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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Meeting on the External Crisis: The Adjustment Process
and its Immediate and Long-term Impact on Social
Development: What is to be done? organized by the
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
(ECLAC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Lima, Peru, 25-28 November 1986



ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1. Objectives

The meeting will examine appropriate strategies and proposals for action to overcome poverty and bring about harmonious social development together with economic development, in order that the elimination of poverty may constitute a fundamental instrument within economic expansion, and that the fruits of the latter may be equitably shared out.

A further prime objective of the meeting will be to analyse the social development situation in the region, and specifically the nature and characteristics of poverty in the context of structural factors and of factors deriving from the adjustment process made necessary by the external crisis.

This is a meeting of a technical nature, at a very high level, and it is hoped that it will provide criteria for overcoming poverty and promoting social development which may act as points of reference for government action and for orientating the programmes of the organizations in the United Nations System which have convened the meeting.

The conclusions of the meeting will be considered by ECLAC in preparing the proposals to be put before the Special Session to be held in Mexico City in January 1987.

2. Participants

The meeting will be attended by officials with the highest level of government decision-making responsibility in the region who, as a result of their role in the economic and social policies of their respective countries, possess a high degree of technical knowledge with regard to social development and poverty and are in a position to propose both viable and desirable criteria for the region.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Regional Employment Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean (PREALC) will provide specific assistance in holding the meeting, through their participation in the Technical Secretariat and in preparing the document to be presented at it.

The meeting will also be attended by experts from the organizations of the United Nations System convening the meeting and from other international organizations invited to take part: the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Pan-American Health Organization and the World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO).

Observers from other organizations of the United Nations System and from international and inter-American financial organizations will also be invited to attend.

3. Organization of work

The first part of the meeting will be devoted to an analysis of the reports presented by the high-level government officials regarding their perception of social problems and poverty, both at the national and regional level.

In addition, the Secretariat of the meeting, composed of ECLAC, UNDP, UNICEF and ILO-PREALC, will provide technical data on the social situation in the region and indicators of poverty. The specially invited agencies of the international system will also present technical reports on the situation in the social sectors they cover.

During the second part of the meeting, the participants will set out the suggestions they consider appropriate for reaching a regional consensus on how to overcome poverty and promote development with equity.

The Technical Secretariat will provide support for the debates through the presentation of a document entitled "Development, Change and Equity: Overcoming Poverty".

4. Election of Officers

At the beginning of the meeting it will be necessary to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. Meetings are traditionally chaired by a representative of the host country.

5. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda will be submitted to participants for their approval.

6. Location of the meeting

The meeting will be held in the city of Lima, in premises made available by the Government of Peru.

7. Programme

Tuesday 25 November

09.00	Registration of participants
10.00	Opening ceremony
11.00	Break
11.15	Election of Officers, presentation of the organization of work
12.30	Lunch break

15.00 Consideration of the topic "The social development situation and the characteristics of poverty phenomena. Structural factors and the impact of the external crisis and of adjustment policies on social conditions in the region"

Presentations by high-level government officials

16.45 Break

17.00-18.00 Presentations (continued)

Wednesday 26 November

09.30 Continuation of debates on "The social development situation and the characteristics of poverty phenomena. Structural factors and the impact of the external crisis and of adjustment policies on social conditions in the region"

11.00 Break

11.15 Presentations (continued)

12.30 Lunch break

15.00 Presentation by the Technical Secretariat and the specialized agencies of the United Nations System of regional reports on the issue being analysed

16.45 Break

17.00-18.00 Summary of the main lines of the analyses presented by the high-level participants with regard to the diagnosis of poverty and the forms of development and the adjustment made necessary by the external crisis which account for social inequality

Thursday 27 November

09.30 Consideration of the topic "What is to be done to overcome poverty and ensure development with equity?"

Presentation by the Technical Secretariat of the document entitled "Development, Change and Equity: Overcoming Poverty"

11.00 Break

11.15 Presentation by the participants in the meeting of criteria and suggestions relating to the topic under consideration

12.30 Lunch break

15.00 Debate (continued)

16.45 Break

17.00-18.00 Debate (continued)

Friday 28 November

09.00 Continuation of debates on the topic "What is to be done to overcome poverty and ensure development with equity?"

11.00 Break

16.00 Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting

The Rapporteur will submit the report containing the conclusions and recommendations reached by the participants, for consideration by the meeting

17.00 Break

17.30 Closing ceremony



