil Protection		
		6	Competitiveness		
		7	Development of the Special Economic Zones		
		8	Economic Development		
		9	Education, Culture and Sport		
		10	Energy		
		11	Environment		
		12	Equality between Women and Men		
		13	Fishing and Aquaculture		
		14	Health		
		15	Infrastructure		
		16	Integral Development of the South-South-Eastern Region		
		17	International Affairs		
		18	Metropolitan and Regional Development		
		19	Mexico -Asia Pacific		
		20	Migration Issues		
		21	Mining		
		22	Ports and Coasts		
		23	Science and Technology		
		24	Security and Justice		
		25	Social Development and Indigenous People		
		26	Tourism		
		27	Urban Development, Housing and Land Management		
		4	Human Development and Social Welfare	28	Development and Inclusion of People with Disabilities
				29	Fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda
				30	Human Rights



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Technical Secretariat

The National Conference of Governors has a Technical Secretariat, which has among its main functions:

- Provide support to the President CONAGO's members throughout the Plenary Meetings of Governors.
- Keep record of the resolutions approved at each meeting, and prepare the Declaration of the Plenary Meeting of Governors.
- At the request of the House of Governors and Committees, convening meetings and other activities of interest to carry out the purposes and goals of CONAGO.
- Convene meetings of Committees for the Members or their representatives, and previous meetings of Governor's Representatives and Committees Coordinators.
- Support the preparation of the agreements of the respective session of the various committees.
- Prepare documents that are required by members of CONAGO for analysis and study.
- Follow up on the activities carried out by the Committees, proposals, and results, and integrate thematic reports and submit them to the current President.
- Monitor the implementation of the resolutions of the Plenary Meetings of Governors.
- Integrate and systematize the historical record of CONAGO and provide information to its Members.
- Other duties may be assigned by the Members or their representatives.



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Current Members of CONAGO

No.	ESTADO	NOMBRE		COMMITTEE CHAIR
1	Aguascalientes	Martín Orozco		
2	Baja California	Francisco Vega		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure
3	Baja California Sur	Carlos Mendoza		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism
4	Campeche	Alejandro Moreno		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy
5	Mexico City	Dr. José Ramón Amieva Gálvez		



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6	Coahuila	Miguel Ángel Riquelme		
7	Colima	Ignacio Peralta		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda• Science and Technology
8	Chiapas	Manuel Velasco		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Migration Issues
9	Chihuahua	Javier Corral		
10	Durango	José Rosas Aispuro		
11	Guanajuato	Miguel Márquez		



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12	Guerrero	Héctor Astudillo		
13	Hidalgo	Omar Fayad		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development and Inclusion of People with Disabilities
14	Jalisco	Aristóteles Sandoval		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitiveness• Digital Development
15	México	Alfredo del Mazo		
16	Michoacán	Silvano Aureoles		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of the Special Economic Zones
17	Morelos	Graco Ramírez		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education, Culture and Sport



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18	Nayarit	Antonio Echevarría		
19	Nuevo León	Manuel Florentino González		
20	Oaxaca	Alejandro Murat		
21	Puebla	Antonio Gali		
22	Querétaro	Francisco Domínguez		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasury
23	Quintana Roo	Carlos Joaquín		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Development and Indigenous People



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24	San Luis Potosí	Juan Manuel Carreras		
25	Sinaloa	Quirino Ordaz		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture• Fishing and Aquaculture
26	Sonora	Claudia Pavlovich		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Affairs• Open Governments, Transparency and Public Records
27	Tabasco	Arturo Núñez		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integral Development of the South-South-Eastern Region• Environment
28	Tamaulipas	Francisco García		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ports and Coasts



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29	Tlaxcala	Marco Mena		
30	Veracruz	Miguel Ángel Yunes		
31	Yucatán	Rolando Zapata		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Protection• Equality between Women and Men• Health
32	Zacatecas	Alejandro Tello		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mining



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