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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.

The Presiding Officers elected at the third session of the Regional Conference, held in Lima, from 7 to 9 August 2018, are representatives of the following countries: Peru (Chair), Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Vice-Chairs).

Resolution 3(III) of the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean welcomed the *Draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*,¹ which was prepared by the technical secretariat with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the basis of available national reports, official data and an analysis of the situation regarding population and development in the region, as well as the recommendations for further implementation of the Consensus contained therein. With the incorporation by the secretariat of the observations and suggestions conveyed by the countries, that document became the *First regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*,² which represented the regional contribution to the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, undertaken by the Commission on Population and Development at its fifty-second session held in April 2019.

In resolution 3(III), the Regional Conference also decided to rename 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—established at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean³—to working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and to extend its mandate until the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin American and the Caribbean, in order to carry forward the work on preparing pending metadata and, where necessary to that end, to establish thematic subgroups on specific indicators.

The Conference further requested that the working group present a final report on its work to the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at their fourth meeting, for endorsement by the countries.

¹ LC/CRPD.3/3.

² LC/CRPD.3/6.

³ See *Report of the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. 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* (LC/G.2678), 2016, resolution 1(II), par. 13.

1. Place and date

The fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, on 9 and 10 October 2019.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the meeting will be to endorse the final report of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development; present the prototype of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Consensus; receive reports on national progress made by governments in the implementation of the Consensus; and discuss good practices and pending challenges in the implementation of the Consensus, bearing in mind synergies with related agendas in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

3. Organization of work

The first day will begin with the adoption of the meeting agenda. Next, reports will be given by the Chair, the secretariat and UNFPA on the activities carried out since the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in fulfilment of the agreements adopted on that occasion.

Next, the coordinator of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development will present a report on the work of the group, and the secretariat will present the prototype of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. This will be followed by reports by governments on progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. The last session of the afternoon will be devoted to the first panel discussion, on the topic “Good practices in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”.

The second day will begin with the second panel, which will address “Opportunities and challenges of the demographic transformation for sustainable development”. This will be followed by the third panel, entitled “Synergies with other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

The Presiding Officers will then receive a report on the preparatory process for the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, after which there will be an opportunity to address any other matters the delegations may wish to raise. At this point, UNFPA will refer to the forthcoming high-level conference to advance the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (“Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the promise”), which will be held in Nairobi, from 12 to 14 November 2019.

The meeting will conclude with the consideration and adoption of agreements.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Presentation of reports on activities.
 - Report of the Chair
 - Report of the secretariat.
 - Report of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
3. Report of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
4. Prototype of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
5. Reports by governments on progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
6. Good practices and pending challenges in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and synergies with related agendas in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
7. Preparatory process of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
8. Other matters.
9. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them the provisional agenda⁴ 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.

2. Presentation of reports on activities

The Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will report on the activities carried out since the third session of the Regional Conference in fulfilment of resolution 3(III),⁵ adopted on that occasion.

⁴ LC/MDP.4/1.

⁵ See resolution 3(III) [online] https://crpd.cepal.org/3/sites/crpd3/files/crpd3_resolution_3-iii-ing.pdf.

ECLAC, in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Regional Conference, will report on the activities conducted to support the Presiding Officers since the third session of the Conference.

The Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund will also give a report.

3. Report of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of resolution 3(III), adopted by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at its third session, the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development will present its report.

Working document:

- Report of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/MDP.4/3)

4. Prototype of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the prototype of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, pursuant to paragraph 18 of resolution 3(III), adopted by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at its third session, in which it requested the secretariat to consider the observations and suggestions conveyed by the countries and to present a revised version of the initial proposal for adoption.

5. Reports by governments on progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, the governments will have the opportunity to report voluntarily on the progress made at the national level in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

6. Good practices and pending challenges in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and synergies with related agendas in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

This agenda item will be addressed in the form of three panel discussions whose core theme will be good practices and pending challenges in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as well as the synergies with other related agendas in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The panellists will comprise government representatives, experts and ECLAC staff members.

The speakers on the first panel, entitled “Good practices in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development” will present and discuss successful national experiences in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus in different spheres of government action.

The second panel, devoted to “Opportunities and challenges of the demographic transformation for sustainable development”, will comprise experts from countries of the region, who will analyse the socioeconomic implications of changes in the age structure of the population and the importance of taking these into account in the design of public policies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the third panel, on the subject “Synergies with other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the representatives of the technical secretariats of related subsidiary bodies of ECLAC will report on their respective contributions to regional follow-up to the 2030 Agenda, as well as synergies and complementarities with the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

7. Preparatory process of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Presiding Officers will agree upon the place and the date of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2020.

8. Other matters

Under this agenda item, UNFPA will refer to the high-level conference to advance implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (“The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the promise”), co-organized by UNFPA and the Governments of Kenya and Denmark, to be held in Nairobi from 12 to 14 November 2019. The delegations may also raise any other issues they wish to examine.

9. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the agreements of the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, for consideration and adoption under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.