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Population dynamics as an axis of sustainable development:
the Montevideo Consensus as a tool for reducing inequality
in the framework of human rights

Mexico City, 6-9 October 2015

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), established by virtue of resolution 670(XXXIV) to monitor and review issues relating to population and development, international migration, indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations, and ageing, among other topics. The Conference meets every two years, while its Presiding Officers meet at least once between ordinary sessions. The Regional Conference recognizes the importance of civil society participation at its sessions.

The Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development was adopted at the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo from 12 to 15 August 2013. The Montevideo Consensus is the most important intergovernmental agreement on population and development ever signed in the region, representing the regional outcome of the review process of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo Programme of Action) and its follow-up beyond 2014.

In fulfilment of the follow-up recommendations contained in the Montevideo Consensus, two meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development have been held since 2013. At their first meeting, held in Santiago in November 2014, the Presiding Officers decided to prepare an operational guide to support countries in implementing and monitoring the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including possible lines of action, targets and tentative indicators. To that end, an ad hoc working group was formed, with ECLAC as its technical secretariat.

At that meeting, the Presiding Officers also agreed that the theme of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Mexico City in October 2015, would be “Population dynamics as an axis of sustainable development: the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus as a tool for reducing inequality in the framework of human rights”.

At their second meeting, held in Santiago in June 2015, the Presiding Officers resolved that the operational guide would constitute their contribution to the Regional Conference on Population and Development at its second session, and recommended that the Regional Conference on Population and Development adopt a resolution endorsing the operational guide as a technical tool for steering the implementation and follow-up of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with a particular emphasis on implementing concrete and effective lines of action.

The Presiding Officers also recommended that the thematic panels organized as part of the second session of the Regional Conference should refer to the links between the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus and its operational guide, the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international agreements, as appropriate.

1. Place and date

The second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in Mexico City from 6 to 9 October 2015.

2. Purpose

The aim of the session is to strengthen the implementation and follow-up of the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development through its operational guide and links with the follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

3. Organization of work

On Wednesday, 7 October, following the adoption of the agenda for the session, reports on activities carried out in 2013-2015 will be presented by the outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, a representative of the secretariat and a representative of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund.

Participants will then examine the sociodemographic context in Latin America and the Caribbean for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. Next on the agenda is a presentation of the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, followed by a general discussion on national experiences regarding the dissemination and implementation of the Consensus, with a focus on the established and planned institutional arrangements for those purposes. Before the general discussion, a presentation will be given on the conclusions of the subregional preparatory meeting for the Caribbean, for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, held in Bridgetown from 25 to 27 August 2015. There is also a proposal for a presentation to be given on the conclusions of the civil society meeting, on which a decision shall be taken at the meeting of heads of delegation.

On Thursday, 8 October, participants will begin to discuss considerations regarding implementation and follow-up of the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with a focus on the contribution of the operational guide and links with the Sustainable Development Goals and follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014. This agenda item will be addressed through a number of panel discussions involving specialists in the substantive topics of the Consensus. Six of the eight panels will be held on this day. The aim of the panels will be to analyse the contribution of the operational guide to the implementation and follow-up of the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

The last two panels will be held on Friday, 9 October, followed by a round table on frameworks for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Delegations may then raise any other matters they might wish to discuss. The session will close with the consideration and adoption of agreements.

4. Documentation

In accordance with the follow-up recommendations contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the agreements of the Presiding Officers, adopted at their first and second meetings, the secretariat is responsible for preparing the documentation for the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Accordingly, the secretariat has prepared the following documents to serve as a basis for the discussions:

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/L.4043(CRPD.2/1)/Rev.1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/L.4044(CRPD.2/2))
- Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1)

Reference documents:

- Organization of work
- Report on the activities conducted by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC during the period 2013-2015 (DDR/1)
- Support provided by ECLAC for housing and population censuses, 2013-2015 (DDR/2)
- Contributions made by ECLAC from a rights perspective regarding indigenous peoples' and Afro-descendants' affairs, 2013-2015 (DDR/3)
- Contributions made by ECLAC regarding international migration from a human rights and development perspective, 2013-2015 (DDR/4)
- Contributions made by ECLAC on ageing, social protection and socioeconomic challenges, 2013-2015 (DDR/5)
- Report of the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3774)
- Report of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3990)
- Report of the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4065)
- Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/L.3697)

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Report on activities carried out in 2013-2015 and outlook for 2015-2017.
4. Sociodemographic context in Latin America and the Caribbean for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.
5. Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

6. General discussion on national experiences regarding the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
7. Considerations regarding implementation and follow-up of the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development: contribution of the Operational guide and links with the Sustainable Development Goals and follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014.
8. Frameworks for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
9. Other matters.
10. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers

Member countries may express their interest in serving as Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development. One chair and two or more vice-chairs will then be elected from among those countries. The Presiding Officers will remain in office until their successors are elected before the adoption of the agenda at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda (LC/L.4043(CRPD.2/1)/Rev.1). Member countries may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate.

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/L.4043(CRPD.2/1)/Rev.1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/L.4044(CRPD.2/2))

3. Report on activities carried out in 2013-2015 and outlook for 2015-2017

The outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers will report on activities carried out since the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, in particular with respect to the outcomes of the first and second meetings of the Presiding Officers, and the agreement to prepare a guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

The secretariat of the Regional Conference will then give an account of the activities carried out over the last two years on population and development and will present the outlook for the coming biennium. The report will focus on the technical support provided to the Presiding Officers in the

preparation of the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*.

Lastly, a representative of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund will report on follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and its links with the intergovernmental negotiation process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

4. Sociodemographic context in Latin America and the Caribbean for implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Sustainable Development Goals

The secretariat will give a presentation on demographic change, inequalities and prospects in Latin America and the Caribbean with a view to providing up-to-date information on the current demographic context in the region as an input to discussions at the session. The presentation will examine recent demographic trends, demographic inequalities (territorial, gender and intercultural, among others) and will outline medium- and long-term demographic scenarios. Particular attention will be paid to changing age structures, the demographic dividend, population ageing and some of the implications of these topics for public policy and the protection of rights, especially the right of older persons.

5. Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Countries in the region have expressed their willingness to promote the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the two meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference and to that end they agreed to prepare an operational guide for steering that implementation.

The operational guide provides guidelines on lines of action, targets and indicators for the implementation and follow-up of the substantive chapters of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. In keeping with the principles of the Consensus, those guidelines can be adapted, in a manner consistent with human rights, to the development priorities of each country.

The document constitutes the contribution of the Presiding Officers to the Regional Conference on Population and Development, at its second session, and is the product of a participatory process that benefited greatly from the input of the countries of the region. Support and input were also received from civil society, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give a general presentation on the content of the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*. For their reference, delegations will have before them the corresponding working document, available in Spanish and English.

Working document:

- Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1)

6. General discussion on national experiences regarding the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, delegations will have the opportunity to give statements on the progress to date with respect to the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

Pursuant to agreement 15 of the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference, delegations are requested to report on the established and planned national governmental coordinating mechanisms, with the participation of civil society organizations, whose purpose is to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus and to act as a permanent liaison with the Regional Conference. Statements should be no longer than six minutes per country.

7. Considerations regarding implementation and follow-up of the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development: contribution of the Operational guide and links with the Sustainable Development Goals and follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014

The second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be the first regional intergovernmental meeting organized by ECLAC following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, making it an ideal opportunity for examining the global implications of the Agenda and its links with the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

In this connection, eight panel discussions, one for each substantive chapter of the Consensus, will be held to analyse the contribution of the operational guide to the implementation and follow-up of the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. The panellists have been asked to refer to the links between the implementation and follow-up of the priority measures in the chapter relevant to their panel and the implementation and follow-up of other instruments, especially the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014.

The panels will be composed of specialists from the region from different spheres, including the government, civil society, academia and international organizations. Their input is expected to enrich the guidelines on the different topics covered in the operational guide.

The first panel discussion will address the rights, needs and demands of children, adolescents and youth. The second will examine ageing, social protection and socioeconomic challenges. The third will focus on universal access to sexual and reproductive health services. The fourth will consider gender equality. The fifth will look at key issues relating to international migration and protection of the human rights of all migrants. The sixth will discuss territorial inequality, spatial mobility and environmental vulnerability. The seventh will analyse topics relating to indigenous peoples, interculturalism and rights. And, the lastly, the eighth panel discussion will address Afro-descendants, rights and combating racial discrimination.

8. Frameworks for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

This agenda item will take the format of a round table involving four speakers who will analyse the links between the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the links with the follow-up to the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014 and other international and regional instruments, in particular those related to other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC such as the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The aim will be to highlight similarities and complementarities between these instruments and to identify potential synergies in their implementation and monitoring, drawing attention to the challenges that could stand in the way of achieving these synergies. The speakers are expected to consider the overall socioeconomic and political context and outlook, and the role of the State, civil society and other stakeholders.

9. Other matters

Any other issue raised by delegations may be discussed under this agenda item.

10. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the draft agreements of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean for consideration and adoption.