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

Hybrid meeting, 11 and 12 October 2023

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
(Chilean time, GMT-3)

Wednesday, 11 October

- 10–10.30 a.m. Opening session of the sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Daniel Titelman, Chief of the Economic Development Division 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)
 - Ayelén Mazzina, Minister for Women, Genders and Diversity of Argentina
- 10.30–10.35 a.m. Adoption of the agenda
- 10.35–11.45 a.m. Panel discussion on synergies between the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC
- Moderator: Jimena Arias, Social Affairs Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission
- Xavier Mancero, Officer in charge of the Statistics Division of ECLAC
 - Andrea Sanhueza, Environmental Affairs Officer in the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC, Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement

- Simone Cecchini, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC
- Silvia Saravia, Economic Affairs Officer in Natural Resources Division of ECLAC
- Alberto Arenas de Mesa, Chief of the Social Development Division of ECLAC

Comments:

- Antonia Orellana, Minister of Women's Affairs and Gender Equity of Chile
- Vindhya Persaud, Minister of Human Services and Social Security of Guyana

Statements by delegations (virtual)

11.45 a.m.– noon

Coffee break

noon–1 p.m.

Report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements

- Report of the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Fund, presented by Ayelén Mazzina, Minister for Women, Genders and Diversity of Argentina
- Report of the Americas and the Caribbean Regional Office of UN-Women, in its capacity as administrative body, by Cecilia Alemany, Deputy Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women
- Rocío Rosero, member of the Coalición Nacional de Mujeres del Ecuador, as a representative of women's and feminist organizations

Statements by delegations

1–2.30 p.m.

Break

2.30–3.15 p.m.

Initiative for a biregional pact on care between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union

- María Cristina Perceval, Special Representative for Feminist Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina
- Irene Montero, Minister of Equality of the Government of Spain
- Leire Pajín, Chair of the EU-LAC Foundation (by video)
- Lucy Garrido, Coordinator of Cotidiano Mujer and member of Articulación Feminista Marcosur

Statements by delegations

3.15–5 p.m.

Discussion on the themes of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 2025).

Document presented by Ana Gúezmes García, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

Comments:

- Ayelén Mazzina, Minister for Women, Genders and Diversity of Argentina, the country serving 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 (virtual)

Statements by delegations

Thursday, 12 October

10–11.45 a.m.

Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, whose priority theme is “Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective”

Introductory remarks:

- María del Carmen Squeff, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women designated by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (virtual)

Presentations by:

- María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women
- Ana Güezmes García, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

Panel 1: Inequality, poverty, social protection and care

- Mayra Jiménez, Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic
- Rosane da Silva, National Secretary for Economic Autonomy and Care Policies in the Ministry of Women of Brazil (in-person) and Laís Abramo, National Secretary for Care and Family, Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family Affairs and the Fight against Hunger of Brazil (virtual)
- Dulce Patricia Torres Sandoval, member of the Coordinadora Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas (CONAMI), representing the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)
- Myriam Moïse, Associate Professor at Université des Antilles in Martinique, General Secretary of Universities Caribbean

Discussion and statements by delegations

11.45 a.m.–noon

Coffee break

- noon–1 p.m. Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (continued)
- Panel 2: Institutional architecture and financing
- Juana Herrera, Minister for Women’s Affairs of Panama
 - Andrea Simon, Principal Delegate to the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Ministry of People’s Empowerment and Elder Affairs of Barbados (virtual)
 - Corina Rodríguez, Researcher at the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET) of Argentina and member of the Executive Committee of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) (virtual)
- Discussion and statements by delegations
- 1–2.30 p.m. Break
- 2.30–2.40 p.m. Presentation of the declaration of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations on the Condition of Women from Latin America and the Caribbean (CoNGO CSW LAC)
- 2.40–3.30 p.m. Special session: regional consultation prior to the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (continued)
- Discussion and statements by delegations
- 3.30–4 p.m. Other matters
- 4–4.15 p.m. Consideration and adoption of agreements
- 4.15–4.30 p.m. Closing session
- Daniel Titelman, Chief of the Economic Development Division of ECLAC
 - María-Noel Vaeza, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women
 - Ayelén Mazzina, Minister for Women, Genders and Diversity of Argentina