



Thirty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, Chile, 13-15 September 2000

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Presiding Officers will have before them the provisional agenda (LC/L.1395(MDM.31/1)) for their consideration and subsequent adoption following the incorporation of any modifications they may deem appropriate.

2. Review of activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat since the thirtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers

- (a) The States members of ECLAC represented by the Presiding Officers will report on the activities carried out at the national and regional levels since the thirtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers in compliance with the mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action, the agreements reached at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially those set forth in the Lima Consensus, and the document entitled "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action", as approved by the General Assembly at its special session entitled, "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

Reference document

- Guidelines for the presentation of oral and written reports of the member countries
- (b) The secretariat will report on the activities carried out since the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, Peru, 8-10 February 2000) in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly entitled, "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century," which is also referred to as "Beijing +5".

- (c) The secretariat will also report on other activities carried out during the period under review, in particular the execution of the ECLAC/GTZ project on mainstreaming the gender perspective in ECLAC and sectoral ministries and the study on the institutional structure of national mechanisms for the advancement of women and gender equity.

Reference documents will be presented in order to provide the Presiding Officers with detailed information on other relevant activities carried out by ECLAC.

Working document

- Activities of the ECLAC secretariat relating to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1261(CRM.8/5))

Reference documents

- Programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2000-2001 (LC/G.2006(SES.27/10))
- Institucionalización de la perspectiva de género en la CEPAL y en los ministerios sectoriales: base metodológica
- Institucionalización del enfoque de género en las políticas laborales y económicas en los países de América Latina y el Caribe
- Virginia Guzmán, Nuevos enfoques para la evaluación del quehacer de los mecanismos de género en la región de América Latina y el Caribe (preliminary version)
- Equity, development and citizenship (LC/G.2071(SES.28/3))
- The equity gap: a second assessment (LC/G.2096)
- *Social Panorama of Latin America, 1999-2000* (LC/G.2068-P)
- *Progress of the World's Women, 2000*, UNIFEM
- *Mujer y trabajo en las reformas estructurales latinoamericanas: 1980s y 1990s*, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 28 (LC/L.1378-P)
- Lieve Daeren, Género en la migración laboral internacional en América Latina y el Caribe. Pautas para "buenas prácticas" en la formulación de políticas y programas dirigidos a trabajadoras y trabajadores migrantes

3. Evaluation and follow-up of provisions and resolutions adopted at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, Peru, 8-10 February 2000) and at the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"
- (a) The ECLAC secretariat will submit a comparative analysis of the Lima Consensus and the document entitled, "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action" to the Presiding Officers for their consideration.

Reference documents

- Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (a document approved by the General Assembly at its special session entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century")
 - Systematized presentation on the differences and areas of convergence between the Lima Consensus and the recommendations set forth in the document "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action"
 - (b) Presentation of reports by the Chairperson of the Presiding Officers and by the Presiding Officers representing the Caribbean, Central America and Brazil concerning the progress made at the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" as reflected in the document "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action".
 - (c) Presentation of reports by representatives of international and intergovernmental organizations concerning the progress made at the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" as reflected in the document "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action".
4. Follow-up to major United Nations world conferences and summits and to activities of other intergovernmental organizations
- (a) Bearing in mind that at their twenty-sixth meeting the Presiding Officers decided "to identify important international forums appropriate for follow-up to the agreements adopted at conferences and summit meetings organized by the United Nations ..." ¹ and that at their twenty-seventh meeting they agreed "to keep the ECLAC secretariat informed about meetings addressing women's issues that are attended by representatives of member countries that serve as Presiding Officers", ² reports will be submitted on the following meetings:

¹ ECLAC, Report of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1133(MDM.26/3)/Rev.1), Santiago, Chile, 22 September 1998, paragraph 29, agreement b.

² ECLAC, Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on

(i) Meeting of Ministers or of the Highest Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States of the Inter-American Commission of Women (IACW) (Washington, 27-28 April 2000). Report to be made by the delegation from Paraguay.

(ii) Informal meeting of Ibero-American Ministers responsible for women's policies (Panama, 4-5 May 2000). Report to be made by the delegation from Panama.

(iii) General Assembly of the Organization of American States (Windsor, Canada, 4-6 June 2000). Report to be made by the delegation from Chile.

(iv) Eighty-eighth session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 30 May-15 June 2000). Report to be made by the representative of ILO.

(v) Preparations for the Regional Meeting in Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (Santiago, Chile, 30 October-2 November 2000). Report to be made by the ECLAC Environment and Human Settlements Division.

(vi) Meeting of the Pan American Health Organization on the issue of violence (Lima, Peru, November 2000). Report to be made by the delegation from Peru.

(vii) Activities of the Network of Offices for Women's Affairs. Report to be made by the delegation from Costa Rica.

(viii) Other meetings held during the period under review.

Reference documents

- Report of the Meeting of Ministers or of the Highest Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States of the Inter-American Commission of Women
 - ILO Convention concerning the revision of the Maternity Protection Convention (Revised), 1952, No. 103
 - ECLAC, *Consensos urbanos: aportes del Plan de Acción Regional de América Latina y el Caribe sobre Asentamientos Humanos*, Medio ambiente y desarrollo series, No. 21 (LC/L.1330-P)
5. Report on the activities of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations
- (a) At their twenty-sixth meeting, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference and representatives of specialized agencies, other organizations within the United Nations system and intergovernmental bodies acknowledged the importance of broadening the scope of the latter organizations' participation in future meetings so that they might be

more fully informed about activities conducted in follow-up to United Nations world conferences and summits. Their recognition of the need for this step was reaffirmed in an agreement adopted at the Sixth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on Future Activities to Promote the Integration of Women into Latin American and Caribbean Development.³ In accordance with the request made by the Governments represented at the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers, these organizations will submit oral and written reports to the Presiding Officers.⁴

Representatives of specialized agencies, other organizations within the United Nations system and intergovernmental bodies will also report on the agreements reached at their ninth meeting, scheduled for the day before the opening session of the meeting of the Presiding Officers. These reports will focus, in particular, on follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly and on the project on gender indicators being conducted by the secretariat in accordance with agreement No. 6 as adopted at their eighth meeting.⁵

Reference documents

- Written reports submitted by specialized agencies, other bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations participating in the meeting of the Presiding Officers
- Agreements reached at the Ninth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (preliminary version)
 - (b) The secretariat will report on the outcome of the tasks undertaken in accordance with resolution 3(VIII) on ECLAC activities relating to regional cooperation in mainstreaming the gender perspective, as adopted at the eighth session of the Regional Conference.

Reference document

- Report by the secretariat on programmes and projects for the advancement of women conducted in the region by bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations
6. Evaluation and follow-up of progress made in Latin America and the Caribbean in the use of gender indicators in the formulation of public policy
- (a) In view of the fact that at their thirtieth meeting the Presiding Officers decided to “ask the Regional Conference to make one of the annual meetings of the Presiding Officers open

³ ECLAC, Report of the Sixth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations System on Future Activities to Promote the Integration of Women into Latin American and Caribbean Development (LC/L.1134), 24 July 1998.

⁴ ECLAC, Report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1235(MDM.28/3)), 4 August 1999, paragraph 46, agreement 5.

⁵ ECLAC, Report of the Eighth Meeting of Specialized Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1313), 25 January 2000.

to all member countries of the Conference'⁶ and that a number of the representatives present on that occasion felt that this open meeting should be devoted to an in-depth analysis of a substantive issue, the secretariat will submit a preliminary report on the availability of gender indicators in some of the Latin America and Caribbean countries. In addition, delegates will report on the progress made in developing and disseminating these indicators and in incorporating them into their countries' official statistical systems. It is hoped that these reports will serve as the basis for an evaluation of the progress made in this area and an assessment of the main problems that have arisen in connection with the use of gender indicators for policy-making purposes.

Reference documents

- Guidelines for the presentation of oral and written reports of the member countries
- Gender indicators for follow-up and evaluation of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, and the Beijing Platform for Action (LC/L.1186)
- Preliminary report on the availability of gender indicators in selected Latin American and Caribbean countries
- Report of the Meeting of Experts on Gender Indicators and Public Policy in Latin America (LC/L.1285)
 - (b) The secretariat will report on the progress made by the inter-agency project on gender indicators.

Reference document

- Project profile entitled, "Making gender indicators available for policy-making"
7. Planned activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat

The Presiding Officers will determine what activities need to be undertaken in order to implement the Lima Consensus and the recommendations set forth in the document "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action".

⁶ ECLAC, Report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2087(CRM.8/6)), 31 May 2000, paragraph 16, recommendation 2.

8. Liaison between countries with representatives serving as Presiding Officers and other countries in the region

In view of the fact that at their twenty-second meeting the Presiding Officers agreed to reinforce their liaison functions by establishing closer relations with government offices in charge of women's issues in the countries of the region,⁷ the member countries of the Regional Conference represented by the Presiding Officers will assume the relevant responsibilities in relation to the other countries of the region.

9. Other matters

The representatives may raise other matters of interest to their countries.

⁷ ECLAC, Report of the twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.966(MDM.22/4)), paragraph 11(b).

