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Sixty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference
on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Virtual meeting, 29–30 September 2021

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) that brings together government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and promote the incorporation of the gender perspective and the guarantee of women's human rights in public policies in countries of the region, in order to make progress towards women's full economic, physical and decision-making autonomy.

In consultation with the Government of Chile, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago in January 2020, the Presiding Officers agreed to hold their sixty-first meeting in virtual format on 29 and 30 September 2021. The meeting is being organized by ECLAC, as secretariat of the Conference, in coordination with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

The sixty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers will focus on furthering the preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Argentina in 2022, and will include a discussion of the themes to be addressed at the Conference. A high-level panel will be held on the importance of a care society to drive recovery with gender equality and sustainability. In addition, the meeting will consider reports on the Regional Alliance for Women's Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean and on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements.

B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have before them the following provisional agenda for consideration and adoption:¹

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. High-level panel: Towards a care society for recovery with gender equality and sustainability.
3. Report on the Regional Alliance for Women's Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements.
5. Discussion on the themes of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, 2022).
6. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
7. Other matters.
8. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

¹ LC/MDM.61/1.

2. High-level panel: Towards a care society for recovery with gender equality and sustainability

The panel will address the central role of care in building egalitarian societies that encourage the redistribution of power, resources and time. In follow-up to agreement 22 adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at their sixtieth meeting, the panel will discuss the importance of care work for a transformative recovery with gender equality aimed at the sustainability of life.

The representatives of member States will then be invited to ask questions or make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

Working document:

- Towards a care society: the contributions of the Regional Gender Agenda to sustainable development (LC/MDM.61/3).

3. Report on the Regional Alliance for Women’s Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean

Further to agreement 11 adopted by the Presiding Officers at their sixtieth meeting, the Government of Chile will present a report on the progress of the Regional Alliance for Women's Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean. This will be followed by an opportunity to make statements.

4. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements

The report on progress in the Regional Fund in support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements since the sixtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers, as well as the outcomes of the meetings of the Fund’s secretariat and Board of Directors, will be presented. This will be followed by an opportunity to make statements.

5. Discussion on the themes of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, 2022)

The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC will give a presentation on the themes to be addressed at the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will take place in 2022 in Argentina. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for statements by country representatives, and subsequently by the representatives of the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society organizations.

6. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will present a road map for the preparatory process for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will take place in 2022 in Argentina. The Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile will then deliver a statement in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. This will be followed by a statement by the Minister for Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers and representative of the host country of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Following her statement, the floor will be opened for statements by country representatives, and subsequently by the representatives of the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society organizations.

7. Other matters

Under this item, delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

8. Consideration and adoption of agreements

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will consider and adopt the agreements of their sixty-first meeting.