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Fifty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers  
of the Regional Conference on Women  
in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 25-26 May 2017

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



## **A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) that brings together government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and to promote the incorporation of the gender perspective and the guarantee of women's human rights in public policies in countries of the region, in order to make progress towards women's autonomy.

In consultation with the Government of Uruguay, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo in October 2016, the Presiding Officers agreed to hold their fifty-fifth meeting from 25 to 26 May 2017 at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago.

At their fifty-fifth meeting, the Presiding Officers will review the activities carried out to apply the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, which was adopted by ECLAC member States at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Presiding Officers will receive reports on the participation of the secretariat and of national machineries for the advancement of women in relevant meetings. In particular, the outcome of the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and its linkages with the Regional Gender Agenda and the Montevideo Strategy will be reviewed.

A panel discussion will be held on the link between vocational education and training and young women's participation in the labour force in the region, and the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean will present a new study on gender equality plans in the region. Pursuant to paragraphs 10 and 11 of resolution 6(XIII) adopted at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, a report will be presented on the progress made by the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements.

## **B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

Delegations will have before them the provisional agenda (LC/MDM.55/1) for consideration and adoption:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat since the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 25-28 October 2016).
3. Report on the outcome of the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Mexico City, 26-28 April 2017).

4. Reports by the countries on the application of the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, with a focus on women's economic autonomy.
5. Presentation of the study by the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, *Gender equality plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: road maps for development*.
6. Panel discussion on vocational education and training and young women's participation in the labour force.
7. Report of the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of agreements.

**2. Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat since the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 25-28 October 2016)**

The secretariat will report on the activities carried out at the regional level since the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in October 2016.

Reports will be given on the technical assistance provided to the governments of the region, the activities carried out with respect to the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, the work of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and distance-learning courses, among other subjects.

A report will be given on the sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 4-6 April 2017) and on the main findings included in a document prepared by the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC on the mainstreaming of the gender perspective in public policies targeting climate change in Latin America.

**Reference documents:**

- Report of the fifty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/MDM.54/3)
- Report of the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CRM.13/6/Rev.1)
- The 2030 Agenda and the Regional Gender Agenda. Synergies for equality in Latin America and the Caribbean, Gender Affairs series, No. 143 (LC/TS.2017/7/Rev.1)
- Agreements adopted at the sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- La transversalización del enfoque de género en las políticas públicas frente al cambio climático en América Latina, Project documents (LC/TS.2017/19)

**3. Report on the outcome of the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Mexico City, 26-28 April 2017)**

The secretariat will report on the outcome of the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

The representative of Costa Rica, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, will present a report on her participation in the first meeting of the Forum and will refer to the outcome of that meeting and its linkages with gender equality.

**Reference documents:**

- Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/RES/70/1)
- The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. An opportunity for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2681/Rev.1)
- Annual report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.4268(FDS.1/3)/-\*)
- Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the challenges of resource mobilization (LC/FDS.1/4)
- Summary of the Chair of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development
- Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

**4. Reports by the countries on the application of the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, with a focus on women's economic autonomy**

In accordance with the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, governments may report voluntarily on their progress in the application and adaptation of the Montevideo Strategy at one of the two meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held each year.

The countries that so wish will give brief oral reports on the activities carried out since the adoption of the Montevideo Strategy, focusing on its contribution to women's economic autonomy.

**Reference documents:**

- Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 (LC/CRM.13/5)
- Resolution 6(XIII) adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirteenth session

**5. Presentation of the study by the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, *Gender equality plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: road maps for development***

With a view to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, measures to design and implement gender equality plans and strengthen their linkages with national sustainable development strategies were discussed and agreed upon at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean has contributed to this effort by preparing a study entitled *Gender equality plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: road maps for development*. The coordinator of the Gender Equality Observatory will present this study, which reviews gender equality plans and their contribution to women's autonomy, the incorporation of gender equality into development strategies, and visible budgetary allocations for gender policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Next, representatives of the member States will be invited to convey any questions or comments they consider relevant. Afterwards, the floor will be opened to other attendees with any questions or comments.

**Working document:**

- Gender equality plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: road maps for development, Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean Studies, No. 1 (LC/PUB.2017/1-P)

**6. Panel discussion on vocational education and training and young women's participation in the labour force**

The disconnect between education and paid work and stubborn labour market segmentation along gender lines are persistent features of the Latin American and Caribbean region that require priority attention when addressing vocational education and training, an educational subsystem of strategic importance for the economic development of countries in the region.

The panel discussion will include the outcome of the regional study and the case studies of Argentina and Mexico carried out within the framework of the project on vocational education and training for greater equality in Latin America and the Caribbean developed by ECLAC with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

Participants will include authorities from Latin American and Caribbean countries and experts in the field, who will comment on the studies presented and share their experiences with respect to initiatives to promote gender equality in vocational education and training and to improve their linkages with the labour market in the region.

Next, the representatives of member States will have the opportunity to convey any questions or comments they consider relevant. Afterwards, the floor will be opened to other attendees with any questions or comments.

**Reference documents:**

- La educación técnico-profesional en América Latina: retos y oportunidades para la igualdad de género, Asuntos de Género series, No. 144 (LC/TS.2017/13)
- Trayectorias de mujeres. Educación técnico-profesional y trabajo en la Argentina, Asuntos de Género series, No. 145 (LC/TS.2017/25)
- Trayectorias de mujeres. Educación técnico-profesional y trabajo en México, Asuntos de Género series, No. 146 (LC/TS.2017/35)

**7. Report of the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements**

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11 of resolution 6(XIII) adopted at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the representative of Uruguay, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Conference, will report on the progress made by the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements.

Representatives of the member States will be invited to convey any questions or comments they consider relevant. Afterward, the floor will be opened to other attendees with any questions or comments.

**Working document:**

- Report by the secretariat on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements (LC/MDM.55/3)

**8. Other matters**

Under this item, delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

**9. Adoption of the agreements**

The Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of their fifty-fifth meeting.