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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 third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima, from 7 to 9 August 2018. They are representatives of the following countries: Peru (Chair), Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Suriname and Uruguay (Vice-Chairs).

At the third session of the Regional Conference, the countries welcomed the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which, with the incorporation of the comments and suggestions conveyed by the governments, was presented as the first regional report at the fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, and as the region's contribution to the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014.

In view of the situation caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development decided to postpone the fourth session of the Regional Conference, which was to be held in the fourth quarter of 2020.

On 20 May 2021, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference held an executive meeting in virtual format,¹ with the main objective of reactivating the institutional process of the Conference, whose meetings schedule had been disrupted by the outbreak of the pandemic in early 2020. The Presiding Officers decided to hold the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean during the first half of 2022, on a date to be decided, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in a hybrid in-person and virtual format.²

1. Place and date

The fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, from 28 to 30 June 2022.

¹ See the report of the executive meeting [online] <https://repositorio.cepal.org/handle/11362/47140?show=full&locale-attribute=en>.

² See the agreements of the executive meeting [online] <https://www.cepal.org/en/events/executive-meeting-presiding-officers-regional-conference-population-and-development-latin>.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the meeting include analysing the sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean and the challenges posed by the health crisis for the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development. In this context, the secretariat will present a document on the sociodemographic impacts of the pandemic with recommendations for recovery within the framework of the Montevideo Consensus, and will launch the website of the virtual platform developed to contribute to the regional follow-up of this instrument. It is expected that all ECLAC member countries will participate, as well as representatives of the United Nations system and civil society.

3. Organization of work

On Tuesday, 28 June, the election of the Presiding Officers and the adoption of the agenda for the meeting will be followed by the presentation of the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*, prepared by the secretariat with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Next, ministers and high-level government authorities will make statements on the sociodemographic impacts of the pandemic in their countries and on the main challenges and progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in that regard.

The session on Wednesday, 29 June will begin with the presentation of reports on activities in the period 2018–2022 by the outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, the secretariat of the Conference, the UNFPA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Chair of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with regard to the International Migration Review Forum, as well as the report on the outcomes of the civil society preparatory meeting. Subsequently, the floor will be opened for statements by delegations. The first session of the afternoon will address the contributions of and synergies between the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, followed by an opportunity for statements by delegations.

On Thursday, 30 June, the session will begin with the presentation of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the proposal for updating it, followed by a panel entitled “Population and development: effects of the pandemic on the region’s population dynamics”. This will be followed by an opportunity for statements by delegations. The afternoon session will begin with a panel discussion on “Effects of the pandemic on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and future actions”, followed by an opportunity for statements by delegations. The meeting will conclude with the consideration and adoption of the agreements of the Conference.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

3. Presentation of the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*.
4. Statements by ministers and high-level government authorities on the sociodemographic impacts of the pandemic and on the main challenges and progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in that regard.
5. Reports on activities carried out in the period 2018–2022 and outlook for the period 2022–2024.
6. Contributions of and synergies between the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.
7. Presentation of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and proposed update.
8. The effects of the pandemic on the region’s population dynamics and on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and future action.
9. Other matters.
10. Consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Election of officers

The member countries may express their interest in serving as Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean during their next term. A Chair and two or more Vice-Chairs will then be elected from among those countries. The Presiding Officers will remain in office until their successors are elected before the adoption of the agenda at the fifth session of the Regional Conference.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The delegations will have before them the provisional agenda for consideration and adoption. Member countries may make such observations or suggest such amendments as they deem appropriate under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/CRPD.4/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/CRPD.4/2)

3. Presentation of the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*, as provided in paragraph 3 of the agreements of the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, held virtually on 20 May 2021.

The introduction to the document, which consists of four chapters, briefly describes the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, summarizing the analyses that ECLAC has been producing on the subject since early 2020. The first chapter focuses on the impacts of the health crisis on population dynamics in Latin America and the Caribbean and their three components: mortality, fertility and migration.

The second chapter analyses the persistent challenges and emerging issues posed by the pandemic, in light of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to ensure the exercise of rights, particularly by population groups that were already more vulnerable before the crisis and were made more so by the outbreak of the pandemic. The analysis of the situation of the different population groups has three main axes: (i) the matrix of social inequality; (ii) human rights, including collective rights where relevant; and (iii) population processes, dynamics and transitions, such as ageing, urbanization and population mobility.

The third chapter addresses the sociodemographic impacts of COVID-19 in the Caribbean, given the particularities of the subregion. Special emphasis is placed on the problems that have affected the Caribbean more forcefully or in a notably different way than the countries of Latin America, either in relation to specific population groups or with respect to issues that present in a differentiated manner in the subregion.

Lastly, the final chapter presents conclusions and recommendations for addressing the devastating social and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in the different population groups analysed, with a view to transformative recovery with equality within the framework of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus and the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, to leave no one behind.

Working document:

- The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CRPD.4/3)

4. Statements by ministers and high-level government authorities on the sociodemographic impacts of the pandemic and on the main challenges and progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in that regard

Under this agenda item, the governments will have the opportunity to discuss the principal social and demographic impacts of the pandemic in their respective countries, and the main challenges and progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the context of the health crisis.

5. Reports on activities carried out in the period 2018–2022 and outlook for the period 2022–2024

The outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers will report on the activities carried out since the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, especially regarding the outcomes of the virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective, held during 2020, and the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers held virtually on 20 May 2021.

Next, the secretariat of the Conference will report on the activities carried out during the past four years in the area of population and development, and will present the outlook for the next biennium. This report will refer, among other topics, to the support provided to the Chair and the Presiding Officers in relation to the activities carried out within the framework of the Conference during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its proposed updating.

The UNFPA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean will report on follow-up of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, as well as on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Chair of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean will then report on the preparatory activities for the Fifth Regional Intergovernmental Conference, to be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in the second half of 2022. Next, civil society will report on the outcomes of its preparatory meeting. Lastly, IOM will present a report on the International Migration Review Forum.

Working documents:

- Report on the activities conducted by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC during the period 2018–2022 (LC/CRPD.4/5)
- Proposed timeline for the submission of national reports and of the regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (LC/CRPD.4/4)

Reference document:

- Report of the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/REMP.2021/3)

6. Contributions of and synergies between the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

The representatives of the secretariats of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will report on their contribution to and synergies with the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and on the regional follow-up of the 2030 Agenda, as well as on complementarities with the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. A report will also be given on the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, held in San José, in March 2022.

7. Presentation of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and proposed update

In fulfilment of the provision of paragraph 5 of the agreements of the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of Latin America and the Caribbean held on 20 May 2021, the secretariat will present the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and a proposal for its updating.

The main contents of the platform will be presented, together with a protocol for updating it. The platform comprises six modules, covering the following content: the official documents of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean; the national institutional framework for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development; the countries' policies and instruments for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus; national reports for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus; the system of indicators for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus; and dissemination resources.

Working document:

- Virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus: proposed updating protocol (LC/CRPD.4/6)

8. The effects of the pandemic on the region's population dynamics and on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and future action Future action

This agenda item will be organized as two panel discussions taking as their central theme the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*. The first panel 1 will address the effects of the pandemic on the region's population dynamics; the second will focus on the impacts of the pandemic on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and future action. Both panels will comprise speakers from government, civil society and academia.

9. Other matters

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

10. Consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference

Proposals for the adoption of the agreements of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be submitted for consideration by the Conference and will be approved in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.