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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is a permanent subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). It focuses on the follow-up and review of matters relating to population and development, international migration, indigenous peoples and Afrodescendent populations, and ageing. The Conference meets every two years, while its Presiding Officers meet at least once between ordinary sessions.

At the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 7 to 9 November 2017, the countries of the region renewed their commitment to implementing and monitoring the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and recognized the contribution of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean to the global follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014.

They also recognized the contribution of national and regional monitoring of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its operational guide to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with resolution 700(XXXVI), adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-sixth session.

On that occasion, the Presiding Officers requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, to prepare the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, based on the national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development submitted by the countries and the list of indicators contained in the *Final report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*,¹ endorsed at that same meeting.

The Presiding Officers also agreed that the draft first regional report would be considered at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and that it would constitute the regional contribution to the four-yearly global review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, to be undertaken in 2019 at the fifty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development.

Furthermore, the secretariat was requested to develop, in coordination with the Presiding Officers of the Conference, a virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development on the basis of, among other things, systematic national reports and calculations of the agreed indicators reported by the countries, to be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

1. Place and date

The third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will take place in Lima, from 7 to 9 August 2018.

¹ LC/MDP-E/3.

2. Purpose

The objectives of the third session of the Conference are to consider the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development; receive reports on national progress made by governments in the implementation of the Consensus; consider a proposed virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Consensus; and examine remaining challenges to progress in its implementation.

3. Organization of work

On Tuesday 7 August, after the election of officers and the adoption of the agenda for the meeting, reports will be presented on activities carried out in the period 2015–2018, by the outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, by the secretariat of the Conference, by the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and by the Chair of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Conference will also receive a report on the outcomes of the civil society preparatory meeting.

The following session will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of the *Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*. Next, the governments will have the opportunity to present voluntary reports on national progress on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

The presentation of voluntary national reports by governments on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development will conclude in the morning of Wednesday, 8 August. The afternoon will start with a session on outstanding challenges in the region for progress towards the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with four thematic panels based on the chapters of *Draft first regional report*. The panellists will be speakers from government and civil society, academia or the private sector. The discussions will take a critical approach to identifying the main challenges in the region in relation to the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus, on the basis of the draft first regional report. The topic of the first panel will be “Outstanding challenges for addressing the demands of the youth population and the challenges of population ageing”; and the second, “Outstanding challenges for ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health services and closing gender gaps”. The third and fourth panels, which will take place in the morning of Thursday, 9 August, will address the topics “Outstanding challenges for ensuring the protection of the human rights of migrants and addressing territorial inequalities” and “Outstanding challenges for ensuring respect for the rights of indigenous peoples and Afrodescendent populations”.

This will be immediately followed by the presentation of the proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. In the afternoon, there will be two high-level round tables on the themes “Main progress and challenges regarding implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean” and “Institutions for the full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development with equality and respect for human rights”. Lastly, the delegations will have an opportunity to raise any other issues they may wish to discuss. The meeting will conclude with the consideration and adoption of agreements.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Reports on activities carried out in 2015–2018 and outlook for 2018–2020.
4. Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
5. Voluntary reports by Governments on national progress towards the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
6. Outstanding challenges for progress towards the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
7. Proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
8. Main progress and challenges regarding implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean.
9. Institutions for the full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development with equality and respect for human rights.
10. Other matters.
11. 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 fourth 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 the provisional agenda for consideration and adoption. Member countries may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/CRPD.3/1/Rev.1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/CRPD.3/2)

3. Reports on activities carried out in 2015–2018 and outlook for 2018–2020

The outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers will report on activities carried out since the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, in particular with respect to the outcomes of the third meeting and the special meeting of the Presiding Officers, and the agreement to prepare the draft first regional report on the implementation 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 three 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 *Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, and the proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

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, on the four-yearly global review and appraisal of that Programme of Action, to be undertaken in 2019 at the fifty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, and on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Next, the Chair of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean will report on the outcomes of the Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference, held in Asunción from 27 to 30 June 2017, after which a representative of civil society will report on the outcomes of the civil society preparatory meeting.

Reference documents:

- Report on the activities conducted by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC during the period 2015–2018 (LC/CRPD.3/DDR/2)
- Report of the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Santiago, 7–9 November 2017 (LC/MDP-E/4)
- Report of the third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Santiago, 4–6 October 2016 (LC/L.4295)

4. Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give a general presentation of the contents of the *Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, in fulfilment of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the agreements of the special meeting of the Presiding

Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 7 to 9 November 2017.²

The document gives an account of progress made by Latin America and the Caribbean overall as regards implementation of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus, while also taking account of the heterogeneities between countries with regard to degree of implementation. It also draws attention to certain relevant national experiences, with a view to facilitating the exchange of good practices to enable countries to benefit mutually from efforts made to fulfil the measures contained in the Consensus.

The *Draft first regional report* was prepared by the secretariat, with the support of UNFPA, on the basis of information from official sources in the countries, such as national population censuses and surveys, the national reports presented by the countries,³ voluntary presentations made by governments at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, information from the countries systematized and compiled by ECLAC, databases of agencies of the United Nations system, the Sustainable Development Goals global indicator database, voluntary national reports on achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and an extensive corpus of documentation produced by ECLAC and the United Nations system, as well as academic research and civil society documents on the various topics.

For their reference, delegations will have the working document, which is available in English and Spanish.

Working document:

- *Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* (LC/CRPD.3/3)

5. Voluntary reports by Governments on national progress towards the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, governments will have the opportunity to present their respective voluntary reports on progress made at the national level in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as well as experiences they may wish to share with the Conference in that regard.

6. Outstanding challenges for progress towards the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

The Conference will address this agenda item in the form of four thematic discussion panels, based on the chapters of the *Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*. The panellists will be speakers from government and civil society, academia or the private sector.

² See par. 13 of the agreements [online] https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/43290/S1800133_en.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y.

³ At the time of concluding the draft regional report (17 April 2018) in order to begin the editorial review process, voluntary national reports had been received from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). The secretariat was also able to incorporate some additional information from the report by Mexico, which was received during the editorial review process.

7. Proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

In fulfilment of the provisions of paragraph 14 of the agreements of the special meeting of the Presiding Officers on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 7 to 9 November 2017, the secretariat will present the proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.⁴

The presentation will encompass the main contents of the proposal, a protocol for updating the platform and a tentative design, for the member countries of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean to consider, and if appropriate, endorse.

The proposal was prepared on the basis of the commitments agreed upon by the countries of the region in the Montevideo Consensus, in the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*⁵ and in agreements adopted at successive meetings. It aims to generate a space for follow-up to the major initiatives undertaken by countries—in terms of participation in meetings, resolutions, implementation of institutional frameworks, regulations, policies and programmes, reporting and measurability of indicators—and achievements concerning the population and its living conditions, rights and development. It also seeks to systematize the processes and outcomes achieved in the region in the direction of implementing the commitments made under the Consensus.

For their reference, delegations will have the working document, which is available in English and Spanish.

Working document:

- Proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/CRPD.3/4)

8. Main progress and challenges regarding implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean

This agenda item will be addressed in the form of a high-level round table on the theme “Main progress and challenges regarding implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean”. The round table, which will begin with the presentation of the report on the Caribbean preparatory meeting (Georgetown, 24–26 July 2018), will comprise senior government authorities from the Caribbean countries and other relevant stakeholders.

9. Institutions for the full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development with equality and respect for human rights

This agenda item will be addressed in the form of a high-level round table on the theme “Institutions for the full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development with equality and respect for human rights”. It will comprise senior government authorities from the countries of the region and other relevant stakeholders.

⁴ See par. 14 of the agreements [online] https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/43290/S1800133_en.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y.

⁵ LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1.

10. Other matters

Under this agenda item, delegations may discuss any other issues they wish to raise.

11. Consideration and adoption of agreements

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