**Conseil Économique et Social**

**Président :** Monsieur Alexander SEGOVIA ERNESTO CACERES
**Secrétaire Exécutif :** Monsieur William PLEITZ
**Coordinateur Général :** Monsieur Alexander SEGOVIA

**Establishment**

* **Date of creation**16 October 2009
* **Year operational**2009
* **Nature of the texts that create the ESC (Constitution, law, decree, etc.)**Presidential Decree

**Composition**

* **Number of members of the ESC:**70
* **Membership structure**
	+ 20 members from the social sector
	+ 20 members from the union sector
	+ 20 members from the business sector
	+ 9 members from the academic sector
	+ 1 member form the executive branch
* **Duration of the term**
	+ Members are elected for a two year period with a possibility of being reelected**.**
* **Process of designating the members (election, nomination, by whom, etc.)**invitation by the country’s president.

**Mission and attributions**

El Salvador’s ESC is a consulting body with two main objectives:

1. To encourage plurality and free discussion of public economic and social policies formulated by the Executive Branch.
2. To promote civil society participation in the process of decision-making in economic and social matters.

**Administrative organization of the ESC**

The United Nations Program for Development (UNDP) of El Salvador in responsible for the Executive Secretariat and part of its duties includes the administration of the council. The Executive Secretariat is composed of the project´s coordinator, a dialogue specialist, a communication specialist, and an administrator.

**Functioning of the ESC**

The ESC is composed of three main bodies. The Plenary Council, where all the members are present and the most important decisions are voted upon. The General Coordination, which is led by the Technical Secretary of the Presidency and the Executive Secretariat who are in charge of the administration, logistic, and technical assistance to the ESC and its members. The Permanent Commission is the space of continuous work between the various sectors represented in the ESC, its function is to ensure the continuity of social dialogue and aims to reach agreements and set position on situations or issues that require it; the Permanent Commission is composed of three members of each of the sector that are part of the ESC.

**Achievements of the ESC**

* **Main publications/studies**
* Forum for Superior Education and Development, 2012
* A policy proposal for Superior Education and Development: A Contribution of the Academic Sector, 2013
* ESCs in the World, 2013
* Contributions and Challenges from El Salvador Economic and Social Council, 2013
* **Best practices**

Workshops and forums related to democratic dialogue, gender equality, and promotion of the ESC work.

**Affiliations**

* AICESIS
* Economic and Social Councils Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (CESALC)

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