

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

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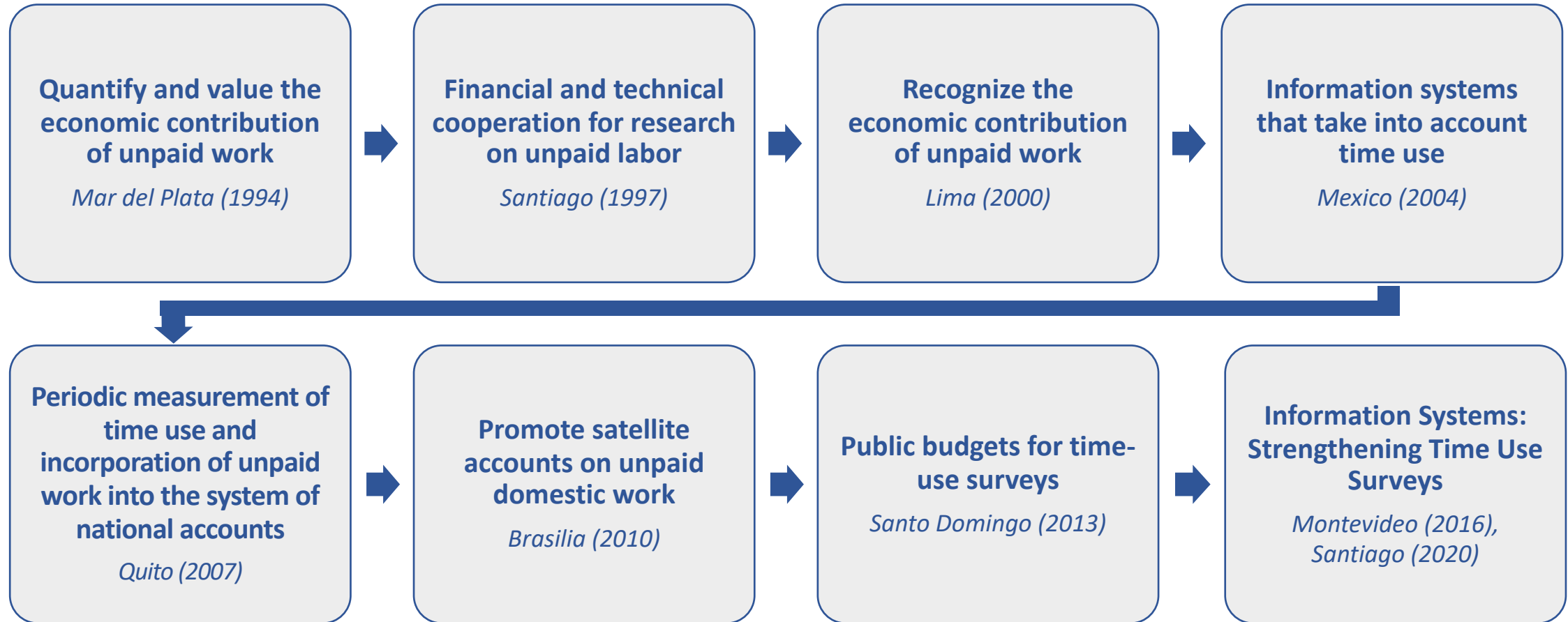


# Regional Gender Agenda

- 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.



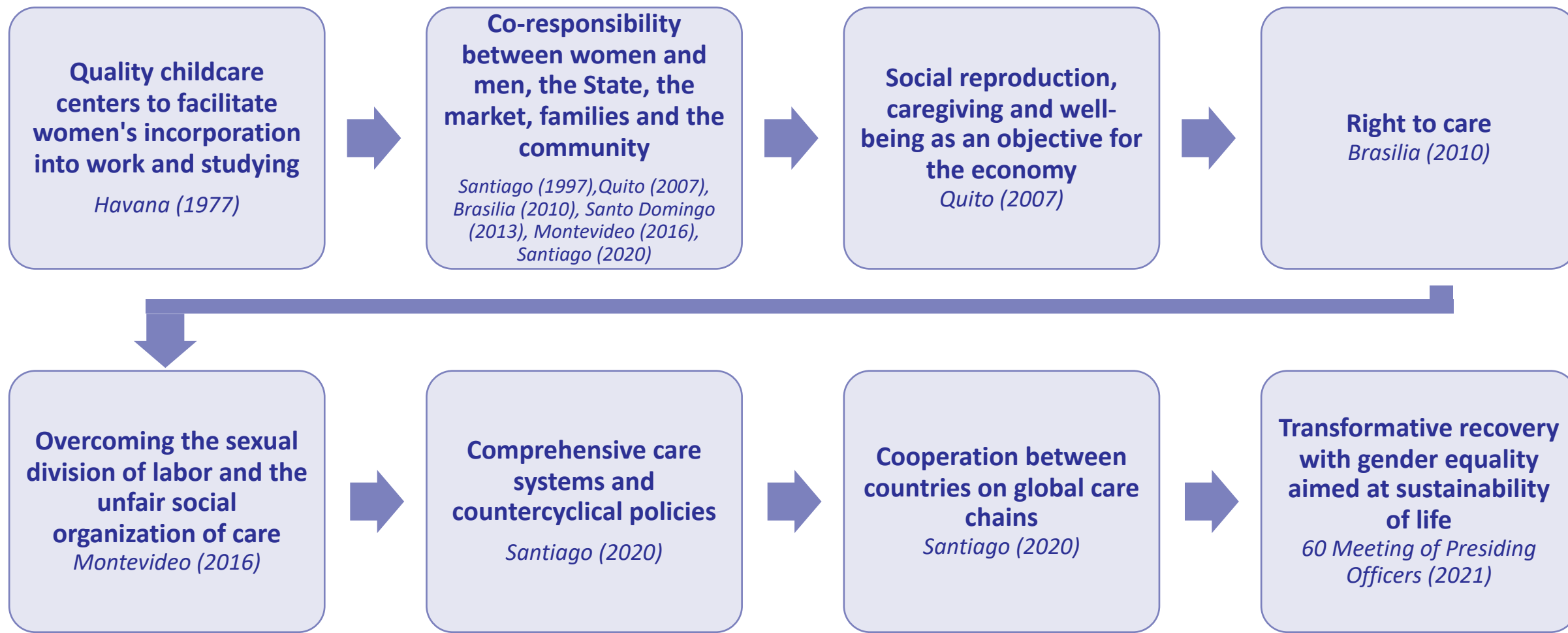
# The importance of quantifying and valuing care in the Regional Gender Agenda



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



# 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)



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

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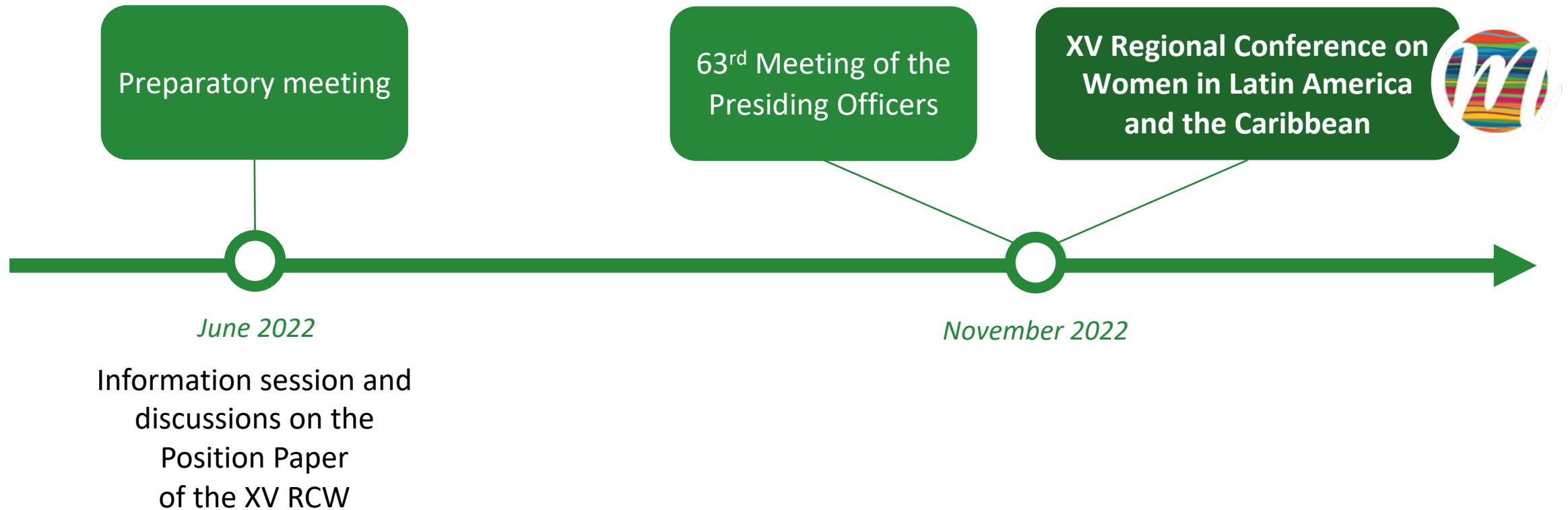
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# Roadmap to the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean



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## Important milestones for the Regional Gender Agenda during 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Forum of the Countries of  
Latin America and the Caribbean  
on Sustainable Development

*Costa Rica,  
March 7-9, 2022*

4<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference on  
Population and Development in  
Latin America and the Caribbean

*ECLAC Headquarters  
June 28-30, 2022*

39<sup>th</sup> ECLAC Session

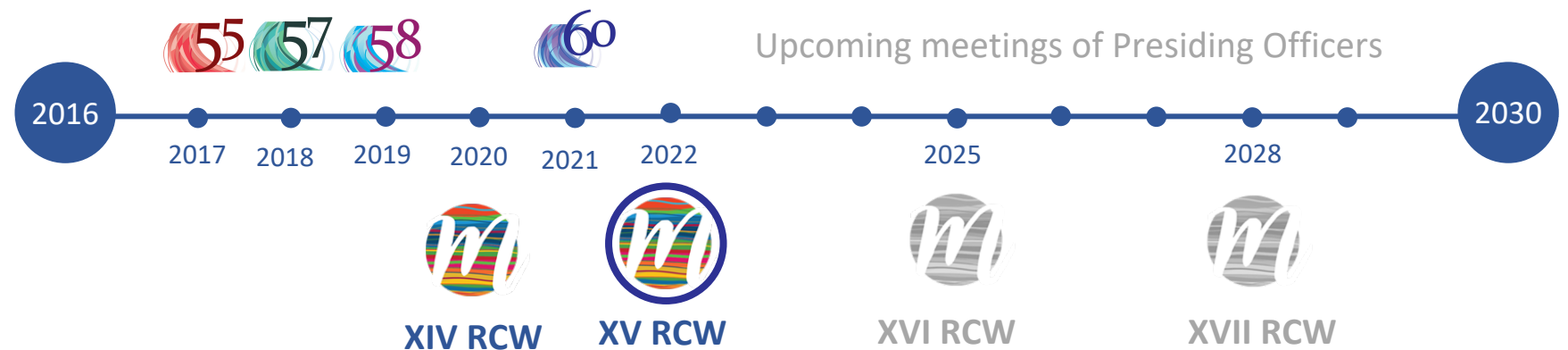
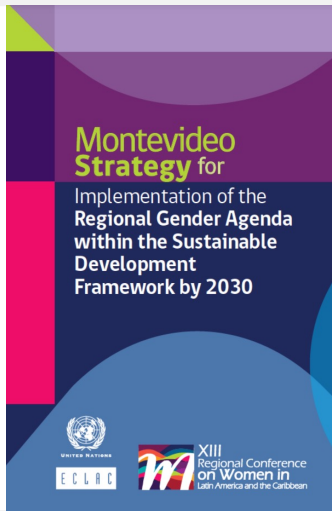
*Argentina,  
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Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

# Montevideo Strategy: A Strategy to move from commitments to action

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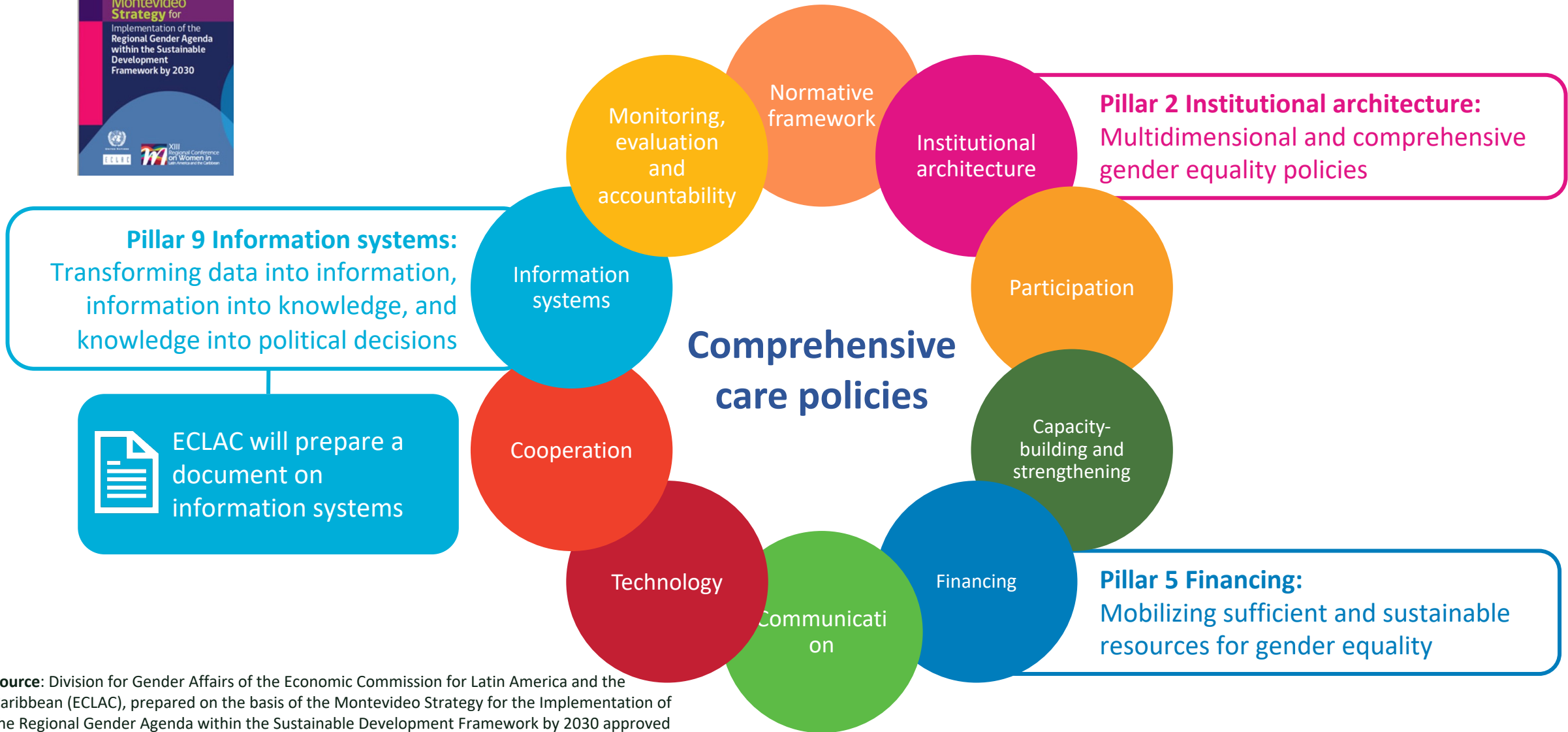
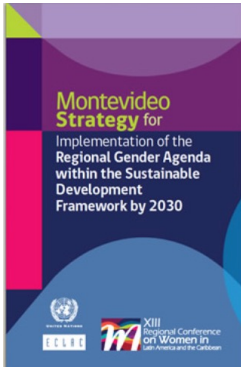
Countries report on progress in the implementation of the Strategy at the meetings of the **Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**



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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



**Source:** Division for Gender Affairs of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), prepared on the basis of the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 approved at the XIII Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (2016).

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



## Topic:

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

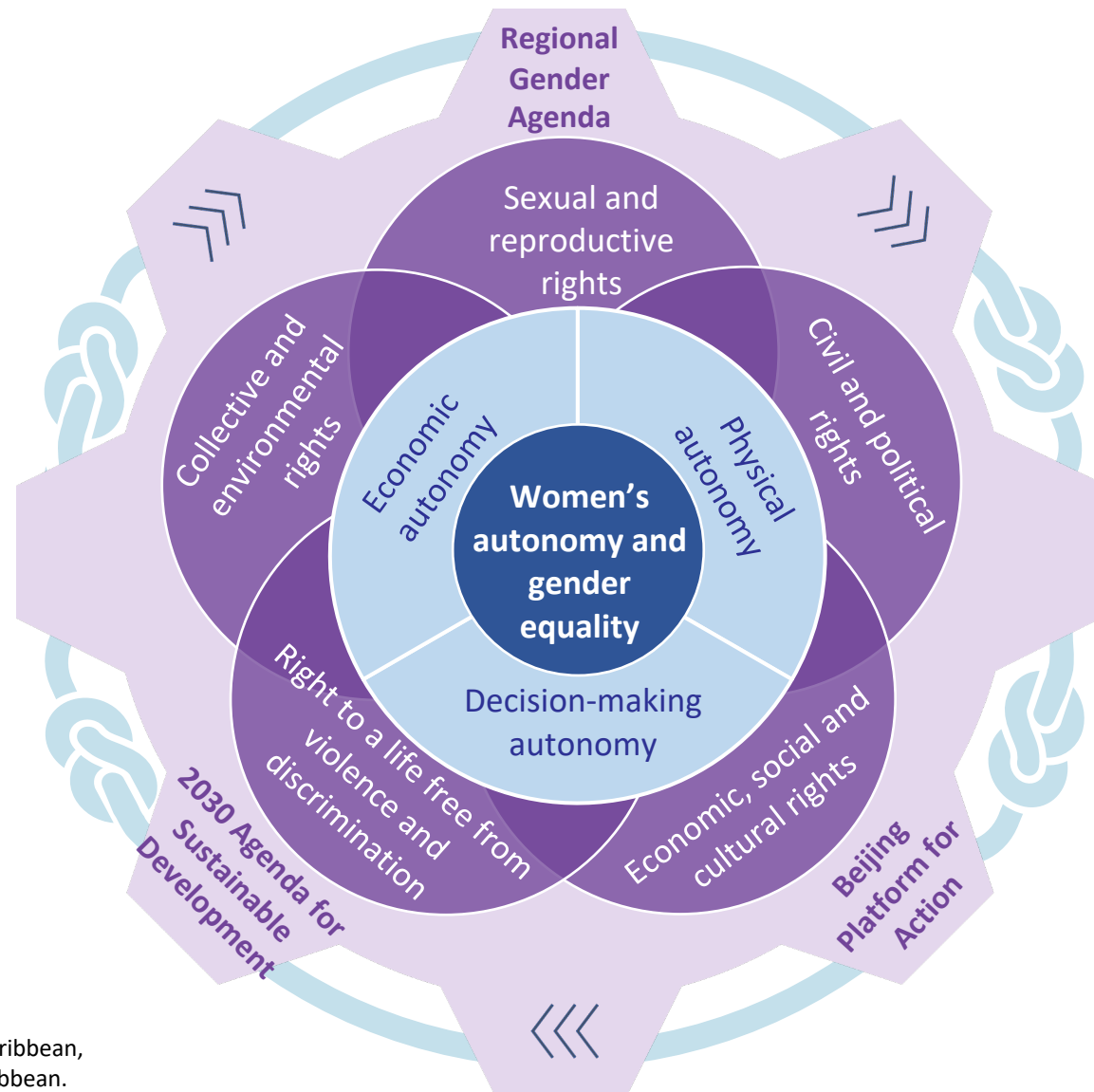
(prepared by ECLAC)

# 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

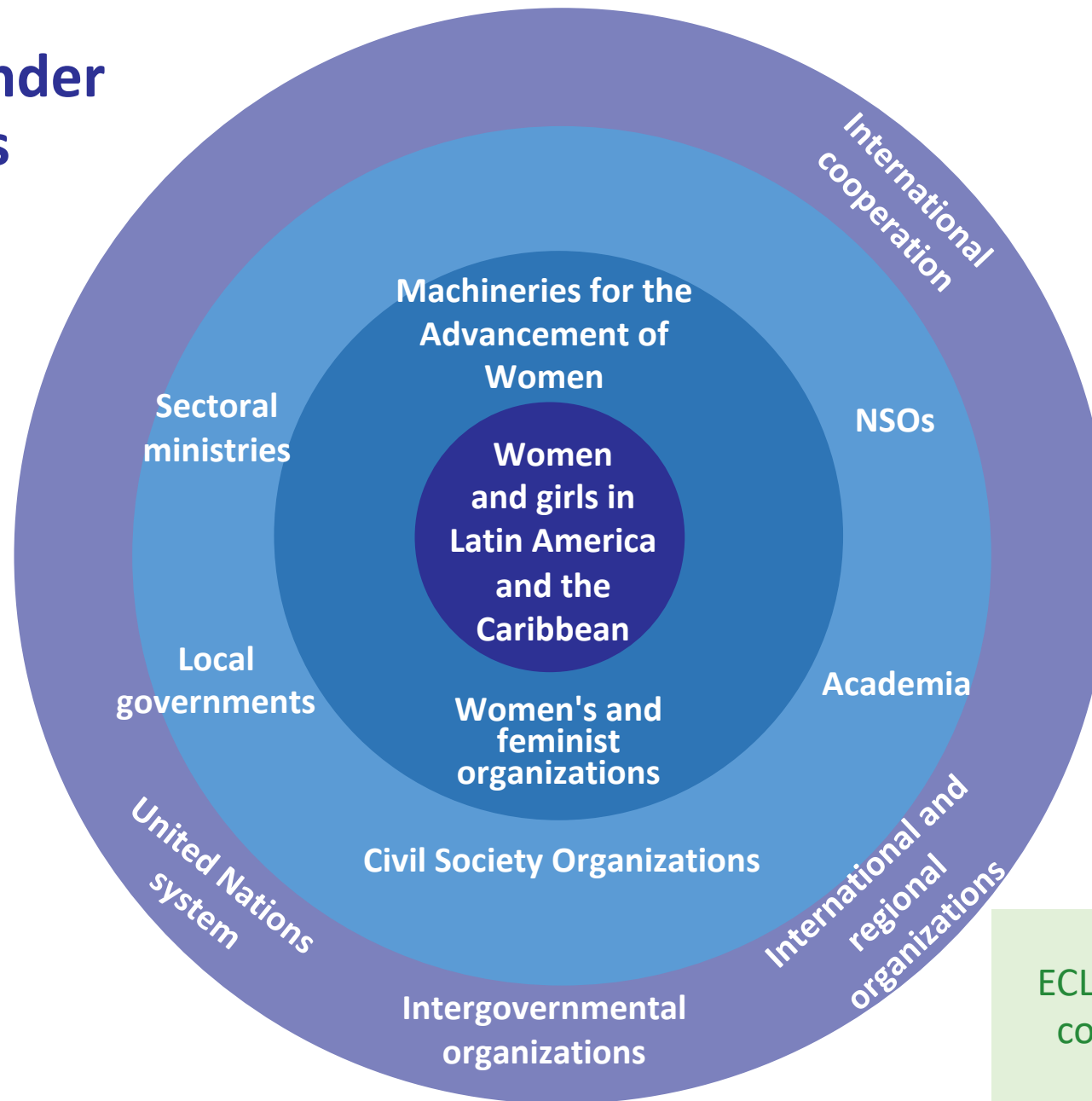
- ✓ That reverses social and gender inequality, in synergy with the environmental dimension and economic development, prioritizing the sustainability of life and care for the planet
- ✓ That generates multiplier effects in terms of well-being and as a driver for a transformative recovery with equality 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



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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