
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

AGREEMENTS

At their sixty-fifth meeting, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Reaffirm* once again the commitment to take all necessary and progressive measures so that States, as duty bearers, accelerate the effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Regional Gender Agenda, strengthening gender equality institutions and architecture through the prioritization at the highest level of machineries for the advancement of women, including at the ministerial or equivalent level, reinforcing the role of these mechanisms as the governing bodies of policies on gender equality and women's rights and autonomy, and ensuring that gender equality is mainstreamed throughout the State structure, and by increasing the allocation of financial, technical and human resources, gender budgeting, and monitoring and accountability, with civic participation;

2. *Reiterate* the call to advance recovery plans with proactive measures to achieve substantive equality that foster comprehensive care systems, decent work and the full, significant and equal participation of women in all their diversity in positions of leadership in strategic sectors of the economy for a transformative recovery with gender equality aimed at the sustainability of life and for the transition to a care society;

3. *Take note* of the *Guidelines for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production (Summary)*, endorsed at the twelfth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which will serve as a regional standard and help to strengthen gender information systems;

4. *Highlight* the synergies between the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, other subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and intergovernmental meetings convened by the Commission, and celebrate the progress made in women's rights and, in particular, sexual and reproductive rights, in the framework of the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development 10 years after its adoption;

5. *Take note* of the report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements, presented by its Board of Directors, which refers to the second call for proposals from women's and feminist movements and organizations and networks in November 2023, ratify the participation of Colombia and Mexico as members of the Board, and take note of the inclusion of Panama as a member of the Board for the current period, under the leadership of Argentina, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

6. *Encourage* once again the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean and of other regions, developed countries, the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders to contribute financial resources to ensure the sustainability of the Regional Fund in Support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements, and thank Colombia and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for their cooperation with the Fund for the second call for grants launched by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, in its capacity as administrative body;

7. *Also encourage* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in coordination with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the EU-LAC Foundation, to advance a biregional compact for care between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union, with a view to promoting cooperation among the countries of both regions on comprehensive care policies and systems with a gender perspective, in the framework of the implementation of the Buenos Aires Commitment and the European Care Strategy, and fostering cooperation initiatives in this area with other regions of the world;

8. *Adopt* the subject of political, economic, social, cultural and environmental transformations as a means of advancing the care society and gender equality as the central theme of discussion at the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, taking into account the contributions made at this sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers;

9. *Thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for their co-organization of the regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean prior to the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, within the framework of this sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers;

10. *Congratulate* the Government of Argentina, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on the success of this sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers and the regional consultation in preparation for the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held within the framework of this meeting of the Presiding Officers;

11. *Welcome* the declaration adopted at the regional consultation prior to the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in the framework of the sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

12. *Request* the Government of Argentina, in its capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, to present the declaration adopted at the regional consultation and the agreements of the sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held in March 2024.