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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

Quantify and value the economic contribution of unpaid work
Mar del Plata (1994)

Financial and technical cooperation for research on unpaid labor
Santiago (1997)

Recognize the economic contribution of unpaid work
Lima (2000)

Information systems that take into account time use
Mexico (2004)

Periodic measurement of time use and incorporation of unpaid work into the system of national accounts
Quito (2007)

Promote satellite accounts on unpaid domestic work
Brasilia (2010)

Public budgets for time-use surveys
Santo Domingo (2013)

Information Systems: Strengthening Time Use Surveys
Montevideo (2016), Santiago (2020)

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

- Social reproduction, caregiving and well-being 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

Regional Gender Agenda

Santiago Commitment

Agreement “an opportunity to promote recovery plans that strengthen the care economy as a dynamic sector”

“Towards a care society for recovery with gender equality and sustainability”

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Roadmap to the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

62nd Meeting of Presiding Officers and Regional Consultation prior to the 66th CSW
26 and 27 of January 2022

3rd Expert Group Meeting
March 2022
Topic of discussion:
Sustainability of life and care for the planet

4th Expert Group Meeting
April 2022
Topic of discussion:
Financing of care policies

ECLAC as Technical Secretariat in coordination with UN-Women
Roadmap to the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Preparatory meeting
  - June 2022
  - Information session and discussions on the Position Paper of the XV RCW

- 63rd Meeting of the Presiding Officers
  - November 2022

- XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
  - ECLAC as Technical Secretariat in coordination with UN-Women
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

1
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

2
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

Pillar 9 Information systems: Transforming data into information, information into knowledge, and knowledge into political decisions

ECLAC will prepare a document on information systems

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

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

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

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

ECLAC as Technical Secretariat in coordination with UN-Women
We will continue building the path towards the Care Society in Argentina 2022

Havana Programme of Action 1977
Mar del Plata Programme of Action 1994
Santiago Consensus 1997
Mexico Consensus 2004
Quito Consensus 2007
Brasilia Consensus 2010
Santo Domingo Consensus 2013
Montevideo Strategy 2016
Santiago Commitment 2020
Agreement of ECLAC Member States 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.

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