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A. ORGANIZATION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

The thirty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) will be held from 24–26 October 2022, at the Centro Cultural Kirchner in Buenos Aires, pursuant to resolution 753(PLEN.36), adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole, held in New York on 3 December 2021. The meeting will be held in accordance with the ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2021–2022.¹

The session is the most important event of each biennium for ECLAC. It provides a forum for the consideration of issues of importance for the development of the countries of the region and an opportunity to review the progress of the Commission's activities. In consultation with the Chair, the theme selected for this session is production, sustainability and inclusion, which is addressed in a document that ECLAC will make available to its member States.

The session also enables the governments of member States to examine the secretariat's report on the Commission's activities and thus apprise themselves of the work accomplished by ECLAC during the preceding year. Furthermore, through the programme of work that the governments adopt and the calendar of conferences they approve, they also define the mandates that will guide the Commission's work in the future.

The following annotations to the provisional agenda provide background information on each of the proposed items and suggestions regarding their consideration at the session. In this respect, it may be useful to recall resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC, which states that, in order for the session to be fully successful, government delegations should include experts in the specific matters to be covered.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the thirty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
3. Presentation of the ECLAC position document, *Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability*.
4. High-level seminar
 - Panel 1: Changes in globalization and challenges for the region
 - Panel 2: Growth and distribution – the central importance of employment creation
 - Panel 3: Sectoral investment and strategies – drivers of sustainable development
 - Panel 4: International cooperation in the face of a new multilateralism
5. Report on the activities of the Commission, 2021.

¹ ECLAC resolution 738(XXXVIII).

6. Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2024.
7. Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings organized by ECLAC since its thirty-eighth session.
8. Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2023–2024.
9. Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean.
10. Other matters.
11. Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the Commission at its thirty-ninth session.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the Commission shall, at the commencement of each session, elect from among the representatives a chair, two or more vice-chairs and a rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. It is customary for the Commission to be chaired by the head of the delegation of the host country.

It should also be noted that rule 20 provides that the chairperson or vice-chairperson shall participate in the meetings of the Commission as such and not as the representative of the member country by whom she or he was accredited.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the thirty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Delegations will have before them the provisional agenda² for their consideration and adoption. This draft agenda has been prepared by the secretariat in accordance with chapter II of the rules of procedure of ECLAC, bearing in mind the various mandates of the Commission. The representatives of member States may formulate observations and suggest such modifications as they consider appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

3. Presentation of the ECLAC position document, *Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability*

The secretariat will present the document in the morning of Monday, 24 October.

The document has five chapters. The first addresses the present and future of globalization and the challenges it poses for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The second chapter analyses the region's uneven production base and discusses policies for sustainable productive development. The third chapter examines the relationship between employment and social protection, highlighting the implications of the productive structure for employment. The fourth chapter addresses the importance of sectoral drivers

² LC/SES.39/1/Rev.1.

for reviving economic growth and moving towards a sustainable growth path, looking at eight sectors, including the circular economy, the care economy and digital transformation. Finally, the fifth chapter presents policy recommendations for sustainable development in the new global and regional context.

A group of experts and other authorities have been invited to offer comments on the document.

Working documents:

- *Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability (LC/SES.39/3-P)*
- *Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability. Summary (LC/SES.39/4)*

4. High-level seminar

The secretariat has organized a high-level seminar, in which ministers, representatives of member countries, academics and leading experts will discuss in detail the central theme of the thirty-ninth session. This seminar, which will take place from 24–25 October, has been divided into four panels: (i) Changes in globalization and challenges for the region; (ii) Growth and distribution – the central importance of employment creation; (iii) Sectoral investment and strategies – drivers of sustainable development; and (iv) International cooperation in the face of a new multilateralism.

Each panel will be followed by an opportunity for statements by the delegations.

5. Report on the activities of the Commission, 2021

The secretariat will submit a report to the delegations summarizing the activities carried out and the outcomes achieved by the ECLAC system, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), under its programme of work for 2021.

Working document:

- Report on the activities of the Commission, 2021 (LC/SES.39/5)

6. Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2024

The secretariat will submit for consideration the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system for 2024, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES).

The overall purpose of the ECLAC programme of work is to promote the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of Latin America and the Caribbean through continuous international cooperation, by undertaking comprehensive research and analysis of development processes and providing the relevant normative, operational and technical cooperation services in support of regional development efforts. The mandate for the programme, which falls within the purview of ECLAC, derives from Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI), by which the Council established the Commission for the purpose of contributing to and coordinating action towards the economic and social development of the region and reinforcing economic relationships between the countries of the region and other countries of the world. The mandate was updated in 1996, by virtue of ECLAC resolution 553(XXVI), in which the Commission was instructed, inter alia, to collaborate with member States in a comprehensive analysis

of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination.

The Commission's overall strategy for achieving the objectives of the programme is structured around 13 interdependent and complementary subprogrammes, implemented through an integrated and multidisciplinary approach.

This will be followed by an opportunity for statements by the delegations.

Working document:

- Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2024 (LC/SES.39/6)

7. Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings organized by ECLAC since its thirty-eighth session

The chairs of the subsidiary bodies have been invited to make a brief statement of no more than five minutes:

- Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Chile
- Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Antigua and Barbuda
- Statistical Conference of the Americas, chaired by Argentina
- Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by the Plurinational State of Bolivia
- Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), chaired by the Dominican Republic
- Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), chaired by Suriname
- Committee on South-South Cooperation, chaired by Costa Rica
- Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, chaired by Argentina
- Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Ecuador
- Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Paraguay
- Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, chaired by Uruguay

Reference document:

- Report on the activities of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the outcomes of other intergovernmental meetings organized by ECLAC since its thirty-eighth session (LC/SES.39/DDR/1)

8. Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2023–2024

Pursuant to resolution 419(PLEN.14), adopted by the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC at its fourteenth session, held in November 1980, the focal point around which meetings of the Commission are organized is the biennial session. It was decided, as set down in that resolution, that sessions should be held in even-numbered years. It was also agreed that at each session the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the following session should be considered and that, whenever possible, the date, duration and location of each meeting should be specified.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission considered the document *Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2021–2022. Note by the Secretariat*.³ Following consideration of that item, the Commission decided, by virtue of resolution 738(XXXVIII), to retain the existing intergovernmental structure and pattern of meetings and to approve the calendar of conferences for the aforementioned period.

Pursuant to this resolution, the secretariat has prepared a table (contained in the annex to the document *Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2023–2024. Note by the secretariat*), which lists the scheduled meetings for the period 2023–2024 in accordance with the mandates adopted by the governments at meetings of ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies.

Working document:

- *Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2023–2024. Note by the secretariat (LC/SES.39/7)*

9. Dialogue of ministers of foreign affairs and high-level authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean

In the morning of Wednesday, 26 October, ECLAC and the Government of Argentina have organized a dialogue with ministers of foreign affairs of the region and political figures, to reflect upon the current regional context and the post-pandemic economic recovery.

Statements should not exceed more than seven minutes per country.

10. Other matters

Under this agenda item, delegations may raise any other matters they deem appropriate.

11. Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the Commission at its thirty-ninth session

The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, will consult, as necessary, with the member countries of ECLAC regarding the resolutions. The Chair will circulate the zero draft to the permanent missions to the United Nations in New York. Once consultations have concluded, the member States will adopt the resolutions of the thirty-ninth session on Wednesday, 26 October.

³ LC/SES.38/9.