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Sixtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference
on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Virtual meeting, 23–25 February 2021

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

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) that brings together government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and promote the incorporation of the gender perspective and the guarantee of women's human rights in public policies in countries of the region, in order to make progress towards women's autonomy.

In consultation with the Government of Chile, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago in January 2020, the Presiding Officers agreed to hold their sixtieth meeting in virtual format from 23 to 25 February 2021. The meeting is being organized by ECLAC, as secretariat of the Conference, in coordination with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

At the sixtieth meeting, delegations will report on the implementation of the Santiago Commitment, taking into account the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. In addition, a special regional consultation session will be held prior to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Presiding Officers will receive reports on the outcomes of relevant meetings. In particular, the outcomes of the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC and of the meetings of other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC held since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, as will their linkages with the Santiago Commitment, will be reviewed.

High-level panels will be held on the links between international trade and gender equality and on the challenges and opportunities for women's autonomy in relation to climate change. In addition, the meeting will consider the report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements, as well as other matters.

B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have before them the following provisional agenda for consideration and adoption:¹

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. High-level panel: Women's autonomy in recovery with gender equality.
3. Report by the secretariat on activities carried out since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

¹ LC/MDM.60/1/Rev.1.

4. Report on the outcomes of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the outcomes of the meetings of other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC held since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
5. Reports by the countries on the implementation of the Santiago Commitment in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Report on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements.
7. High-level panels: The role of international trade for recovery with gender equality and Challenges of climate change for a sustainable recovery with equality.
8. Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of agreements.

2. High-level panel: Women's autonomy in recovery with gender equality

This panel will address proposals for a sustainable recovery with gender equality. There will be a discussion on the effects of the crisis caused by COVID-19 on women's autonomy and rights in Latin America and the Caribbean and an exchange of ideas on the measures implemented by the governments of the region.

The representatives of member States will then be invited to ask questions or make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

Reference document:

- The economic autonomy of women in a sustainable recovery with equality, COVID-19 Special Report, No. 9

3. Report by the secretariat on activities carried out since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will report on the activities carried out at the regional level since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in January 2020.

The secretariat's report will encompass, among other topics, the technical assistance provided to governments in the region, activities relating to the Santiago Commitment, and the updating of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and of gender-related content under the "Measures and actions at the national level" section of the COVID-19 Observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reference documents:

- Report of the fifty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/MDM.59/2)
- Report of the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CRM.14/7)
- Santiago Commitment: a regional instrument to respond to the COVID-19 crisis with gender equality

4. Report on the outcomes of the thirty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the outcomes of the meetings of other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC held since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The secretariat will report on the outcomes of the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC and the outcomes of the meetings of other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC held since the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean: the nineteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (25–27 August 2020), the twenty-eighth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) (10 September 2020), the seventh Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (23–26 November 2020) and the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (13 January 2021).

Reference documents:

- Building a New Future: Transformative Recovery with Equality and Sustainability (LC/SES.38/3-P/Rev.1)
- Draft report of the thirty-eighth session of ECLAC (LC/SES.38/PINF)
- Report of the twenty-eighth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/2020/6)
- Report of the nineteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.19/4)
- Draft report of the seventh Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CMSI.7/PINF)

5. Reports by the countries on the implementation of the Santiago Commitment in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Further to paragraph 40 of the Santiago Commitment, governments may report voluntarily on their progress in the implementation of the Commitment at the meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The member States of ECLAC will provide brief oral reports on the activities carried out since the adoption of the Santiago Commitment, highlighting its contribution to the guarantee of women's rights in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Report on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements

The report on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements will be presented. This will be followed by an opportunity to make statements.

7. High-level panels: The role of international trade for recovery with gender equality and Challenges of climate change for a sustainable recovery with equality

Two panels will be held under this agenda item. Panellists will comprise government and civil society representatives and experts, who will discuss the links between international trade and gender equality and the challenges and opportunities for women's autonomy in relation to climate change.

The representatives of member States will then be invited to ask questions or make statements, after which the floor will be opened to other participants.

Reference document:

- International Trade Outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2020 (LC/PUB.2020/21-P)

8. Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held in New York, from 15 to 26 March 2021, with the priority theme "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

This special session will provide an opportunity for discussion on the subject in Latin America and the Caribbean. The outcomes of this consultation are expected to provide input from the region to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

9. Other matters

Under this item, delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

10. Adoption of agreements

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will consider and adopt the agreements of their sixtieth meeting.