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of the Regional Conference on
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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 on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima from 7–9 August 2018, are representatives of the following countries: Chair: Peru Vice-Chairs: Argentina, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Suriname and Uruguay.

In view of the situation caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development decided to postpone the fourth session of the Regional Conference, which was to be held in the fourth quarter of 2020 in a country and on a date to be specified, to 2021.

The Chair of the Conference, the Government of Peru, therefore organized six virtual dialogues, with the support of the Presiding Officers, the technical secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to analyse the sociodemographic situation in the countries of the region in the context of the crisis and its possible short-, medium- and long-term impacts on the most vulnerable population groups, in the light of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The dialogues provided an opportunity for reflection and sharing of experiences and lessons learned on the main difficulties and challenges faced by governments of the region in their efforts to mitigate the effects of the health crisis —particularly with regard to care for the most vulnerable population groups. They were also an opportunity to share the initiatives and best practices implemented, and to promote mechanisms for cooperation between countries that can provide coordinated responses to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to governments, representatives of civil society, academia and international agencies also participated actively in the virtual dialogues.

Taking into account the aforementioned postponement, and with a view to confirming the convening of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean during the fourth quarter of 2021, the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference is being held virtually.

1. Place and date

The executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held virtually on 20 May 2021.

2. Objectives

The main objective of the meeting is to confirm the convening of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2021 and to define basic operational arrangements, including selection of the host country.

3. Organization of work

The meeting, which will last approximately two hours, will begin with the adoption of the provisional agenda. The Chair will then present a report on the virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective that were held between August and December 2020.¹

The secretariat will then report on the preparatory process for the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, following which the floor will be open for comments from delegations.

The countries will then decide on the place and date of the fourth session of the Regional Conference. After this item, there will be an opportunity to address any other matters the delegations may wish to raise.

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

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation of the report on the virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective
 - Report of the Chair
 - Comments by the delegations
3. Preparatory process of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Report of the technical secretariat
 - Comments by the delegations

¹ See [online] <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/dialogo-virtual-efectos-covid-19-oportunidad-reafirmar-la-centralidad-derechos-humanos>; <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/dialogo-virtual-efectos-covid-19-oportunidad-reafirmar-la-realizacion-derechos-humanos>; <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/dialogo-virtual-desafios-la-proteccion-personas-mayores-sus-derechos-frente-la-pandemia>; <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/dialogo-virtual-efectos-la-pandemia-covid-19-desafios-la-salud-sexual-reproductiva-contexto>; <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/dialogo-virtual-personas-discapacidad-derechos-frente-la-pandemia-covid-19-que-nadie-se> (Spanish only); and <https://www.cepal.org/en/events/dialogue-population-impacts-and-policy-responses-covid-19-pandemic-caribbean>.

4. Place and date of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
5. Other matters
6. Consideration and adoption of agreements

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them the provisional agenda for consideration and adoption.² Member countries may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

2. Presentation of the report on the virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective

The Chair of the Conference will report on the activities related to the organization of the virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective, which were held between August and December 2020.

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

The secretariat will report on the preparatory process of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Presiding Officers will then discuss the basic arrangements, including the place and the date of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in the fourth quarter of 2021.

4. Place and date of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Under this agenda item, the delegations will decide on the place and date of the fourth session of the Regional Conference.

5. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the delegations may raise any other matters they wish to examine.

6. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the agreements of the executive 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.

² LC/REMP.2021/1.