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Fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference
on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus
on Population and Development”

Santiago, 14 and 15 November 2023

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, such as international migration, Indigenous Peoples and Afrodescendent populations, ageing, and sexual and reproductive health. The Conference meets every two years, while its Presiding Officers meet at least once between ordinary sessions.

The currently serving Presiding Officers were elected at the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago, from 28 to 30 June 2022. The Plurinational State of Bolivia is serving as Chair, and Argentina, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Chile, Cuba, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Uruguay are serving as Vice-Chairs.

During the fourth session of the Regional Conference, the countries took note of the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*,¹ prepared by the secretariat with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

In resolution 4(IV), the Conference resolved to hold in the second half of 2023 a special session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, stressing that the Consensus was the most progressive human rights instrument in the region, and that a review of the progress made in its implementation was therefore of utmost importance.

The Conference also requested the secretariat to prepare a draft annotated index of the draft second regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with the support of UNFPA, to be presented at the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in coordination with other relevant international and regional organizations and the Presiding Officers of the Conference, and in consultation with civil society organizations.

Furthermore, the Conference requested the countries that decided to submit a new voluntary national report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus to transmit their first drafts to the secretariat no later than 31 March 2023, with a view to their inclusion in the preparation of the second regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and to submit the final versions of their national reports at the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

1. Place and date

The special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development” and fifth 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 14 and 15 November 2023.

¹ LC/CRPD.4/3. See [online] <https://www.cepal.org/en/publications/47923-sociodemographic-impacts-covid-19-pandemic-latin-america-and-caribbean>.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, to present the document *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* by the technical secretariat, and to present voluntary national reports by governments on implementation of the Consensus.

3. Organization of work

The first day will begin with the adoption of the agenda of the meeting. This will be followed by the special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”, which will include a high-level panel discussion entitled “Challenges of scaling up implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, 10 years after its adoption”.

The fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will then begin with presentation of the document entitled *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, prepared by the technical secretariat with the support of UNFPA. In the afternoon session, governments will present their respective voluntary national reports on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

Over the first part of the second day, governments will continue to present their voluntary national reports. The technical secretariat will then present progress on the development of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. This will be followed by the first panel, entitled “Progress and challenges with respect to public policy on population and development”, followed by the second panel, entitled “Progress and challenges with respect to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights”.

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

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”.
3. Presentation of the document *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*.
4. Voluntary national reports on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
5. Advances in the development of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

6. Advances and challenges in implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
7. Other matters.
8. 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 ECLAC rules of procedure.

2. Special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”

This special session will consist of a high-level panel discussion entitled “Challenges of scaling up implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, 10 years after its adoption”, which will take the form of a dialogue and will focus on how to scale up implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development 10 years after its adoption and looking ahead to the coming years. The panel will be made up of stakeholders from governments, civil society and international organizations who have played and continue to play a key role in the process of consolidating the Montevideo Consensus and the Regional Conference on Population and Development at the institutional level, and will provide a political and strategic perspective on the crucial role of this instrument in transforming the regional sociodemographic scenario, marked by severe, deep-rooted structural inequalities.

3. Presentation of the document *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the document *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, prepared with the support of UNFPA, based on the draft annotated index of the draft second regional report,³ prepared pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 4(IV) of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Working document:

- Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/MDP.5/4)

² LC/MDP.5/1.

³ LC/MDP.5/3.

4. Voluntary national reports on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

The governments will present their respective voluntary national reports on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, in which they will report on progress achieved, pending challenges and good practices with respect to implementation of the Montevideo Consensus in each of their countries.

5. Advances in the development of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on progress made in the development and implementation of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

6. Advances and challenges in implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Under this agenda item, two thematic panels will be held. The first panel, entitled “Progress and challenges with respect to public policy on population and development”, will be based on the document presented by the secretariat entitled *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, and will focus on the following chapters of the Montevideo Consensus: A. “Full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development with equality and respect for human rights”; C. “Ageing, social protection and socioeconomic challenges”; F. “International migration and protection of the human rights of all migrants”; G. “Territorial inequality, spatial mobility and vulnerability”; H. “Indigenous peoples: interculturalism and rights”; and I. “Afro-descendants: rights and combating racial discrimination”. Each panellist will examine one of these chapters, identifying at least one experience with positive outcomes in terms of incorporating sociodemographic structures and dynamics into public policies, particularly those concerning economic and social development, and at least one challenge or pending issue related to incorporation.

Also drawing from the document presented by the secretariat, the second panel, entitled “Progress and challenges with respect to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights” will focus on the following chapters of the Montevideo Consensus: B. “Rights, needs, responsibilities and requirements of girls, boys, adolescents and youth”; D. “Universal access to sexual and reproductive health services”; and E. “Gender equality”. Each panellist will examine one of the indicated chapters, identifying at least one experience with positive outcomes in terms of public policies related to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights, and at least one challenge or pending issue related to such public policies.

7. Other matters

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

8. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the agreements of the fifth 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.