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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

1. Mandate and functions

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, one of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), is the region's foremost intergovernmental forum on women's rights and gender equality. It is convened on a regular basis, at least every three years, in line with the mandates of the Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, adopted in 1977. In accordance with the Plan of Action and the agreements adopted by governments, it fulfils the following functions:

- To determine regional and subregional needs for technical assistance and give support to all United Nations agencies, funds and programmes operating in the region to enable them to meet those needs.
- To put forward recommendations to governments and to ECLAC itself based on studies carried out by the secretariat on the most feasible way of implementing the agreements adopted by United Nations regional conferences.
- To review and appraise periodically the activities of ECLAC and other United Nations bodies.
- To review periodically fulfilment of the Regional Gender Agenda as set forth in the regional agreements adopted at previous sessions of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information to facilitate mutual coordination and support for programmes designed to promote the integration of women and gender-based analysis into the economic and social development process at various levels and permit the countries in the region to share relevant experiences.

2. Purposes of the session

At its fifteenth session, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will discuss the care society as a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality. It will also review implementation of commitments undertaken in relation to the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, with a focus on pillar 9, on information systems, and the Santiago Commitment.

All ECLAC member States, as well as representatives of the United Nations system and civil society, are expected to attend.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Presentation of the position paper *The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality*.
4. High-level dialogue on the care society in Latin America and the Caribbean.
5. High-level panel on the financing of care.
6. High-level panel on care for the planet.
7. Presentation of the document *Breaking the statistical silence to achieve gender equality by 2030: implementing the information systems pillar of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030*.
8. Round table on co-responsibility for care.
9. Consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference.
10. Other matters.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers

The delegations will elect the Presiding Officers of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, who will serve as such until new Presiding Officers are chosen at the following session.

In accordance with the criteria established by the Presiding Officers, every effort will be made to ensure that the new Presiding Officers are chosen with due regard for the principles of adequate geographical distribution and rotation.

The Presiding Officers consider it necessary to refer to the subject of regular attendance at meetings as “a commitment that countries must make” if they are to serve on that body.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda.¹

The Conference will organize its work in accordance with the proposal made by the secretariat and adopted at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers.² The organization of work for the fifteenth session includes the election of the Presiding Officers, the presentation of the position paper and the reading of the

¹ LC/CRM.15/1.

² See *Report of the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Santiago, 22–23 June 2022* (LC/MDM-E.2022/6).

document submitted by civil society. There will be five segments: a high-level dialogue on the care society in Latin America and the Caribbean; a high-level panel on the financing of care; a high-level panel on care for the planet; the presentation of the document *Breaking the statistical silence to achieve gender equality by 2030: implementing the information systems pillar of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030*; and lastly, a round table on co-responsibility for care. The session will conclude with a plenary meeting for consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference.

3. Presentation of the position paper *The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality*

The secretariat will present the position paper entitled *The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality*, on the topic adopted at the sixty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean³ and the annotated index of the document, presented at the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference in January 2022⁴ and at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers in June 2022.

The document prepared by the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC highlights the urgent need to shift the development paradigm towards a care society that recognizes interdependence between people, as well as the interdependence that exists between productive processes and society; a care society that places the sustainability of both human life and the planet at the centre of development.

The governments of Latin America and the Caribbean reviewed and commented on the contents of the document at the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers in January 2022 and at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers in June 2022.

Working document:

- The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality (LC/CRM.15/3)

4. High-level dialogue on the care society in Latin America and the Caribbean

This session will consist of a high-level dialogue on the care society involving government authorities from Latin America and the Caribbean, representatives of line ministries, parliaments and other special guests. The aim is to contribute to the discussion on the challenges and opportunities in moving towards a care society in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Subsequently, the floor will be opened for statements. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

³ See the *Report of the sixty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Virtual meeting, 29–30 September 2021* (LC/MDM.61/4).

⁴ See the *Report of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Virtual meeting, 26–27 January 2022* (LC/MDM.62/3).

5. High-level panel on the financing of care

In this panel, the document *Financing care systems and policies in Latin America and the Caribbean: contributions for a sustainable recovery with gender equality*, prepared jointly by ECLAC and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will be presented. Comments will be made by government representatives and experts.

Subsequently, the floor will be opened for statements. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

Working document:

- Financing care systems and policies in Latin America and the Caribbean: contributions for a sustainable recovery with gender equality (LC/TS.2022/134)

6. High-level panel on care for the planet

In this panel, representatives of governments, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and civil society will have the opportunity to discuss the care for the planet.

Subsequently, the floor will be opened for statements. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

Reference document:

- Women's autonomy and gender equality at the centre of climate action in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/TS.2022/64)

7. Presentation of the document *Breaking the statistical silence to achieve gender equality by 2030: implementing the information systems pillar of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030*

The secretariat will present the document *Breaking the statistical silence to achieve gender equality by 2030: implementing the information systems pillar of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030*. The report, the outcome of joint work by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Statistical Conference of the Americas, contributes to the systematic review of progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Strategy, with a focus on pillar 9, on information systems.

The document reveals the unequal distribution of power, resources, time, wealth and work that is at the root of the unsustainability of the prevailing development pattern. At the same time, it shows the importance of the production of statistics with a gender perspective for cross-cutting monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals.

A panel of government authorities will comment on the presentation, after which the floor will be offered to representatives. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

Working document:

- Breaking the statistical silence to achieve gender equality by 2030: implementing the information systems pillar of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 (LC/CRM.15/4)

8. Round table on co-responsibility for care

A round table will be held involving government authorities, representatives of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, civil society and the private sector to discuss the co-responsibility for care in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

9. Consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference

Delegations will have before them the draft agreements of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, for consideration and adoption under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

10. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the delegations may consider any other matter they deem appropriate.