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Forty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
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Santiago, 7-8 November 2012

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. BACKGROUND

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.

In consultation with the Government of Brazil, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia in July 2010, the Presiding Officers agreed to hold their forty-eighth meeting in Santiago on 7 and 8 November 2012.

At their forty-eighth meeting, the Presiding Officers will consider the preparations being made for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular, they will review specific studies that will constitute key inputs for the position paper on economic empowerment and information and communication technologies within the framework of the information society. They will also analyse the progress being made towards mainstreaming the gender perspective in public policy.

II. ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them the following provisional agenda for their consideration and subsequent adoption, with any amendments they may deem appropriate (LC/L.3523(MDM.48/1):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.
3. Report by the secretariat on progress in the preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 14-18 October 2013).
5. Presentation of the report “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género desigual”.
6. Presentation of initiatives undertaken in the region to mainstream the gender perspective.
7. Adoption of agreements.
8. Other matters.

2. Report on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and the thirty-fourth session of the Commission

The host countries of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will report on the outcome of those meetings.

The representative of Brazil will refer, in particular, to the side event on women and sustainable development, held on 21 June 2012 within the framework of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), organized in fulfilment of agreement 6 of the forty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Panama City on 3 and 4 May 2012.

The representative of Brazil, in her capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will present the report submitted to the delegations at the thirty-fourth session of ECLAC, held in San Salvador from 27 to 31 August 2012. The resolutions adopted by the member States of the Commission at its thirty-fourth session will also be presented.

Reference documents:

- *Sustainable development 20 years on from the Earth Summit: Progress, gaps and strategic guidelines for Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/L.3346/Rev.1)
- “The future we want” (A/CONF.216/L.1)
- “Population, territory and sustainable development” (LC/L.3474(CEP.2/3))
- Agreements 1 and 2 adopted at the 2012 meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development
- *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development* (LC/G.2524(SES.34/3))
- Resolutions adopted by the member States of the Commission at its thirty-fourth session

3. Report by the secretariat on progress in the preparation of the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will report on the process of drafting the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Presiding Officers will review specific studies that will constitute key inputs for the position paper on productive development and the information society. The consultants working on the position paper will attend this session.

Representatives of member countries, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system will then have the opportunity to comment and offer recommendations on this agenda item.

4. Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, 14-18 October 2013)

The representative of the Ministry of Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic will report on the preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Santo Domingo from 14 to 18 October 2013.

Representatives of member countries will have the opportunity to comment and offer recommendations on the preparations.

Representatives of bodies of the United Nations system will inform delegations of their role in the organization of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference.

The secretariat will also present a proposed calendar, for the first quarter of 2013, of preparatory meetings for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in accordance with agreement 19 adopted at the forty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers, held in Panama City on 3 and 4 May.

The Presiding Officers will decide on their future activities.

Reference document:

- Preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat (LC/L.3424(MDM.46/4))

5. Presentation of the report “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género desigual”.

Karina Batthyány from the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of the Republic of Uruguay will present the document “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género desigual” at a round-table event to be attended by gender authorities from Latin America and Caribbean with experience of the care systems in the region.

Country representatives will then have the opportunity to express their views on this agenda item.

Reference document:

- “La población uruguaya y el cuidado: Persistencias de un mandato de género desigual” *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 117 (LC/L.3530)

6. Presentation of initiatives undertaken in the region to mainstream the gender perspective

Experiences will be exchanged regarding the initiatives under way in the region to mainstream the gender perspective and a representative of ECLAC will present the Commission's strategy in this connection.

Representatives of countries, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system will present the initiatives under way.

The Presiding Officers will offer their comments and recommendations.

Reference documents:

- Annual report 2011. “Women’s autonomy, from the margins to the mainstream” (LC/W.436)
- Analysis matrix for identifying fair gender equality policies (April 2012) [online] http://www.cepal.org/oig/noticias/noticias/8/47918/2012-370-Analysis_matrix.pdf
- Políticas públicas e institucionalidad de género en América Latina (1985-2010), *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 118 (LC/L.3531)

7. Adoption of agreements

The member countries whose representatives serve as Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of the forty-eighth meeting.

8. Other matters

Any other matters that the delegations may wish to raise will be discussed under this item.