

Sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women
in Latin America and the Caribbean

Virtual meeting, 26–27 January 2022

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(Chilean time, GMT-3)

Wednesday, 26 January

- 10 – 10.40 a.m. Opening session of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
 - María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
 - Mónica Zalaquett, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 10.40 – 10.45 a.m. Adoption of the agenda
- 10.45 a.m. – 11.45 p.m. Report on the Regional Alliance for Women’s Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean and on national initiatives
- Mónica Zalaquett, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Statements by delegations
- 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements
- Mónica Zalaquett, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Nadine Gasman, President of the National Women's Institute (INMUJERES) of Mexico, donor country and member of the secretariat of the Regional Fund
- María Eugenia Romero, Representative of women's and feminist organizations and movements that are part of the Board of Directors of the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements
- Cecilia Alemany, Deputy Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Statements by delegations

12.45 – 2.30 p.m.

Recess

2.30 – 5 p.m.

Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Moderator: María Cristina Perceval, Secretary for Equality and Diversity Policies of the Ministry for Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and representative of the country serving as Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

Introductory remarks

Global trends in gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Sima Bahous, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
- María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women

Panel discussion on “Gender equality, women’s autonomy and climate change policies”

Presentation of the document “Women’s autonomy and gender equality at the centre of climate action in Latin America and the Caribbean”

- Lorena Aguilar, specialist in gender equality and climate change and consultant in the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

Comments

- Leonor Zalabata Torres, Human Rights Defender, Tayrona Indigenous Confederation – Organization of the Arhuaco People of Colombia

- Fleur Newman, Action Empowerment Unit Lead under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Gender Focal Point and Focal Point for Women for the UNFCCC Secretariat
- Ayesha Constable, Founder of Young People for Action on Climate Change Jamaica
- Marcela Guerrero, Minister for the Status of Women and Executive President of the National Institute for Women (INAMU) of Costa Rica and co-leader of the Action Coalition “Feminist action for climate justice” of the Generation Equality Forum (pre-recorded video)

Discussion and statements by the delegations

Thursday, 27 January

10 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (continued)

Panel discussion on “Gender equality, women’s autonomy and disaster risk reduction policies”

Moderator: Adis King, Minister for Youth Development and Empowerment, Youth at Risk, Gender Affairs, Seniors’ Security and Dominicans with Disabilities of Dominica

Introductory remarks

- Nahuel Arenas García, Deputy Chief of the Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Presentation of the document “Towards gender equality and women’s leadership for resilience in the face of disaster risks in Latin America and the Caribbean”

- Daniela C. Beltrame and María del Pilar Medina, consultants with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Comments

- Dean Jonas, Minister of Social Transformation, Human Resource Development and the Blue Economy of Antigua and Barbuda, in his capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Ana Leticia Aguilar, Presidential Secretary for Women of Guatemala and President pro tempore of the Council of Ministers for Women’s Affairs of Central America and the Dominican Republic
- Ruth Spencer, Chair of the Marine Ecosystems Protected Area (MEPA) Trust of Antigua and Barbuda

Discussion and statements by the delegations

- 11.30 – 11.45 a.m. Presentation of the declaration of the Feminist Forum organized by the Committee of Non- Governmental Organizations on the Condition of Women from Latin America and the Caribbean (CoNGO CSW LAC)
- Valeria Vázquez, Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Young People for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (RedLAC)
 - Milena Páramo, Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women’s Rights (CLADEM)
- 11.45 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. Presentation of the declaration of the ministers and high-level authorities of the region’s mechanisms for the advancement of women
- Mónica Zalaquett, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 12.05 – 12.15 p.m. *Closing of the special session*
- María Cristina Perceval, Secretary for Equality and Diversity Policies of the Ministry for Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and representative of the country serving as Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)
- 12.15 – 2.30 p.m. Recess
- 2.30 – 3.15 p.m. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, 2022)
- Ana Güzmes García, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC
 - María Cristina Perceval, Secretary for Equality and Diversity Policies of the Ministry for Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and representative of the host country of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Discussion and statements by the delegations
- 3.15 – 3.30 p.m. Other matters
- 3.30 – 4 p.m. Consideration and adoption of agreements
- 4 – 4.15 p.m. Closing session
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
 - María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women
 - Mónica Zalaquett, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean