Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean Argentina, 2022

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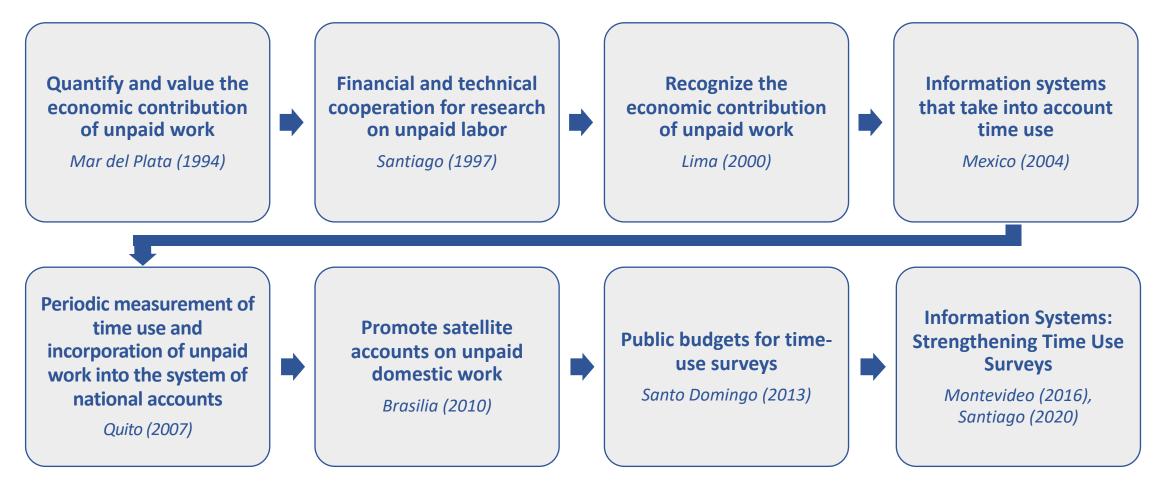




Regional Gender Agenda

- Latin America and the Caribbean is the **only region in the world** where, for more than **four decades**, governments, the United Nations system, international organizations and civil society organizations, in particular women's and feminist organizations, and academia have been meeting at the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Progressive, innovative and forward-looking Regional Gender Agenda to guarantee the rights of women in all their diversity and gender equality.
- It contributes to overcoming the structural challenges of inequality, including the sexual
 division of labor and the unfair social organization of care, implementing comprehensive
 care policies and systems, promoting the redistribution and recognition of care work, and
 strengthening the role of the care economy as a dynamic sector.

The importance of quantifying and valuing care in the Regional Gender Agenda



In coordination with the *Statistical Conference of the Americas:*

- Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Methodological tools for measuring and valuing unpaid care and domestic work



The centrality of care in the Regional Gender Agenda

Quality childcare centers to facilitate women's incorporation into work and studying

Havana (1977)



Co-responsibility
between women and
men, the State, the
market, families and the
community

Santiago (1997), Quito (2007), Brasilia (2010), Santo Domingo (2013), Montevideo (2016), Santiago (2020)



Social reproduction, caregiving and wellbeing as an objective for the economy Quito (2007)



Right to care
Brasilia (2010)



Overcoming the sexual division of labor and the unfair social organization of care Montevideo (2016)



Comprehensive care systems and countercyclical policies

Santiago (2020)



Cooperation between countries on global care chains

Santiago (2020)



Transformative recovery with gender equality aimed at sustainability of life

60 Meeting of Presiding Officers (2021)

Towards the construction of the Care Society in the Regional Gender Agenda 2020-2022

Global Alliance for Care in the framework of Generation Equality Forum (2021)



Regional Conferences on Women

Since 1977

XIV Meeting of the Regional Conference on Women January 2020 60th Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women and Regional Consultation prior to the 65th CSW

February 2021

1st Expert Group Meeting September 2021

Conference on Women

61st Meeting of Presiding

September 2021

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)



Towards the construction of the Care Society in the Regional Gender Agenda 2020-2022

High-level panel and document

"Towards a care society for recovery with gender equality and sustainability"



"Towards a Care Society in Latin America and the Caribbean"

61st Meeting of the **Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on** Women September 2021

ECLAC and UN Women launch November 2021

2nd Expert Group Meeting November 2021

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)



Roadmap to the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean



ECLAC as Technical Secretariat in coordination with UN-Women

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Information session and discussions on the Position Paper of the XV RCW

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Important milestones for the Regional Gender Agenda during 2022

5th Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

> Costa Rica, March 7-9, 2022

4th Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

> ECLAC Headquarters June 28-30, 2022

39th ECLAC Session

Argentina, September 2022

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)



Montevideo Strategy: A Strategy to move from commitments to action

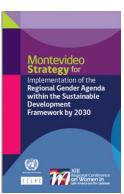
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Countries report on progress in the implementation of the Strategy at the meetings of the **Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**

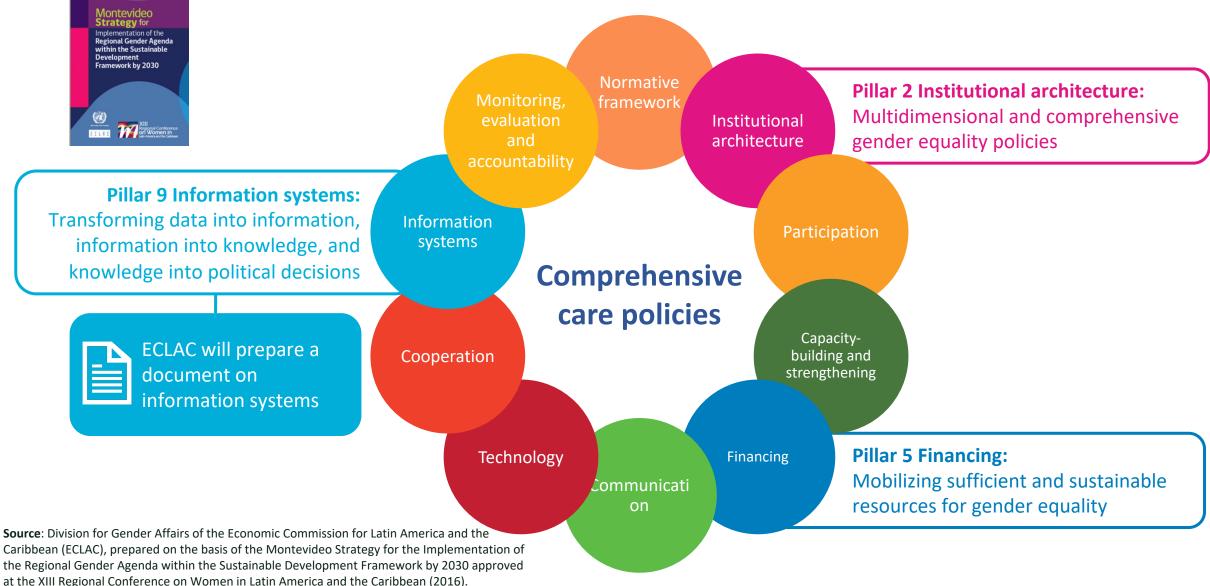


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At each session of the **Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**, a presentation on the implementation of the Montevideo Strategy is given



Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda



Position Document of the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

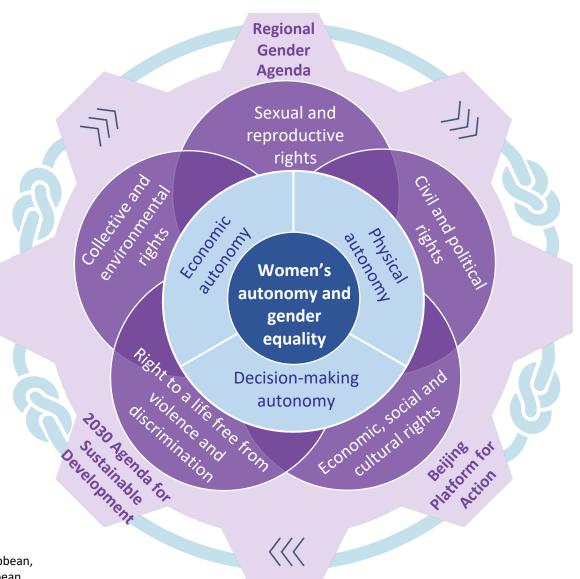


Key elements for envisioning the care society

Structural challenges of gender inequality

1) Socioeconomic inequality and the persistence of poverty, in the framework of exclusionary growth

4) Concentration of power and hierarchical relations in the public sphere



2) Rigid sexual division of labour and unfair social organization of care

3) Discriminatory, violent and patriarchal cultural patterns and the predominance of the culture of privilege

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.



Preliminary index of the Position Document

- 1. The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality
- 2. The crises and the structural challenges of gender inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 3. Care in the face of demographic, epidemiological and economic changes
- 4. Macroeconomic and global challenges for a care society
- 5. A new development style for the care society

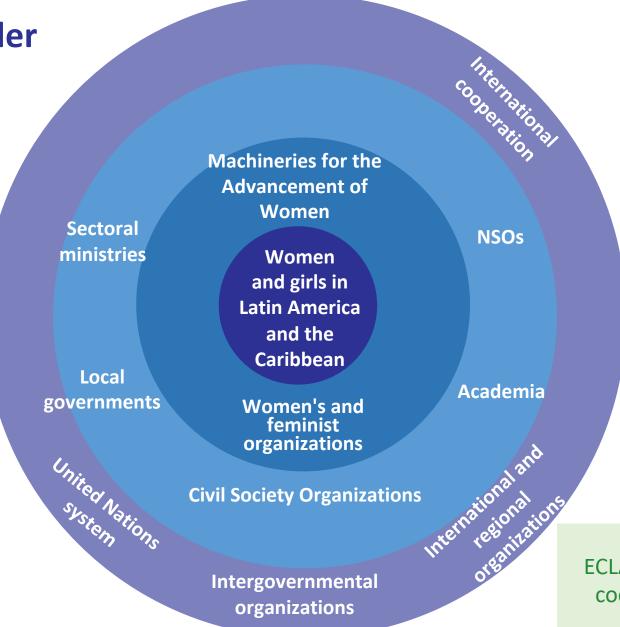
ECLAC calls for a shift towards a care society that prioritizes the care of people, the planet, and self-care

- That reverses social and gender inequality, in synergy with the environmental dimension and economic development, prioritizing the sustainability of life and care for the planet
- That generates multiplier effects in terms of well-being and as a driver for a transformative recovery with equality and sustainability
- ✓ That transforms social relations and promotes caring relationships. Interdependence and vulnerability are part of the human condition. That advances towards the collective construction of a society without exclusions.
- ✓ That put an end to the culture of privilege and patriarchy
- ✓ That guarantees the rights of people who require care throughout their life cycle and of the people that provide care
- That eliminates the precariousness of jobs in the care sector and advances in their formalization and professionalization
- ✓ That proposes care as an analytical category of public policies
- ✓ That has the State as guarantor of human rights and care policies

The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality

- The care society is the path to an equitable distribution of power, resources, time and work between women and men and to transition to a development style based on equality and the sustainability of life
- It is a paradigm shift that involves rethinking patterns of production, consumption and distribution, and reorienting financing towards the real economy
- Strengthens the role of States from a feminist perspective through universal, intersectoral, comprehensive, co-responsible and financially sustainable care policies and systems
- It recognizes the **care of the planet** as a key dimension for the sustainability of life and highlights the imperative of addressing global threats such as climate change and disasters from a gender perspective
- It proposes a collective, multi-scale and intersectional horizon: it calls for short-term transformative public policies and cultural change to ensure care

Synergies for gender equality towards the XV Regional Conference on Women



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We will continue building the path towards the Care Society in Argentina 2022

Gather

information on the value of unpaid work

Coresponsibility of care between men and women

Value of socially necessary time for care

Recognizing the economic value of

unpaid work

Policies to reconcile work and family life

Right to care

Universal care policies and services and parental and caregiving leave

Social valuation and recognition of economic value (SNA)

Redistribution of care between the State, the market, society and between men and women

Public social protection and social security systems with universal, comprehensive and efficient access and coverage

Creation of satellite accounts

Wealth, income and time redistribution policies

Financing through progressive taxation

Global care chains

Overcoming the sexual division of labor and the unjust social organization of care

Countercyclical policies and boosting the care economy

Accounting for the multiplier effects of the care economy

Comprehensive care systems from a gender, intersectional, inter-cultural and rights perspective

Cooperation between countries on alobal care chains

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The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality



Havana

Caregiving

services for

children

Programme Programme of Action of Action

Mar del Plata Santiago **Consensus** 1997

Mexico Consensus 2004

Quito Consensus 2007

Overcoming the

sexual division

Comprehensive

security systems

public social

reproduction,

being as an

objective for

the economy

care and well-

of labor

Social

Brasilia Consensus 2010

Santo Domingo Consensus 2013

Montevideo **Strategy** 2016

Santiago Commitment 2020

Agreement of **ECLAC Member States** 2022

1977 Source: Division for Gender Affairs of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).



Towards the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The agreement of ECLAC member States at the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean constitutes a new step in the construction of the Regional Gender Agenda

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