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## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



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

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

The second session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has been convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC pursuant to resolution 710(XXXVI) and in follow-up to the Santiago Declaration, adopted at the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC, held on 9 and 10 June 2014.

Pursuant to resolution 672(XXXIV), ECLAC serves as the secretariat for the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, and makes available to the Conference such documents and facilities as have been approved by the Commission.

### **2. Objectives of the Conference**

The second session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC is called upon to examine progress on the agreements adopted at the first session of the Conference, which was held in Santiago in 2014, and to move forward in the adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for the biennium 2017-2018, for which a draft will be presented.

### **3. Organization of work**

The Conference will last for two days and will be opened by the Government of Costa Rica. The programme includes the election of the new Executive Committee, an opening ceremony and a seminar on the theme “Innovation in a digital world”, during which there will be an opening presentation and four panels involving government authorities and international experts. Some time will be set aside afterwards for discussion.

## **B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **1. Election of the Executive Committee**

The delegations shall elect an Executive Committee for the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, which will remain in office until the appointment of a new Executive Committee at the next Conference.

Pursuant to resolution 672(XXXIV), the Executive Committee shall be composed of a Chair and six members. The Executive Committee shall have the following duties:<sup>1</sup>

- (a) To carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies.
- (b) To prepare, every two years, a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for supporting policies on science, technology and innovation, to be submitted at the regular meetings.
- (c) To follow up on the implementation of the agreements adopted and the tasks assigned by the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, particularly with respect to the biennial programme of activities referred to in section I, paragraph 2 of the annex to resolution 672(XXXIV).
- (d) To decide on the documentation required for its meetings.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

The Conference will have before it the following agenda for consideration and adoption:

1. Election of the Executive Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Seminar on the theme “Innovation in a digital world”.
4. Presentation of the draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2017-2018 on science, innovation and information and communications technologies.
5. Other matters.

## **3. Seminar on the theme “Innovation in a digital world”**

The opening presentation of the seminar will be made by Robert D. Atkinson, President of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. He will review the impact of information and communications technologies on productivity and economic growth, and also analyse new Internet-based technology trends and their impact on business innovation.

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<sup>1</sup> See resolution 672(XXXIV).

The presentation will be followed by four panels that will discuss the industrial Internet, the on-demand and gig economies, connectivity and access to digital technology, and new innovation models and platforms for scientific and digital development. The aim of these panel discussions is to explore the opportunities and challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean amid a technology revolution linked closely with digitalization, as well as the importance of prioritizing regional efforts in technology, scientific and industrial policy.

#### **4. Presentation of the draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2017-2018 on science, innovation and information and communications technologies**

The secretariat will report to the Conference on the draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2017-2018, which will be enriched by the discussions and debates held at the second session and will guide the activities to be carried out during the biennium.

##### **Working document:**

- Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2017-2018 on science, innovation and information and communications technologies (LC/L.4221(CCITIC.2/4))

#### **5. Other matters**

Under this agenda item, delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise and the agreements reached at the Conference.