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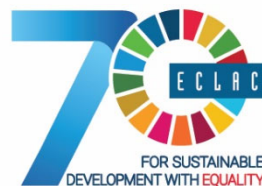
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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**





## **A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

### **1. Mandate and functions**

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary organ of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and is convened in compliance with the mandates contained in the Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development (1977). The Conference meets periodically at intervals of no more than three years. In accordance with the Plan of Action and the agreements adopted by Governments, it fulfils the following functions:

- To determine regional and subregional needs for technical assistance and give support to all United Nations bodies operating in the region to enable them to meet those needs.
- To put forward recommendations to Governments and to ECLAC itself based on studies carried out by the secretariat on the most feasible way of implementing the agreements adopted by United Nations regional conferences.
- To review and appraise periodically the activities of ECLAC and other United Nations bodies.
- To review periodically fulfilment of the Regional Gender Agenda as set forth in the regional consensus adopted at previous sessions of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information to facilitate mutual coordination and support for programmes designed to promote the integration of women and gender-based analysis into the economic and social development process at various levels and permit the countries in the region to share relevant experiences.

### **2. Purposes of the session**

At its fourteenth session, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is called upon to review the implementation of commitments undertaken in relation to the Regional Gender Agenda and the application of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, adopted at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Conference will also mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing+25). The principal theme of discussion of the Conference on this occasion will be women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios.

## **B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Presentation of the position document *Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios*.
4. High-level panel on the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030: the perspective of Latin America.
5. High-level panel on the Beijing Platform for Action and the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 and international and regional instruments on women's rights and gender equality: the perspective of the Caribbean.
6. Special session: Generation Equality: outlook and challenges for Beijing+25 in Latin America and the Caribbean.
7. High-level seminar: Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios.
8. Consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference.
9. Other matters.

## **C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **1. Election of officers**

The delegations will elect the Presiding Officers of the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, who will serve as such until new Presiding Officers are chosen at the following session.

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 consider it necessary to refer to the subject of regular attendance at meetings as "a commitment that countries must make" if they are to serve on that body.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> LC/CRM.14/1/Rev.1.

The Conference will organize its work in accordance with the proposal made by the secretariat and adopted at the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers. The programme for the thirteenth session includes the election of the Presiding Officers, the presentation of the position paper and the reading of the document submitted by civil society. There will also be eight panels: a regional high-level panel on the Montevideo Strategy; a panel on the Caribbean perspective on the Beijing Platform for Action and the Montevideo Strategy; a special session on Beijing+25 in Latin America and the Caribbean; thematic panels on globalization and gender equality, the digital revolution, the care economy and climate change; and, lastly, a round table on the challenges of comprehensive policies for gender equality. The session will conclude with a plenary meeting for consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference.

### **3. Presentation of the position document *Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios***

The secretariat will present the position paper entitled *Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios*, on the topic adopted at the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>2</sup> and with the annotated table of contents of the document, approved at the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference in January 2019.<sup>3</sup> The document, prepared by the ECLAC Division for Gender Affairs, focuses on the impact that geopolitical, economic, technological, demographic and climate change will have on women's empowerment and gender equality in Latin America and the Caribbean. In particular, there will be discussion of the following topics: the impact of the digital revolution, the future of work and opportunities for women, the implications of trade and financial policies for gender equality, the effects of ageing processes and the care burden on women, changes in migration flows and their effect on women's economic empowerment, and the impact of climate change on gender equality.

The Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean analysed and commented on the document in the three preparatory meetings<sup>4</sup> provided for in the agreements of the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

#### **Working documents:**

- Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios (LC/CRM.14/3)
- Regional progress report on the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 (LC/CRM.14/4)
- Regional report on the review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Latin American and Caribbean countries, 25 years on (LC/CRM.14/5)

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<sup>2</sup> See the *Report of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean*. Havana, 5–6 October 2017 (LC/MDM.56/3).

<sup>3</sup> See the *Report of the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean*. Santiago, 22 and 23 January 2019 (LC/MDM.58/4).

<sup>4</sup> Subregional preparatory meeting with Caribbean Countries: 17–18 June 2019, Port of Spain; preparatory meeting of Mexico, Spanish-speaking countries of Central America and the Caribbean: 26 June 2019, online; subregional preparatory meeting of South American Countries: 27 June 2019, online.

**4. High-level panel on the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030: the perspective of Latin America**

Special guest speakers responsible for public policies on equality, ministerial bodies and representatives of civil society and academia will give presentations, with a view to evaluating progress with implementation of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, which was adopted in 2016.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

**5. High-level panel on the Beijing Platform for Action and the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 and international and regional instruments on women's rights and gender equality: the perspective of the Caribbean**

Under this agenda item, special guest speakers from Caribbean governments and representatives of civil society and academia will give presentations, with a view to reviewing the perspective of the subregion on the Beijing Platform for Action and the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 and international and regional instruments on women's rights and gender equality.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, the representatives of the member States will make their statements first, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

**6. Special session: Generation Equality: outlook and challenges for Beijing+25 in Latin America and the Caribbean**

At this session, in addition to the regional commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+25), a regional report on progress made by the countries in this process will be presented and discussed.

**7. High-level seminar: Women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios**

Four panels will be held under this agenda item, on globalization and gender equality; the digital revolution; the care economy and climate change; and a round table on the challenges of comprehensive policies for gender equality.

**8. Consideration and adoption of agreements by the Conference**

Under this item, the Conference will discuss and adopt the resolutions and agreements it deems appropriate.

**9. Other matters**

Under this agenda item, the delegations may consider any other matter they deem appropriate.