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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



UNITED NATIONS



A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

1. Mandate and functions

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) and the foremost intergovernmental forum on women's rights and gender equality in the region. The sessions of the Conference are held in accordance with the mandates of the Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development of 1977, at regular intervals of no more than three years.

They are convened to analyse the regional and subregional situation with respect to women's autonomy and rights, put forward recommendations on public policies for gender equality, and conduct periodic evaluations of policies, initiatives and programmes implemented in fulfilment of regional and international agreements.

Sessions are organized by ECLAC, as secretariat of the Conference, and since 2020 in coordination with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

2. Objectives of the sixteenth session

Participants in the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will discuss political, economic, social, cultural and environmental transformations as a means of advancing the care society and gender equality.

The session will also include the relaunch of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and a segment entitled "Memory and future: 50 years since the first World Conference on Women (Mexico City, 1975)".

All ECLAC member countries are expected to participate, along with representatives of agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, other international agencies, intergovernmental organizations, universities and academic centres, and non-governmental organizations, in particular women's and feminist networks and movements.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Presiding Officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Presentation of the position paper *The Care Society: Governance, Political Economy and Social Dialogue for a Transformation with Gender Equality*.
4. Dialogue of high-level authorities on the care society: governance, political economy and social dialogue for a transformation with gender equality.
5. Relaunch of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. Panel 1: Financing for gender equality.

7. Panel 2: Accelerators to generate synergies between the right to care and care for the planet.
8. Panel 3: Guidelines for care policies from a gender, territorial and intersectional perspective.
9. “Memory and future: 50 years since the first World Conference on Women (Mexico City, 1975)”.
10. Other matters.
11. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Presiding Officers

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

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

The Presiding Officers also deem it necessary to stipulate that regular attendance at meetings should be an explicit commitment fulfilled by the countries included in the group of Presiding Officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda.¹

The session will be organized in accordance with the proposal presented by the secretariat at the preparatory meetings for the sixteenth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held with the countries of the English-speaking Caribbean, the countries of South America, and the countries of Central America, the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and Mexico.²

The organization of work for the session of the Conference includes the election of the new Presiding Officers, the presentation of the position paper and the reading of contributions from multiple stakeholders, in particular from the academic forums in preparation for the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women,³ the feminist forum, the local government forum and the parliamentary forum. There will also be a dialogue of high-level authorities on the care society: governance, political economy and social dialogue for a transformation with gender equality; the relaunch of the Gender Equality

¹ LC/CRM.16/1.

² Preparatory meeting with English-speaking Caribbean countries (Barbados, Thursday, 27 March 2025, hybrid format), preparatory meeting with South American countries (Tuesday, 8 April 2025, virtual format) and preparatory meeting with the countries of Central America, the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and Mexico (Wednesday, 9 April 2025, virtual format).

³ Academic forum entitled Territorios de Cuidados: Contribuciones desde la Academia a la XVI Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe (Mexico City, 28 and 29 August 2024) and academic forum entitled Contributions to the XVI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean: Advancing Towards Care Societies (Bridgetown, 25 and 26 March 2025).

Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and three thematic panels: the first on financing for gender equality, the second on accelerators to generate synergies between the right to care and care for the planet, and the third on guidelines for care policies from a gender, territorial and intersectional perspective. There will also be a special segment entitled “Memory and future: 50 years since the first World Conference on Women (Mexico City, 1975)”. An opportunity will be provided to discuss other matters, and lastly, there will be a plenary meeting for the consideration and adoption of the agreements of the Conference.

3. Presentation of the position paper *The Care Society: Governance, Political Economy and Social Dialogue for a Transformation with Gender Equality*

The secretariat will present the position paper *The Care Society: Governance, Political Economy and Social Dialogue for a Transformation with Gender Equality*, in keeping with the theme adopted at the sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (11 and 12 October 2023)⁴ and with the annotated index of the document presented at the sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference (4 and 5 December 2024).⁵

The document, prepared by the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, highlights the urgent need for vital transformations for a more productive, inclusive and sustainable future, and proposes strategies to advance towards the care society and achieve gender equality. It also analyses key drivers of transformation, such as governance and institutional frameworks, the political economy and social dialogue, cultural change, statistics and financing.

The governments of Latin American and Caribbean countries examined and commented on the content of the document at the sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference in December 2024, and at the subregional preparatory meetings of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference held in March and April 2025.

Working document:

- The Care Society: Governance, Political Economy and Social Dialogue for a Transformation with Gender Equality (LC/CRM.16/3)

4. Dialogue of high-level authorities on the care society: governance, political economy and social dialogue for a transformation with gender equality

This session will include a high-level dialogue on the central theme of the position paper of the sixteenth session of the Conference, among representatives of the governments of ECLAC member countries, with the aim of furthering the debate on progress and challenges of the political economy, social dialogue, governance and institutional frameworks and financing for the care economy, and accelerating achievement of substantive equality. Government representatives will also have the opportunity to share the national strategies implemented to step up implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda in synergy with regional and international commitments and national priorities.

⁴ See *Report of the sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/MDM.65/3).

⁵ See the draft report of the 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) (LC/MDM.66/PINF).

Government representatives will then be invited to make statements of three to four minutes, after which the floor will be opened to other attendees, in accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

5. Relaunch of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

Under this agenda item, the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean will be relaunched. The Observatory is a mechanism established by ECLAC to strengthen national machineries for the advancement of women, make official information from the governments of the region available to the public and facilitate the follow-up of international agreements on women's rights. It also supports implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This work is done in collaboration with national machineries for the advancement of women, national statistics institutes of the countries of the region, United Nations agencies and relevant intergovernmental bodies and cooperation agencies.

The secretariat will present updates to the Observatory website, which include more dynamic and interactive visualization of information and the adjustment of security standards.

The floor will then be opened to the delegations. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, representatives of member States will be invited to make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other attendees.

6. Panel 1: Financing for gender equality

Under this agenda item, representatives of the governments of Latin American and Caribbean countries and other specially invited guests will be given the opportunity to make statements, to discuss the importance of securing sufficient, progressive and sustainable financing, achieving substantive gender equality and advancing towards the care society.

The floor will then be opened to the delegations. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, representatives of member States will be invited to make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other attendees.

7. Panel 2: Accelerators to generate synergies between the right to care and care for the planet

Under this agenda item, representatives of the governments of Latin American and Caribbean countries and other specially invited guests will exchange views on various initiatives to accelerate progress and generate synergies to ensure the right to care and care for the planet. Panellists will also discuss challenges and opportunities in the advancement towards the care society, a model that places care for persons and the planet at the centre of development and therefore fosters substantive equality and solutions to the climate and care crises.

The floor will then be opened to the delegations. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, representatives of member States will be invited to make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other attendees.

8. Panel 3: Guidelines for care policies from a gender, territorial and intersectional perspective

Under this agenda item, the document *Guidelines for care policies from a gender, territorial and intersectional perspective* will be presented in fulfilment of the mandate of the member States of ECLAC that participated in the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Buenos Aires from 8 to 11 November 2022.⁶

The floor will then be opened to the delegations. In accordance with the rules of procedure of ECLAC, representatives of member States will be invited to make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other attendees.

Following a break, delegations will be allowed to share their ideas on the three thematic panels.

Working document:

- Guidelines for care policies from a gender, territorial and intersectional perspectives (LC/CRM.16/4)

9. “Memory and future: 50 years since the first World Conference on Women (Mexico City, 1975)”

Under this agenda item, there will be a special segment entitled “Memory and future: 50 years since the first World Conference on Women (Mexico City, 1975)”, which will also commemorate the forty-eighth anniversary of the first Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America (Havana, 1977), the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995) and the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security. The segment will be an opportunity to reflect on progress and challenges in achieving gender equality and on the rights and autonomy of women in the region, and to underscore the urgency of reaffirming commitments to accelerate efforts to achieve substantive gender equality and advance towards a future of equality and sustainability.

10. Other matters

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

11. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Delegations will have before them the draft agreements of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, for consideration and adoption under the rules of procedure of ECLAC.

⁶ See *Buenos Aires Commitment* (LC/CRM.15/6/Rev.1), para.43.