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

Santiago, 4 and 5 December 2024

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



UNITED NATIONS



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 to 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 advance towards women's full economic, physical and decision-making autonomy.

The sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference will be held on 4 and 5 December 2024, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago. 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).

At the sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers, delegations will discuss progress in the preparations for the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, a special regional consultation session will be held prior to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus on the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), among other agenda items.

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. Report on the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements.
4. Special regional consultation session prior to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus mainly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.
5. Preparations for the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 2025).
6. Other matters.
7. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

¹ LC/MDM.66/1.

2. Report on the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

A report will be made on the process of updating the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and the outcomes of the briefing with strategic partners, to be held on 3 December 2024 at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago. The role of the Observatory, established pursuant to the agreements of the Quito Consensus (2007), to strengthen national machineries for the advancement of women and to monitor the progress of the Regional Gender Agenda, will be highlighted. Delegations will then be given an opportunity to make statements.

3. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements

A report will be made on progress in the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements since the sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers, specifically, the outcome of the second call for grant applications. This will be followed by an opportunity to make statements.

4. Special regional consultation session prior to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus mainly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The special regional consultation session prior to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which will focus mainly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, will serve as a forum to discuss these themes as they relate to the Regional Gender Agenda. The draft regional report on the review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Latin American and Caribbean countries, 30 years on, will be presented. Next, delegations will make statements and presentations. The outcomes of this consultation are expected to provide input from the region for the sixty-ninth session of the Commission.

Working document:

- Action for equality, development and peace in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft regional report on the review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 30 years on, in synergy with the implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda (LC/MDM.66/3)

5. Preparations for the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 2025)

The representative of the Government of Mexico, host country of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in 2025, will give a presentation on the preparations for the meeting. The floor will then be opened for statements by delegations.

Next, the Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC will present the contents of the position document of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The floor will then be opened for statements by country representatives, and subsequently by representatives of the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society organizations.

6. Other matters

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

7. 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-sixth meeting.