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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Thirty-sixth session

New York, 3 December 2021

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



## **A. BACKGROUND**

The thirty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole has been convened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Government of Costa Rica, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC.

## **B. CHAIR**

The meeting will be chaired by Costa Rica, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC.

## **C. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. An innovative financing for development agenda for the recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Presentation of the Report on the activities of the Commission, 2020, and of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2023.
4. Report on the outcome of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC (19–20 August 2021).
5. Report on the preparations for the fifth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the first meeting of the 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 (Escazú Agreement) and the thirty-ninth session of ECLAC.
6. Adoption of agreements.

## **D. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> prepared by the secretariat, bearing in mind the various mandates of the Commission. Representatives of member States may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> LC/PLEN.36/1.

## **2. An innovative financing for development agenda for the recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will present the document “An innovative financing for development agenda for the recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

The document describes how the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has brought to the fore the need to address the problem of financing for development in middle-income countries, which has been characterized by the increasing decoupling of income per capita and the ability to mobilize domestic and external resources, the disconnect between economic and social needs, and the trend in multilateral cooperation. This needs to be urgently addressed as Latin American and Caribbean countries must recover from the effects of the pandemic and avoid another lost decade.

To address these challenges, ECLAC proposes an innovative financing for development agenda for the recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on five policy actions: (i) expand and redistribute liquidity from developed to developing countries; (ii) strengthen regional cooperation by enhancing the lending and response capacity of regional, subregional and national financial institutions, and strengthening linkages between them; (iii) carry out institutional reform of the multilateral debt architecture; (iv) provide countries with a toolbox of innovative instruments to improve debt repayment capacity and avoid debt distress; and (v) make liquidity and debt reduction measures part of a resilience strategy to build forward better.

### **Working document**

- An innovative financing for development agenda for the recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean, COVID-19 Special Report, No. 12

## **3. Presentation of the Report on the activities of the Commission, 2020, and of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2023**

The Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of ECLAC will present the report on the activities carried out by the Commission between January and December 2020. He will also present the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2023, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 728(XXXVII), adopted at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, in which the countries decided that “the Committee of the Whole is the appropriate body to review and adopt the annual programme of work of the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the years falling between years in which sessions of the Commission are held”.

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

### **Working documents**

- Report on the activities of the Commission, 2020 (LC/PLEN.36/4)
- Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2023 (LC/PLEN.36/3)

## **4. Report on the outcome of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC (19–20 August 2021)**

The Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC will report to the delegations on the outcomes of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee held in virtual format on 19 and 20 August 2021,

pursuant to resolution 749(XXXVIII), adopted at the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC, in which the countries requested the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation to convene, with the support of the secretariat, an extraordinary meeting of that body, outside the framework of the session of the Commission, as soon as possible and no later than the second half of 2021, in order to examine ways to enhance its functioning, including the need for institutional changes, with a view to providing recommendations to the Commission on these deliberations.

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

### **Reference documents**

- Report of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC (LC/RECCSS.21/4)
- From the Committee on South-South Cooperation to the regional conference: opportunities for renewed international development cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat (LC/RECSS.2021/3/Rev.1)

### **5. Report on the preparations for the fifth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the first meeting of the 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 (Escazú Agreement) and the thirty-ninth session of ECLAC**

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on the preparations for the fifth meeting of the Forum of Latin American and Caribbean Countries on Sustainable Development, to be held in San José, from 8 to 10 March 2022 under the chairship of Costa Rica. The secretariat will also report on preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement, to be held in April 2022, and on the offer by Argentina to host the thirty-ninth session of ECLAC.

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

### **6. Adoption of agreements**

At the request of the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, the secretariat will circulate the draft resolutions, in accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the Commission.