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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

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 full economic, physical and decision-making 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 sixty-second meeting in virtual format from 26 to 27 January 2022. 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 sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers, delegations will share ideas on the preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, 2022). In addition, a special regional consultation session will be held prior to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

In addition, the meeting will consider reports on the Regional Alliance for Women's Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean and on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements.

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. Report on the Regional Alliance for Women's Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean and on national initiatives.
3. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements.
4. Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
5. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. Other matters.
7. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

¹ LC/MDM.62/1.

2. Report on the Regional Alliance for Women’s Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean and on national initiatives

Further to agreement 11 adopted by the Presiding Officers at their sixtieth meeting, the Government of Chile will present a report on the progress of the Regional Alliance for Women’s Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean. This will be followed by an opportunity for statements from governments that are part of the Alliance, as well as any governments wishing to report on initiatives relating to progress on women’s participation and the closing of gender gaps in national digitization processes. Subsequently, the floor will be opened for statements by country representatives, and subsequently by the representatives of the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society organizations.

3. Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements.

The report on progress in the Regional Fund in support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements since the sixty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers will be presented. This will be followed by an opportunity to make statements.

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

The sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held in New York, from 14 to 25 March 2022, with the priority theme “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”.

This special session will provide an opportunity for discussion on the subject in Latin America and the Caribbean, and will include panel discussions on “Gender equality, women’s autonomy and climate change policies” and on “Gender equality, women’s autonomy and disaster risk reduction policies”. The outcomes of this consultation are expected to provide input from the region to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Reference document:

Women’s autonomy and gender equality at the centre of climate action in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/MDM.62/DDR/1)

5. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC will present general guidelines for the preparation of countries’ voluntary reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 and the Santiago Commitment, as well as reflections on the content of the position document of the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The presentation will be followed by a statement by Elizabeth Gómez Alcorta, Minister 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. The floor will then be opened for statements by country representatives, and subsequently by the representatives of the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society organizations.

6. Other matters

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

7. Consideration and 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 sixty-second meeting.