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Fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Mandate and functions

The fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean is convened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) by virtue of resolution 691(XXXV) and in follow-up to the Montevideo Declaration, adopted at the fourth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held from 3 to 5 April 2013.

Pursuant to the declarations and agreements adopted by the governments, ECLAC, in its capacity as technical secretariat, performs the following main functions:

- Provides technical support for the regional follow-up mechanism for eLAC2015, specifically to the Presiding Officers and their Chair, and facilitates the organization and coordination of the working groups.
- Produces substantive studies and information, prepares newsletters and maintains the collaborative virtual forum.
- Provides support for the organization of the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean and its preparatory meetings.

2. Objectives of the Conference

The fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean is called upon to examine progress on the agreements adopted in Lima in 2010, and to move ahead in adopting a digital agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018).

3. Organization of work

The Ministerial Conference will last for three days and will be opened by authorities of the Government of the United Mexican States. The programme includes the election of Presiding Officers, the opening ceremony and opening statements. This will be followed by six panel discussions comprising government authorities and international experts. Lastly, there will be a debate on the proposed digital agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018) and the Mexico City Declaration.

B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Election of officers

The delegations will elect the Presiding Officers of the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, who will also serve as Presiding Officers of the follow-up mechanism for eLAC2018, remaining active in both capacities until new Officers are chosen at the following regional conference.

In accordance with the criteria established by the Presiding Officers, every effort will be made to ensure that the new Presiding Officers are chosen with due regard for the principles of adequate geographical distribution and rotation.

The Presiding Officers will be composed of two representatives from each of the four country groupings below, until the following ministerial conference:

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| <u>Southern Cone:</u> | Vice-Chairs |
| <u>Mexico and Central America:</u> | Chair and Vice-Chair |
| <u>Andean countries:</u> | Vice-Chairs |
| <u>The Caribbean:</u> | Vice-Chairs |

The Presiding Officers will also include, as observers, one representative designated by civil society organizations, one representative designated by private-sector associations and one representative designated by the technical community of the region.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The participants will have before them the following provisional agenda¹ for their consideration and adoption:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Digital technologies, economy and society: opening statements and panel discussions.
4. Other matters.
5. Consideration of the proposed digital agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018).
6. Consideration and adoption of the Mexico City Declaration.

¹ LC/L.4025(CMSI.5/1).

Delegations will have before them the provisional agenda (LC/L.3558) for their consideration and adoption. This draft agenda has been prepared by the secretariat, bearing in mind the various mandates of the Commission. The representatives of member States may formulate observations and suggest such modifications as they consider appropriate. It is suggested that the agenda should be considered at the meeting of heads of delegation to be held on 5 August 2015.

3. Digital technologies, economy and society: opening statements and panel discussions

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will present the document entitled *The new digital revolution: from the consumer Internet to the industrial Internet*, which discusses the strategic importance of adopting digital technologies in industry and society, insofar as these act as catalysts for production diversification and new competitiveness cycles, with positive impacts on growth and social inclusion. In addition, representatives of international agencies have been invited to share their views on the impact of digital technologies on economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to offer recommendations on promoting innovation and technology roll-out.

Working document:

- The new digital revolution: from the consumer Internet to the industrial Internet (LC/L.4029(CMSI.5/4))

Six panel discussions will then be held to examine the digital ecosystem and development vision; infrastructure for the roll-out of digital technologies; the digital economy and innovation for structural change; digital governance and citizenship; social inclusion and digital technologies; and the implications of Internet governance for the regional context. The panels will comprise representatives of the governments of the region and experts from the public and private sectors, the technical community and civil society.

4. Other matters

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

5. Consideration of the proposed digital agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018)

The Ministerial Conference will be asked to consider the proposed digital agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018). It is suggested that the discussions be organized in two blocks: (i) structure of the document, and (ii) review of objectives to 2018.

Working document:

- Proposed digital agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2018) (LC/L.4027(CMSI.5/3))

6. Consideration and adoption of the Mexico City Declaration

Under this agenda item, the Mexico City Declaration will be presented to the Ministerial Conference for consideration and adoption.