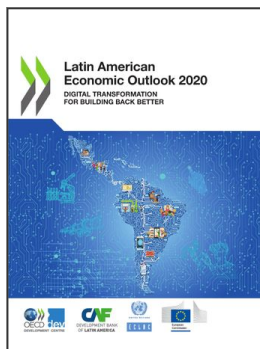


Foreword

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This 13th LEO, *Digital Transformation for Building Back Better*, focuses on the role of digital transformation as a tool to foster development in the region, in particular in the context of the current coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis. It emphasises the need for a comprehensive approach, with national development plans (NDPs) aligned with digital agendas (DAs), and international partnerships, which are essential to reap the benefits of the digital transformation. It also presents macro-structural challenges in the context of the pandemic and urges implementation of further national and international actions for a response in the region. The unprecedented crisis comes at a time of high aspirations and reinforces the need to transform the region's development model.



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