

UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC
AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL
E/CEPAL/PLEN.16/L.4
23 November 1982
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: SPANISH



CEPAL

Economic Commission for Latin America

Committee of the Whole
Sixteenth Session

New York, 2-3 December 1982



CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS OF CEPAL
PROPOSED FOR THE PERIOD
1982-1984

Note by the Secretariat

82-10-2281

For several years the member Governments of the United Nations have been concerned with rationalizing the work of the Organization in the economic and social sector, both at the level of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and of the regional activities assigned to the regional economic commissions. An important aspect of this rationalization is the careful analysis of the meetings of intergovernmental bodies and committees of the system with a view to avoiding proliferation, eliminating duplication, of any, and orienting these bodies towards the priority needs of governments.

As regards the Economic Commission for Latin America, the member Governments considered the question of the statutory meetings of the CEPAL system at the fourteenth session of the Committee of the Whole (New York, 20 November 1980) and at the nineteenth session of CEPAL (Montevideo, 4-15 May 1981), and each of these bodies adopted a resolution on the question.^{1/}

In the operative part of its resolution, the Committee of the Whole states that the Committee decides to maintain the existing fundamental institutional structure of the CEPAL system, while further rationalizing its machinery, procedures and meetings, and that the biennial sessions of the Commission and the sessions of the Committee of the Whole in the years when the Commission does not meet should constitute the focal points around which the other meetings of the CEPAL system should be organized. It also decided that, as a general rule, no more than five substantive regional conferences or meetings should be held each year, and that at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conference and meetings must be considered, stipulating, where possible, the date, duration and location of each meeting.

In compliance with this mandate, at the Montevideo session the member countries analysed and approved, in the annex to resolution 432(XIX), the calendar of conferences for CEPAL for 1981-1984, which includes not only the statutory meetings of CEPAL, but also the meetings of subsidiary organs of the Commission and Latin American regional meetings to prepare for world conferences of the United Nations. During the debate on the question, note was taken of the need to grant the Executive Secretary a certain degree of flexibility in meeting new responsibilities in the economic and social field that might be assigned to him by the United Nations General Assembly.

In view of the fact that since that date, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, among others, have given new mandates and bearing in mind the need to bring the calendar of conferences of CEPAL in line with the present needs and priorities of the countries, the Executive Secretariat of CEPAL has deemed it advisable to submit for consideration by the member countries of CEPAL, at the sixteenth session of the Committee of the Whole, a provisional revised calendar of intergovernmental meetings of the Commission for the period 1982-1984. This calendar (see annex 1) includes the statutory meetings of CEPAL, as well as regional meetings to prepare for world conferences; it does not, however, include a listing of seminars, expert meetings, inter-agency meetings, round tables and other informal meetings that are convened by the Executive Secretary within the framework of the programme of work approved by the Commission.

^{1/} Resolution 419(PLEN.14) and resolution 432(XIX) "Programme of Work and Calendar of Conferences of CEPAL".

As will be seen from the table in annex 1, the sessions of the Commission and of the Committee of the Whole continue to be the focal points for all other CEPAL meetings. According to resolution 446(XIX), adopted at the nineteenth session of the Commission, a decision must be taken regarding the date and place of the twentieth session of CEPAL. A statutory session of the CEPAL Committee of the Whole is envisaged for 1983, as well as for 1982. Other bodies holding statutory meetings are the Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN), which meets every year; the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), which also meets every year; the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, which meets every three years, and the Central American Economic Co-operation Committee, which meets when its member Governments consider it advisable.

The table also includes several Latin American regional preparatory meetings for world conferences of the United Nations, the mandates for which are given in one or more resolutions of the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council. These resolutions usually prescribe that the different regional preparatory meetings should be held at the headquarters of the regional commission concerned, mainly because of the availability of secretariat services and in order to reduce costs. In this context, it should be remembered that, even in cases when the financing for a meeting has been approved, General Assembly resolution 31/140, part I paragraph 5, requires that a Government offering an alternative venue must agree to defray the actual additional costs involved in such a change of venue. Annex 1 shows the date and place, legislative authority and source of financing for each meeting.

Annex 1

Title	Date and place	Legislative authority	Source of financing
<u>1982</u>			
CEPAL Committee of the Whole, sixteenth session	United Nations Headquarters, New York, 2-3 December	CEPAL resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN), sixth session	United Nations Headquarters, New York, 6-7 December	CEPAL resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 422(XIX), 425(XIX) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
<u>1983</u>			
Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), seventh session	CEPAL Office for the Caribbean, Port of Spain 19-21 January Technical level 24-25 January Ministerial level	CEPAL resolutions 358 (XVI) and 432 (XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
Third Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America	Quito, Ecuador March	Decision of the eleventh extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole, CEPAL resolution 432(XIX)	Reallocation of regular budget funds
Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on Palestine	CEPAL Headquarters May	General Assembly Resolution 36/120	Funds provided by United Nations Headquarters
Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders	CEPAL Headquarters <u>10-14</u> October	Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/29	Funds provided by United Nations Headquarters
Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for International Youth Year	CEPAL Headquarters November	General Assembly resolutions 34/151, 35/126 and 36/28	Funds provided by United Nations Headquarters

Title	Date and place	Legislative authority	Source of financing
Latin American Regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on Population	<u>a/</u>	Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/87 and 1982/42	Financing is being requested from the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)
Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN), seventh session	<u>a/</u>	CEPAL resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 422(XIX), 425(XIX) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
CEPAL Committee of the Whole, statutory session (1983)	<u>a/</u>	CEPAL resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), eighth session	<u>a/</u>	CEPAL resolutions 358(XVI) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
	<u>1984</u>		
Committee of High-Level Government Experts (CEGAN), eighth session	<u>a/</u>	CEPAL resolutions 419(PLEN.14), 422(XIX), 425(XIX) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
Twentieth session of CEPAL	<u>a/</u>	CEPAL resolution 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL
- Sessional Committee on Water			
- Sessional Committee on Human Settlements			
- Sessional Committee on Co-operation among Developing Countries and Regions			
Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), ninth session	<u>a/</u>	CEPAL resolutions 358(XVI) and 432(XIX)	Regular budget of CEPAL

a/ Date and place to be decided.