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REPORT OF THE CARIBBEAN PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE
ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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A. DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1.   There is need for strategies to increase awareness of women's unpaid work in the Caribbean subregion.

2.   Governments should incorporate time-use surveys in the regular collection of data.

3.   Improved data collection and analysis remains a priority concern for the Caribbean subregion. There is need for a harmonized protocol for the collection of data especially social data.

4.   There is need for strategic interventions to promote the increased participation of women in leadership and decision-making positions.

5.   The following groups were ascribed priority for targeted assistance:

(a) Elderly persons;
(b) Persons with disabilities;
(c) People who live in rural areas, particularly rural women;
(d) Self-employed persons;
(e) Women in small and medium enterprises.

6.   The increased use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the recruitment of persons for trafficking is a growing problem in the Caribbean, requiring urgent attention.

B. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. Place and date

7.   The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) subregional headquarters for the Caribbean and secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), together with the Gender Affairs Division of ECLAC headquarters convened a one-day Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will convene from 15 to 18 October 2013 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Caribbean Preparatory Meeting was held on 9 August 2013 in Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

2. Attendance

8.   The meeting brought together senior officials from the offices responsible for programmes supporting women's advancement and the promotion of gender equity in countries of the wider Caribbean. The following CDCC member States were represented: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. Associate member countries were represented by Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands. The following organizations and agencies also participated: Caribbean Association of National Telecommunications Organizations (CANTO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Organization of American States, Planned Parenthood, Red Thread Guyana, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Council of Women, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Labour Congress, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Save the Children Fund, Soroptimist International, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and Young Women Christian Association.

3. Agenda

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C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Opening of meeting

9.   The Director of ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean welcomed all participants to the Caribbean Preparatory Meeting and thanked the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for graciously hosting the meeting. She informed the participants that the twelfth session of the Regional Conference would focus on the themes of gender equality, women's empowerment and information and communications technology, and on the background document being prepared for the meeting entitled "Women in the digital economy: Overcoming the threshold of inequality." The Caribbean Preparatory Meeting therefore offered the member States of the subregion an opportunity to review critical issues in respect of the Caribbean related to the central themes of the upcoming Conference.

10.   In respect of ICTs, she underscored the increasing importance of science and technology for advancing sustainable development and in contributing to the creation of an environment that enhances equity. The Millennium Declaration adopted in 2000 underscored the urgency of ensuring that the benefits of new technologies, especially ICTs, are made available to all. She noted that ICTs are viewed as tools to advance economic and social development through the creation of new employment opportunities and new types of economic activity. They are also expected to improve and enhance the delivery of services such as health, education and networking. With the spread of the Internet, e-mail, mobile phones and electronic conferencing, for example, the world has become more interconnected.

11.   However, while it was agreed that some technological solutions are simple and within reach of everyone, the Director acknowledged that there are a number of social and economic barriers which prevent ICTs from being equitably distributed and harnessed for use by all. These circumstances have exacerbated the digital divide, not only between sexes and socioeconomic groups, but also across sectors, countries and regions. There is growing concern that, unless this digital divide is specifically addressed, the existing inequalities between women and men will likely increase. She noted that inequality, particularly in respect of gender, is now a major focus of the ongoing dialogue on the post-2015 development agenda. She suggested that enhancing women's skills, knowledge, access to and use of information technologies is an important strategy towards reducing inequality and furthering the empowerment of women.

12.   The Director encouraged the participants to find creative ways to address the many pressing issues facing the region. Solutions are needed to ensure broad social acceptance and economic affordability of ICTs. She further emphasized that the preparatory meeting should serve as a forum to facilitate the consideration of practical recommendations that could contribute to the completion of the background documents being prepared for the upcoming Regional Conference on Women.

13.   The Social Affairs Officer in the Division of Gender Affairs of ECLAC headquarters expressed appreciation for the opportunity to dialogue with Caribbean representatives on gender equality, women's empowerment and ICTs. She also welcomed the active participation of civil society organizations and underscored the important role that they play in the advancement of gender equality and women's autonomy.

14.   She recalled that the theme for the twelfth Regional Conference was discussed at the forty-seventh Presiding Officers Meeting in Panama in May 2012, and that delegates from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago actively participated. That meeting confirmed the inadequacy of existing information and sex-disaggregated data in those areas important to the measurement of gender equality, particularly in respect of women's economic autonomy, time use and access to and use of ICTs. The Social Affairs Officer stressed that data are indispensable in identifying and addressing inequalities, given the support they provide in ensuring the sound implementation of public policies. In this context, she acknowledged the efforts of the Caribbean governments which contributed to the position document, and also welcomed the initiative of the ECLAC subregional office in Port of Spain in developing research on this subject.

15.   The Social Affairs Officer informed the meeting that ECLAC will prepare a revised version of the position document during 2014 which would include additional information received from Caribbean countries. In this regard, the current meeting would offer an opportunity for consideration of those priorities that the Caribbean countries would like to include in the Santo Domingo consensus.

16.   The Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disability and Youth of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines expressed his pleasure at being able to participate in the very pertinent discussions being addressed at this meeting

17.   The Honourable Minister stressed that this meeting came at an opportune time when there is growing understanding and appreciation for the opportunities and potential presented by technology. He described information technology as an important tool which can be used to compile information on policies, programmes and initiatives being implemented by entities responsible for promoting the empowerment of women and girls.

18.   He emphasized that the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had made a commitment to comprehensively address the implementation of programmes to promote women's rights and gender equity. This is demonstrated in the integration of gender perspectives in strengthened legislation and in government supported policies, advocacy, public awareness campaigns, education and training. He also cited targeted interventions and other support services to victims and perpetrators of violence as examples of that effort.

19.   The Honourable Minister congratulated ECLAC for the support it has provided over the years to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, especially in the area of sexual health and reproduction, and welcomed continued assistance in future programmes.

20.   The Coordinator in the Gender Affairs Department of the Ministry of National Mobilization, Social Development, the Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disability and Youth expressed thanks to

all who had made the meeting possible. She recognized in particular the effort made by the regional women's/gender machineries and government ministries to facilitate the involvement of local participants in the meeting. Appreciation was also expressed to non-governmental organizations, professional bodies and agency representatives for their involvement and continued cooperation.

2. Adoption of the agenda

21.	The provisional agenda was adopted.

3. Women in the digital economy- Overcoming the threshold of inequality

22.	The Director of ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean delivered a presentation on women and their role in the new digital economy. She stated that opportunities in the digital economy, as in other economic paradigms, are not distributed equally. While ICTs provide significant opportunities for women's autonomy and gender equity, women in the region are not yet on equal footing with men in the information and knowledge society. Rising rates of Internet access and use among people in all countries, do not by themselves improve the gender-based digital gap. She also noted that the digital gender gap is further widened when you take into account use intensity, e-abilities and advanced uses. Furthermore, gender gaps still persist in the labour market and do not disappear automatically with higher technological development since ICTs are part of production models which do not modify current gender hierarchies. Women with the same training and educational level do not have the same work opportunities, nor the same professional careers and salaries as do men. Professions in science and technology seem to be less permeable to increasing tendencies towards gender equality, as has been observed in other highly qualified professions. Despite the growth in women's employment in positions that involve ICT training, women's access to positions at the mangerial and decision-making levels remain limited.

23.	The Director suggested that ICTs can be used as a tool to strengthen actions and policies that promote equity. She stressed that while access to and use of ICTs offer an opportunity to advance development, to be successful they must be accompanied by affirmative action policies which confront the horizontal and vertical segmentation of the job market. It is therefore imperative that the gender equity agenda begin to take account of the need for transformations in information society. Without active policies for intervention, women will continue to be limited to tasks which are less valued, and to bear the burden of unpaid work.

24.	Several representatives shared information on their national programmes promoting the use of ICTs to enhance development. The representative of Barbados reported on the inclusive use of ICTs in the education of persons with disabilities, using accessible and adaptive programmes. He underscored Barbados' interest in seeing a greater focus on persons with disabilities reflected in the agenda of the upcoming Regional Conference.

25.	The representative of Bahamas reported on the use of ICTs to more effectively monitor and control the trafficking of persons. ICTs are also used in the shaping of programmes for the rehabilitation of trafficked persons.

4. Gender equality, women's empowerment and information and communications technology

26.	The ECLAC Consultant presented the draft Caribbean position paper entitled "Empowerment, gender equality and information and communication technologies in the Caribbean." The purpose of the position paper was (i) to review the ICT for development strategy in the Caribbean; (ii) to analyze the ICT sector to determine whether there is gender equity in the labour market; and (iii) to look for evidence of gender disparity in the ICT sector. She informed the participants of the Digital Development Strategy that

promotes ICT as a tool to modernize delivery of government services, expand business, improve education systems and train efficient labour force. It also promotes ICTs as a growth sector to further create employment and investment opportunities.

27.   The Consultant quoted from a report from the United Nations Development Fund for Women on gender and ICTs and acknowledged the potential of ICTs as a tool for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, but conceded that a "gender divide" had been identified and reflected in the lower numbers of women accessing and using ICTs compared with men. The report cautions that "unless this gender divide is specifically addressed there is a risk that ICTs may exacerbate existing inequalities."

28.   She noted that within the Caribbean, several countries and organizations have done work to promote gender equity. CANTO, for example, has done workshops for women and girls in commemoration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. Several countries in the region celebrate "Girls in ICT Day" in April of each year. In addition, countries like Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have incorporated gender into their ICTs plans.

29.   In concluding, the Consultant encouraged women and women's groups in the Caribbean to become more committed to advocacy in highlighting the need for gender disaggregated data in the ICTs sector. There is need to carefully study the gender implication of ICT policies to become vocal advocates on issues of concern. She also encouraged more collaboration with organizations like ECLAC and the Caribbean Community in the areas of gender and ICTs for development.

30.   A number of representatives acknowledged that there is still a major gender digital divide in the Caribbean. It was acknowledged that the divide was quite prominent in the area of education, as is evidenced in classes on ICTs at the tertiary level where female students are significantly underrepresented.

31.   It was also noted that while females were the ones excelling at the academic level, their success was not necessarily reflected in their access to economic opportunities. This served to further exacerbate the gender divide, with likely ramifications in gender relations and the achievement of gender equity in the future.

32.   The representative of CANTO informed the meeting of some of the work that her organization is currently doing in the area of gender and ICTs. CANTO, in partnership with Soroptimist International of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago is currently encouraging stakeholders to be part of the "Women and Girls in ICTs: Partnership and participation initiative on digital literacy." In the first instance the initiative addressed women and girls generally in Trinidad and Tobago. In its next phase, the project will focus on female inmates in Trinidad and Tobago. This initiative, entitled "Female inmates rehabilitation initiative: Digital literacy project," has a three-fold objective: (i) to create sustainable projects which will fall under the umbrella Women and Girls in ICTs, (ii) to discuss potential programme components and upgrade plans to fit the existing needs of various groups to be trained and (iii) to solicit partners and sponsors to implement and deliver the projects. She suggested that the project could be replicated for region-wide implementation.

5.   Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin American and the Caribbean

33.   The Social Affairs Officer in the Division of Gender Affairs of ECLAC headquarters made a presentation on the preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women, which will be hosted by the Government of the Dominican Republic in Santo Domingo from 15 to 18 October 2013.

The presentation was previously prepared by the aforementioned government. She reiterated that the Regional Conference is an intergovernmental meeting which brings together ministers and other senior officials with responsibility for women's issues and public policies to ensure their empowerment and gender equity in Latin America and the Caribbean. She also noted that the conference undertakes an assessment of the activities carried out in fulfillment of regional and international plans and agreements in respect of gender and development.

34.   She explained that the theme of the regional conference, "gender equality, women's empowerment and information and communication technologies", was chosen to encourage governments and States to define policies and measures to overcome the gender digital divide and to promote the use of ICTs as tools for economic empowerment, and for enhancing the political and social status of women in the region. The Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC headquarters had therefore developed and submitted for the consideration of governments a position paper entitled "Women in the digital economy: Breaking through the equality threshold."

35.   She noted that the regional conference will be held at a time when international agendas on the progress of women in the region and the world are being evaluated and redefined, in such review processes as the Platform for Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo+20, 2014), the Platform for Action: Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing+20, 2015) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs, 2015). In this regard it is expected that the Consensus of Santo Domingo will address those which are of continuing relevance and concern to Latin America and the Caribbean. It should hopefully also serve as an instrument articulating the common position of the region in respect of gender issues in support of ongoing dialogue on the post-2015 development agenda.

6.   Discussion on Caribbean proposal of agreements for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

36.   Representatives identified a number of priority issues for inclusion in the agreements of the Santo Domingo Consensus of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Theses included the following:

(a) Governments should identify data collection as a priority issue and all data should be collected in a timely manner;
(b) There is need for a harmonized protocol for the collection of data especially social data;
(c) Governments should incorporate time use surveys in the regular collection of data;
(d) Champions of women's issues are needed at all levels to assist with development efforts to empower women and achieve gender equity;
(e) The following groups were ascribed priority for targeted assistance:
   - Elderly persons;
   - Persons with disabilities;
   - People who live in rural areas, particularly rural women;
   - Self-employed persons;
   - Women in small and medium enterprises
(f) The increased use of ICTs in the recruitment of persons for trafficking is a growing problem in the Caribbean, requiring urgent attention;
(g) There is need for strategic interventions to promote the increased participation of women in leadership and decision-making positions.

37.   Participants also reviewed the preliminary programme for the twelfth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in the Dominican Republic and gave suggestions for Caribbean representation on all panels. The draft preliminary programme is attached in annex II.

7. Closing remarks

38. The Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disability and Youth, on behalf of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, thanked everyone for the successful outcome of the meetings. The Director of ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean also gave a vote of thanks, expressing appreciation in particular to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for their excellent hosting of the meeting.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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Delegation member:
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- Melene Glynn, Country Representative, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

F. Other organizations

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- Regenie Fraser, Secretary General, Trinidad and Tobago

National Labour Congress
- Joy Matthews, General Secretary

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- Ileen Rodney, President
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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Planned Parenthood Association
- Wendy Trent, Volunteer Worker

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Save the Children Fund
- Floreen Thomas

Soroptimist International, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Miriam Roache, President-elect

Young Women Christian Association, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Muriel Anita Byam, President

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**Twelfth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
Hotel Hilton, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

Monday, 14 October

16.00 - 20.00	Registration of Participants
13.00 - 16.00	21st meeting of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations System on the advancement of women in Latin America and the Caribbean
17.00 - 19.00	49th meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
19.00 - 20.00	Meeting of Heads of Delegation

Tuesday, 15 October

8.00 - 8.45	Registration of Participants
8.45 - 9.00	Room 1 Entry of participants
9.00 - 9.15	Election of officers and adoption of the provisional agenda
9.15 - 10.15	Opening Ceremony of the twelfth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean Welcoming address, Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC Welcoming address, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Secretary, UN Women (to be confirmed) Welcoming address, Eleonora Menicucci, Minister, Secretary on Women's Policies, Brazil (to be confirmed) Welcoming address, Alejandrina Germán, Minister for Women, Dominican Republic Welcoming address, Danilo Medina, President of the Dominican Republic (to be confirmed)
10.15 - 10.45	Cultural activity
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 - 11.30	Reading of document prepared by civil society
11.30 - 13.00	Presentation of ECLAC position paper by the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Alicia Bárcena

13.00 - 14.45	Coffee break

14.45 - 16.30   Room 1
Round Table: Productive Development and Equality
Moderator: Alejandrina Germán, Minister for Women, Dominican Republic

- Mario Cimoli, Director, Division for Productive Development and Division of Production, Productivity and Management at ECLAC
- Mónica Aspe, Coordinator of the information society and knowledge, Mexico
- Mayi Antillón Guerrero, Minister of Economy, Industry and Trade, Costa Rica
- Ángela M. Camacho, Director of Legal and Government Affairs Microsoft Latin America
- Margarita Cedeño de Fernández, Vice President of the Dominican Republic (to be confirmed)
- Caribbean government representative (to be designated)

16.30 - 17.00   Coffee break

17.00 - 18.00   Round Table (continuation)
Statements by the countries

Wednesday, 16 October

9.00 - 11.00   Room 1
Panel 1: Work and employment in information and communication technologies (ICTs)
Moderator: Lorena Cruz Sánchez, President, National Institute of Women, Mexico

- Eduardo Brenta, Minister of Employment and Social Security, Oriental Republic of Uruguay (to be confirmed)
- Bernadette Lewis, Secretary General of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (to be confirmed)
- Barbara Geraldo de Castro, Brazil (to be confirmed)

Room 2
Panel 2: Policies to access information and communication technologies
Moderator: Eleonora Menicucci, Minister, Secretary on Women's Policies, Brazil

- Ana Gabriela Valdiviezo, Under-Secretary of Telecommunications and Information and Communications Technologies, Ministry of Telecomunications and the Information Society, Ecuador (to be confirmed)
- Erlinda Handal Vega, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, El Salvador
- Alejandro Cruz, Minister of Sciences, Technology and Telecommunications, Costa Rica
- Cecilia Castaño Collado, Co-Director, Master's Degree in Gender Equality in Social Sciences, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00	Room 1 Panel 1 (continuation) Statements by the countries Room 2 Panel 2 (continuation) Statements by the countries
13.00 - 14.45	Recess
13.05 - 14.35	Side event

14.45 - 16.30 Room 1
Panel 3: Challenges and risks of ICTs for equality
Moderator: Caribbean representative (to be designated)
- Pedro Janices, Director of the National Office for Information Technology of Argentina (ONTI), Office of the Head of the Council of Ministers, President's Office, Argentina (to be confirmed)
- Caribbean representative (to be designated)
- Magali Pineda, CIPAF, Dominican Republic
- Roberto Melo, President, Panamanian Chamber of Information and Communication Technologies, Panama (to be confirmed)

Room 2
Panel 4: Productive Enterprises
Moderator: Maureen Clarke, Executive President of INAMU, Costa Rica (to be confirmed)
- Martha Lucia Vásquez Zawadzky, Executive President of the National Association of Women Entrepreneurs and Executives of Colombia
- Rocío Mantilla Goyzueta, Silverware Rocío, Peru
- José Armando Flores Alemán, Minister of the Economy, El Salvador (to be confirmed)

Room 3
Discussion: Consensus

16.30 - 17.00	Coffee break

17.00 - 18.15 Room 1
Panel 5: ITCs and Gender: Statistics and Indicators
Moderator: (to be designated)
- Pablo Tactuk, Director, National Office of Statistics (ONE), Dominican Republic
- Eduardo Sojo, President, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), Mexico (to be confirmed)

- Francy Johanna Pimiento Quintero, Director, E-Government, Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies, Colombia (to be confirmed)
- Martin Schaaper, Science and Technology Specialist, UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), UNESCO Canada

Room 2
Panel 6: Women in Science
Moderator: (to be designated)
- Carolina Cosse, President, ANTEL, Uruguay
- Herminia Rodríguez Pacheco, Researcher, Center for Women Studies, Federation of Cuban Women, Cuba
- María Gisella Orjedad Fernández, President, National Council for Science and Technology (CONCYTEC), Peru (to be confirmed)
- Kamla Persad Bissessar, Prime Minister, Trinidad and Tobago (to be confirmed)

Room 3
Discussion Consensus

Thursday, 17 October

9.00 - 11.00   Room 1
                     Panel 7: Women in Business
                     Moderator: (to be designated)
- Ylva Johansson, Parlamentarian, Sweden
- María Ángeles Sallé, President, Foundation Directa and Director, ENRED Consulting, Spain/ Panama
- Blanca Treviño, Chairperson & CEO, SOFTTEK, Mexico (to be confirmed)
- Charito Mamani, FAUTAPO, Bolivia

                     Room 2
                     Panel 8: Access to digital assets, land and credit
                     Moderator: Ana Ethel Jara Velásquez, Minister for Women and Vulnerable Populations, Peru
- Raúl Katz, Adjunct Professor, Division of Finance and Economics, Colombia University, United States (to be confirmed)
- Carmen Diana Deere, Professor of Food and Resource Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, United States
- Andrea Butto Zarzar, Ministry of Agrarian Development, Brazil
- Letícia Luiza – Yawanawá, Women's Union of COIAB, Coordination of Indigenous Communities of the Brazilian Amazon, Brazil (to be confirmed)

11.00 - 11.30   Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00   Room 1
                     Panel 7 (continuation)
                     Statement by the countries

Room 2
Panel 8 (continuation)
Statements by the countries

13.00 - 14.45	Recess
13.05 - 14.35	Side event

14.45 - 16.30   Room 1
Round Table: Beijing +20, perspectives and challenges
Moderator: Sonia Montaño, Director, Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC

- María Ángeles Durán, Research Professor, Institute for Economy, Geography and Demography at the Center for Human and Social Sciences, Spain
- María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia (to be confirmed)
- Sergia Galván, Executive Director, Collective for Women and Health, Dominican Republic (to be confirmed)
- Eleonora Menicucci, Minister, Secretary on Women's Policies, Brazil (to be confirmed)
- Caribbean representative (to be designated)

Room 3
Discussion Consensus

16.30 - 17.00   Coffee break

17.00 - 18.00   Room 1
Round Table (continuation)

Room 3
Discussion Consensus

Friday, 18 October

9.00 - 11.00	Plenary
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.30	Plenary
13.30 - 15.30	Recess
15.30 - 18.00	Consideration and adoption of the Santo Domingo Consensus
16.30 - 17.00	Coffee break
18.00 - 19.30	Closing Ceremony

<u>Annex III</u>

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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	Draft paper on "Gender equality, women's empowerment and ICTs in the Caribbean"