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INTRODUCTION

During the sessions of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), which are held every two years, the Commission considers and approves the calendar of intergovernmental meetings for the following biennium, bearing in mind the various mandates issued by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission itself, the availability of resources and other relevant factors.

In August 1987, after studying the Commission's intergovernmental structure and pattern of conferences, the Committee of the Whole, at its nineteenth session, adopted resolution 489(PLEN.19) (see annex 2), in which it recommended, inter alia, that the current institutional structure of ECLAC and its system should be maintained.

At its twenty-sixth session, held in San José, from 15 to 20 April 1996, the Commission considered the document entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC. Note by the Secretariat".¹ Following consideration of that topic, the Commission adopted resolution 553(XXVI) (see annex 3). With respect to the pattern of ECLAC conferences, the resolution recommends that the practice of holding biennial sessions of the main forum should continue to serve as the foundation for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission.

At its thirty-eighth session, held online from 26 to 28 October 2020, the Commission considered the document entitled *Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2021–2022. Note by the secretariat*.² Following consideration of that item, the Commission adopted resolution 738(XXXVIII), in which it decided to maintain the current intergovernmental structure of ECLAC and its existing pattern of meetings and approved the calendar of conferences for the aforementioned period (see annex 4).

¹ LC/G.1899(SES.26/4).

² LC/SES.38/9.

I. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES

Annex 5 to this document contains a table showing the statutory meetings of ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies, together with the date of establishment and legislative basis of each body, its membership, the periodicity of its meetings and its main spheres of competence, aims and terms of reference. This table lists the statutory intergovernmental meetings of ECLAC and the more informal meetings, such as seminars, symposiums, round-table discussions and other meetings of experts convened by the Executive Secretary pursuant to the programme of work approved by the Governments of the member States. Also included are other regional intergovernmental conferences, which are generally convened in the context of preparatory or follow-up activities for United Nations international conferences.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Venue of ECLAC meetings

The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 40/243, set forth provisions governing meetings of the United Nations system and, in particular, of the regional commissions and their subsidiary bodies. The resolution reaffirms the general principle that, in drawing up the schedule of conferences and meetings, United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters, except in the case of regular sessions of the regional commissions and meetings of their subsidiary bodies, which may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

When the Commission considers convening its next session away from its headquarters, the corresponding proposal must be accompanied by an analysis of the financial implications of such a change of venue. Once adopted by the Commission, the proposal must be submitted to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for their consideration and approval.

In the case of proposals to hold meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission away from ECLAC headquarters, the Commission must first analyse the financial implications of each such meeting. It is important to note that, in such cases, the additional costs involved in a change of venue are not chargeable to the host country, as is the case with meetings other than sessions of the Commission or of its subsidiary bodies, although host countries usually make significant contributions in kind which reduce the cost to the United Nations.

The principle of rotating the venue of the biennial session of the Commission, which is set forth in rule 2 of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure, was discussed in depth during the twenty-first session of the Commission (Mexico City, 17–25 April 1986). After weighing the advantages and disadvantages of rotation, including the financial aspects, and taking into account the fact that ECLAC headquarters in Santiago does not have the necessary physical facilities for hosting a regular session, the Commission adopted by consensus resolution 480(XXI), in which it reaffirmed the principle of rotating the venue of the regular sessions of ECLAC (see annex 1). It also reaffirmed the practice of having the host country provide the necessary facilities and local transport, as well as document reproduction equipment, materials and supplies for the conference and local support staff. In addition, it recommended to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly that the regular budget of the United Nations for each biennium should

include the resources needed to hold the regular sessions of ECLAC in the city in which the Commission's headquarters are located, and that any additional expenditures should be financed out of the Commission's regular budget.

In 2020, the calendar of intergovernmental conferences of ECLAC was adopted for the 2021–2022 period (see annex 4). In addition, by virtue of resolution 753(PLEN.36), the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC accepted the offer extended by Argentina to host the thirty-ninth session.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Pursuant to the aforementioned mandates, it is incumbent upon the Commission at its thirty-ninth session to consider and approve the ECLAC calendar of conferences for the period 2023–2024. To this end, the secretariat has prepared a table showing the proposed schedule of meetings for those years, including the statutory meetings of ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies (see annex 6).

In considering the calendar of conferences, the representatives of member States should bear in mind that it may prove necessary to add unscheduled meetings to the calendar, since ECLAC, like other regional commissions, receives mandates from higher bodies to hold meetings on specific topics. It also becomes necessary at times, owing to unforeseen circumstances, to change the date or location of a meeting. It is therefore suggested that the Executive Secretary of ECLAC be allowed a measure of flexibility in applying the calendar that is approved.

Annex 1

**RESOLUTION 480(XXI) OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN
RULE 2 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURES OF ECLAC**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind Decision 1985/190 of the Economic and Social Council, which requests ECLAC to analyse Rule 2 of its Rules of Procedures at its twenty-first session and to report thereon to the Council at its Second Regular Session of 1986,

Having considered the Note by the Secretariat entitled “An analysis of the practice followed in the application of Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean” (LC/G.1400),

Taking into account the reasons underlying the decision to include in the Rules of Procedure of ECLAC the principle of rotating the venue of the regular sessions of the Commission among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean,

Conscious of the benefit represented for the member countries of ECLAC by the fact of having this direct periodic contact with the work of the regional economic body of the United Nations,

Conscious, likewise, of the financial implications for the regular United Nations budget of the practice followed as regards the cost of rotating the venue of the sessions,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretariat document LC/G.1400 and Add.1 on Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission;

2. *Reaffirms* the principle of rotating the venue of the regular sessions of ECLAC, as laid down in Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission;

3. *Reaffirms* the practice of having the host country provide the necessary facilities and local transport, as well as document reproduction equipment, materials and supplies for the conference and local support staff;

4. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council and to the United Nations General Assembly that the regular budget of the United Nations for each biennium should include the resources needed for holding regular sessions of ECLAC in the city in which the Commission’s Headquarters is located;

5. *Recommends* to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC that additional expenditures for the session, should there be any, should be financed from the regular budget of ECLAC through a reallocation of funds.

Annex 2

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RESOLUTION 489(PLEN.19)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)**

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 40/237 and 41/213 on the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind decision 1987/112 of the Economic and Social Council to establish a Special Commission to carry out an in-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields, and in particular paragraph (i) of that decision, which requests all subsidiary bodies in the economic and social sectors to submit their views and proposals on achieving the objectives envisaged in recommendation 8 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations,

Noting the view of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly to the effect that the suitability of the activities of the regional commissions is a matter to be determined primarily by the member States concerned and that the regional commissions should be consulted on any action to be taken in this regard,

Bearing in mind the importance of General Assembly resolution 32/197, which was adopted after an in-depth evaluation of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations and contains the most comprehensive statement of the General Assembly on the regional commissions,

Reaffirming the provisions of ECLAC resolution 431(XIX) on the implementation of the mandates embodied in resolution 32/197 and the guidelines on coordination between organizations and agencies of the United Nations system,

Recalling also resolution 419(PLEN.14) on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the ECLAC system, by which the Committee of the Whole, following a careful study, decided to “maintain the existing fundamental institutional structure of the ECLAC system”, with certain adjustments,

Convinced of the effectiveness of the multidisciplinary and multisectoral regional approach which has characterized the work of the United Nations regional commissions and that, in this connection, the activities and programme of work of ECLAC approved by the Commission are fully consistent with the priorities of its member countries in their efforts to achieve the economic and social development of the region,

Also bearing in mind that the basic function of ECLAC is to serve as principal general economic and social development centre within the United Nations system in Latin America and the Caribbean, for which purpose it is necessary to strengthen its operation as a source of concepts and guidelines which the governments of the region can use in the light of their specific situations,

Convinced that in order to raise the level of economic activity it is necessary that these concepts and guidelines be aimed at the search for alternative development strategies which permit the region to reinforce its economic and social development in the context of a changing international environment and to reaffirm its autonomy,

1. *Affirms* the need that the restructuring of the economic and social sectors resulting from the process initiated in response to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213 should:

- (a) *intensify* the regional and multidisciplinary approach within the secretariat;
- (b) *strengthen* the role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as the principal centre within the United Nations system for the general economic and social development of the region;
- (c) *reinforce* the Commission's activities aimed at promoting effective co-ordination of the work of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system in Latin America and the Caribbean; and
- (d) *strengthen also* its capacity to contribute to the analysis of the region's development problems and the consideration of economic and social development strategies and policy options to serve as a guide for the countries.

2. *Emphasizes* the important role that ECLAC is called upon to play in the search for alternative development strategies which help the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to secure a more beneficial form of participation by the region in the international economic system;

3. *Recommends* that the current institutional structure of ECLAC and its system (which includes ILPES and CELADE) be maintained, but decides to abolish the sessional committees on water and on human settlements topics which will henceforth be dealt with in the same way as other aspects of the Commission's work programme at each session with a view to rationalizing still further its mechanisms, procedures and meetings;

4. *Emphasizes* the high priority which should be assigned in the Commission's activities to work in support of regional and interregional co-operation efforts, and to this end requests the Executive Secretary to intensify the co-operation the Secretariat has been extending to regional integration and co-operation agencies, and to continue to accord a high level of attention to collaboration with other regional economic commissions of the United Nations system in support of technical and economic co-operation between the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and those of other developing regions;

5. *Emphasizes also* the importance of the work performed by the Commission's divisions and units and by its joint programmes with the global organizations and agencies of the system: an approach which constitutes an appropriate way of avoiding duplication and permits effective co-ordination of the activities of the Organization's various bodies;

6. *Stresses* the importance of maintaining close co-operation between ECLAC and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and further promoting the participation of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the regional activities carried out by the two organizations;

7. *Decides* to transmit this resolution, together with the relevant section of the report of the nineteenth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC and, as a background paper, the document entitled “Intergovernmental structure and functions of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean”¹ to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, and requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to report to the Commission at its next session on the application of the guidelines contained in this resolution;

8. *Requests* the Special Commission, aside from taking appropriate measures to put the provisions of the preceding paragraphs into effect, and bearing in mind the new responsibilities of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination laid down in General Assembly resolution 41/213, to examine ways of strengthening the intergovernmental relations between the regional commissions and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in order to ensure that the Committee considers the regional commissions’ decisions and priorities in the economic and social sector transmitted by the Secretariat through its biennial work programme and medium-term plan and also permits the regional commissions to provide inputs for the global policy-making processes of the competent United Nations organs and to participate fully in the implementation of the relevant policy and programme decisions taken by those organs.

¹ LC/L.421(PLEN.19/2).

Annex 3

**RESOLUTION 553(XXVI) OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN
REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON ECLAC**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling Commission resolutions 520(XXIV) and 541(XXV) on the role and functions of ECLAC and the consequences for it of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 48/162 and decision 49/411 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social spheres and other questions relating thereto, and resolution 48/218 and decision 49/461 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the guidelines emanating from the open-ended high-level working group established by General Assembly resolution 49/252 with a mandate to undertake a thorough review of the revitalization, strengthening and reform of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the content of the Declaration issued by the States Members and observers of the United Nations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and, in particular, of the proposal for ensuring that the United Nations enters the twenty-first century equipped, financed and structured to serve effectively the peoples in whose name it was established,

Reaffirming its conviction that the activities entrusted to the Commission by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106(VI) retain their full validity in the light of the present circumstances and the foreseeable future of the Latin American and Caribbean countries,

Having before it the note by the secretariat entitled “Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC” (LC/G.1899(SES.26/4)), of 22 January 1996,

Convinced that, as a new century dawns, sustainable development should occupy an important place in the agenda of the United Nations,

Convinced further that it is essential for the United Nations, in carrying out activities in the economic and social fields, to take account of the regional dimension and the decentralization of tasks in accordance with the comparative advantages of Headquarters and the subsidiary organs located in the developing regions,

1. *Affirms* that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106(VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations;

2. *Declares*, therefore, that ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating 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;

3. *Declares further* that, in order to play a relevant role with greater effectiveness and efficiency, ECLAC will need to adapt to the evolving development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations;

4. *Recommends* that the institutional structure and pattern of conferences of the ECLAC system, including the practice of holding biennial sessions of the main forum, should continue to serve as the foundation in maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission;

5. *Recommends further* that ECLAC should pursue its efforts to improve its performance, productivity, impact, efficiency and effectiveness, taking into account, where appropriate, ongoing processes pertaining to the United Nations as a whole;

6. *Instructs* the Executive Secretary, therefore, to:

- (a) *pursue and strengthen* the institutional development and management upgrading activities aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the activities which ECLAC carries out in fulfilment of the mandates conferred on it by member States;
- (b) *improve* the indicators for evaluating the activities of the Commission in terms of performance, productivity and impact;
- (c) *intensify* consultation and strengthen cooperation and coordination with other United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, taking special care to avoid duplication of activities;
- (d) *strengthen* existing cooperation and coordination with other multilateral organizations, such as the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States, the Latin American Economic System and other Latin American and Caribbean institutions pursuing similar objectives in the region, again taking care to avoid duplication of activities.

7. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries, to be headed by the Chairman of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, which group, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, is empowered to define priorities for the work programme and recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations. The first meeting of this ad hoc working group will be held within 90 days at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, and any subsequent meetings will be held preferably at either of the subregional headquarters of ECLAC or at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

8. *Entrusts* the ad hoc working group with preparing a progress report to be transmitted through the Executive Secretary to the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and with transmitting its proposals regarding the priorities for the 1998–1999 work programme through the appropriate channels to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

9. *Further entrusts* the ad hoc working group with submitting a final report on the review of priorities for the programme of work of ECLAC to the next session of the Commission.

Annex 4

**738(XXXVIII) ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2021–2022**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the system of the Commission, in which it decided that, at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the next regular session should be considered,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the Commission's intergovernmental structure and functions, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure should be maintained,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/243 entitled "Pattern of conferences" and the provision concerning the principle of rotation of the venue for the sessions of the Commission as laid down in rule 2 of its rules of procedure and reiterated in its resolution 480(XXI),

Taking into account resolution 553(XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on the Commission, in which it was recommended that the current pattern of conferences of the Commission's system should continue to serve as the basis for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of its work,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that establish and govern the periodicity of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Bearing in mind also resolution 676(XXXV) adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in which it was decided, for economic and environmental reasons, to employ documents in electronic format for the future sessions and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for the period 2021–2022, as set forth in annex 6 of the relevant document,¹

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the subprogrammes of the work programme approved by the member States at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission,

1. *Reaffirms* the decision to maintain the current intergovernmental structure and the existing pattern of meetings and approves the calendar of conferences of the Commission as it appears in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission;

¹ See *Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2021–2022. Note by the secretariat* (LC/SES.38/9).

2. *Also reaffirms* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has proved to be efficient in substantive and organizational terms as well as cost-effective, and recommends that these tasks continue to be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary with a view to an ongoing and sustained improvement in those services;

3. *Further reaffirms* the importance of continuing to entrust the Commission with the task of organizing and holding regional and subregional meetings to prepare for and follow up on world conferences of the United Nations in the economic, social and sustainable development fields;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant United Nations bodies such proposals as may be necessary to ensure implementation of the calendar of conferences as approved;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session on the implementation of this resolution.

Annex 5

MAIN BODIES AND MEETINGS OF THE ECLAC SYSTEM

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main spheres of competence, aims and terms of reference
Commission, session	1948	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	All economic and social issues in accordance with para.1 of the Commission's Terms of Reference. See also rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure relating to the provisional agenda for any session.
Committee of the Whole, regular and special sessions	1952	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI) (para. 3)	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Meetings in years in which no Commission session is held. Special sessions convened by the Executive Secretary when necessary	Since it was set up, the Committee of the Whole has held 36 meetings. At regular sessions, issues similar to those dealt with at Commission sessions are discussed. In accordance with the agreement adopted by the Commission in 1969, ^a special sessions are convened by the Executive Secretary in compliance with the procedure set forth in rule 1(b) of the ECLAC Rules of Procedure when the situation calls for the adoption of a resolution by the Commission.
ECLAC sessional committees	1948	Rule 53 of ECLAC Rules of Procedure	All ECLAC member States and associate members	As required during sessions of the Commission	The Commission may assign to sessional committees any matter within its sphere of competence not already assigned to an existing body in the system. A sessional committee on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions was set up at the twenty-second session, and the Commission, by resolution 611(XXX), decided to change its name to Committee on South-South Cooperation, pursuant to the new mandates and criteria adopted by the General Assembly. Subsequently, in 2021, through resolution 752(PLEN.36) its name was changed to the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, meeting separately from the sessions of the Commission. A sessional ad hoc committee on population and development was set up at the twenty-fifth session.
Regional intergovernmental - conferences		Generally, resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission or the Committee of the Whole	All ECLAC member States and associate members	As required	Specific issues. In many cases, these are regional meetings preparatory to or in follow-up to world conferences of the United Nations on the relevant issue.

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main spheres of competence, aims and terms of reference
Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean ^b	1977	Decision adopted on 21 November 1977 by the Committee of the Whole at its eleventh special session	All ECLAC member States and associate members	At least once every three years	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development. Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995–2001. Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, Santiago Commitment
Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	2000	ECLAC resolution 580(XVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	Policies on statistics and statistical activities in the countries of the region. To promote the development and improvement of national statistics and their international comparability and promote international cooperation on statistical issues. To draw up a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities.
Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	1971	ECLAC resolution 310(XIV)	Developing countries which are members of ECLAC	At a suitable date, at least once a year, normally before the session of the Commission or as required	To act as a forum for analysing the factors involved in implementing and evaluating the objectives of the International Development Strategy in Latin America (ECLAC resolution 310(XIV), para. 5).
Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean ^c	2012	Agreement 1 of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	Follow-up and review of issues relating to population and development, including the Regional Plan of Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, international migration, and matters relating to indigenous peoples and Afrodescendent populations.
Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	1974	ECLAC resolution 340(AC.66) Eighth special session of the Committee of the Whole	Countries of Latin America	As required	To act as the guiding governmental body for ILPES activities in the matters within its purview. To serve as a consultative body to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC in planning matters. To review the ILPES work programme.

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main spheres of competence, aims and terms of reference
Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	1952	ECLAC resolution 9(IV)	Countries of Central America and Panama	Once a year. Special sessions may be convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC	To serve as a consultative and advisory forum for Central American integration.
Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	1975	ECLAC resolution 358(XVI) CDCC Constituent Declaration, Functions and Rules of Procedure (E/CEPAL/1022)	Countries within the sphere of competence of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, together with Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and other Caribbean countries as they attain independence	Once a year. Special concessions may be convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC	CDCC Constituent Declaration, Functions and Rules of Procedure, adopted by ECLAC resolution 600(XXX).
Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies	2012	ECLAC resolution 672(XXXIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/35	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	To contribute to the progress of science, technology and innovation policies and activities in the countries of the region.
Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	2014	ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	To promote the development of national policies on social development, bearing in mind national requirements and recommendations made by specialized agencies and other relevant organizations; to further international, regional and bilateral cooperation among national offices and institutions and international and regional agencies; to facilitate technology and knowledge transfer and joint activities in the field of social development; to examine multidimensional poverty and make progress on poverty measurement, inequality and structural gaps, in conjunction with the relevant subsidiary bodies that conduct studies in this field, and other regional forums
Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development	2016	ECLAC resolution 700(XXXVI) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2016/12	Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean	Once a year	A regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings	Date set up	Legislative basis	Membership	Periodicity	Main spheres of competence, aims and terms of reference
Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean ^d	2021	Resolution 752(PLEN.36) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	All ECLAC member States and associate members	Every two years	Supporting member States in South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives, in line with the roles of United Nations regional commissions as set forth in paragraphs 21, 26 and 27 (i) of the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation and in accordance with their respective mandates.
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 ^e	2021	Article 15 of the Agreement	States parties to the Agreement	At least every two years	To guarantee the full and effective implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in the environmental decision-making process and access to justice in environmental matters, and the creation and strengthening of capacities and cooperation, contributing to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations to live in a healthy environment and to sustainable development.
Ad hoc meetings of government-appointed experts	-	Rule 24 of ECLAC Rules of Procedure. ECLAC resolution 401(XVIII) and other decisions	ECLAC member States, depending on the topic and available resources	As required	Specific issues stemming from the programme of work adopted by the Commission or programmes coordinated with other intergovernmental bodies.
Seminars, forums, round tables and other meetings convened by the Executive Secretary pursuant to mandates from Governments	-	Rule 24 of ECLAC Rules of Procedure. Various ECLAC resolutions, including 401(XVIII)	Experts invited by the secretariat, depending on the topic and available resources	As required	Specific issues stemming from the programme of work adopted by the Commission or programmes coordinated with other intergovernmental bodies.

^a E/CN.12/841/Rev.1, paragraph 490.

^b Formerly called Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean. The seventh Regional Conference (Santiago, November 1998) approved the change of name.

^c Formerly called the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. The Committee approved the change of name at its meeting held in July 2012 in Quito.

^d Formerly called the Committee on South-South Cooperation. During the thirty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC (New York, 2021), the change of name was approved.

^e The Escazú Agreement was adopted in Escazú (Costa Rica) on 4 March 2018 and entered into force on 22 April 2021

Annex 6

ECLAC CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2023–2024

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2023	Nineteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 351(XXVI) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC and ILPES regular budget
2023	Thirty-seventh session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Twenty-third session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	First session of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Resolution 752(PLEN.36) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Sixty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Fourth session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 672(XXXIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/35	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Sixth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development	ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, 24–28 April	ECLAC resolution 700(XXXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Agreement 1, meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12–15 August 2013)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Preparatory meeting for the Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 610(XXX)	ECLAC regular budget and extrabudgetary resources
2023	Twenty-second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget

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2023	Twelfth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Special meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	Argentina, April	Decision I/5 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	^{a b}	Decision I/1 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	^{a b}	Decision I/5 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	^{a b}	Decision I/1 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 700(XXXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Fortieth session of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Thirtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC
2024	Sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Thirtieth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Fifth meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Agreement 1, meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12–15 August 2013)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 610(XXX)	ECLAC regular budget and extrabudgetary resources

^a Place to be determined.

^b Date to be determined.