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Seventeenth Ministerial Forum for Development
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

In May 2014, the member States of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) decided, by virtue of resolution 682(XXXV), to establish the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission. The objectives of the Conference include: to promote the development of national policies on social development, to further international, regional and bilateral cooperation among offices and institutions, and to examine multidimensional poverty and make progress on poverty measurement, inequality and structural gaps, in coordination with the work of the various subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

Every year since 2007, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has held the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In a joint declaration signed in October 2014, ECLAC and UNDP together convened the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, with the aim of fostering synergies and encouraging the social authorities of the region to attend both events and adopt complementary mandates, while maintaining their institutional identities.

The first session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Lima, from 2 to 4 November 2015; the second session of the Conference was held in Montevideo, from 25 to 27 October 2017; the third session of the Conference was held in Mexico City, from 1 to 3 October 2019; the fourth session was held in virtual format, from 26 to 28 October 2021; and the fifth session was held in Santiago, from 3 to 5 October 2023.

At the sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Bridgetown in the framework of the sixteenth meeting of the Ministerial Forum, the Presiding Officers welcomed the offer of Brazil to host the sixth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2025.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Presiding Officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Report by the Chair on the activities carried out since the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Presentation of the document *Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development*.
5. Review of the document *Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development*.
6. Other matters.
7. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Presiding Officers

The annex to resolution 682(XXXV) of ECLAC provides for the election of Presiding Officers, composed of the Chair and six members. The Presiding Officers will serve for a term of two years.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda¹ prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Presiding Officers and the host country of the sixth session of the Regional Conference. Member States may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

3. Report by the Chair on the activities carried out since the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Under this agenda item, Chile, in its capacity as outgoing Chair, will present a brief report on the main activities carried out since the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

4. Presentation of the document *Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development*

ECLAC will present the document *Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development*, prepared for the sixth session of the Conference.

This document presents the region's proposals for the Second World Summit for Social Development, a critical milestone for analysing the current context and adopting decisions for effective and sustainable progress towards inclusive sustainable development. These proposals reflect the messages conveyed by the ministries of social development and equivalent entities of Latin America and the Caribbean to the international community, with the aim of strengthening the social commitments set forth in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and advancing towards a global pact for inclusive social development. The document draws on recent experience and seeks to address the structural and emerging challenges shaping the region's social landscape, consolidate achievements sustainably and seize the opportunities arising from major global transformations.

Working document:

- Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development (LC/CDS.6/3)

¹ LC/CDS.6/1.

Reference documents:

- Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development (LC/CDS.3/5)
- Latin America and the Caribbean looking ahead to the Second World Summit for Social Development: proposals for inclusive social development (LC/MDS.E-2025/4)
- Reducing Inequality and Pursuing Inclusive Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges, Priorities and Key Messages in preparation for the Second World Summit for Social Development (LC/MDS.6/3)

5. Review of the document *Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development*

Five panel discussions will be held on important issues related to institutional frameworks for social policy identified as priorities in the document *Latin America and the Caribbean 30 Years on from the World Summit for Social Development: Towards a Global Pact for Inclusive Social Development*, namely: (i) inclusive social development in Latin America and the Caribbean: poverty, hunger and the trap of high inequality, low social mobility and weak social cohesion; (ii) social protection systems and comprehensive care policies: instruments for social and labour inclusion; (iii) social protection systems and exercise of rights to health and education; (iv) social protection systems and resilience and (v) emerging challenges for inclusive social development in Latin America and the Caribbean: labour inclusion and climate, demographic and technological change.

6. Other matters

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

7. Consideration and adoption of agreements

The Conference will adopt the agreements it deems appropriate in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.