The Tlatelolco Commitment: its importance in strengthening partnerships and implementation mechanisms to achieve a decade of action for gender equality

The Tlatelolco Commitment: A decade of action to accelerate the achievement of substantive gender equality and a care society in synergy with SDG 17

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The Care Society: An indispensable transformation for a paradigm shift

- Latin America and the Caribbean must continue advancing toward **substantive equality** and the construction of a **care society as an essential transformation** to achieve more productive, inclusive, and sustainable development.

- The care crisis—exacerbated by population aging and the effects of climate change—has surpassed the capacity of services, infrastructure, and caregivers.

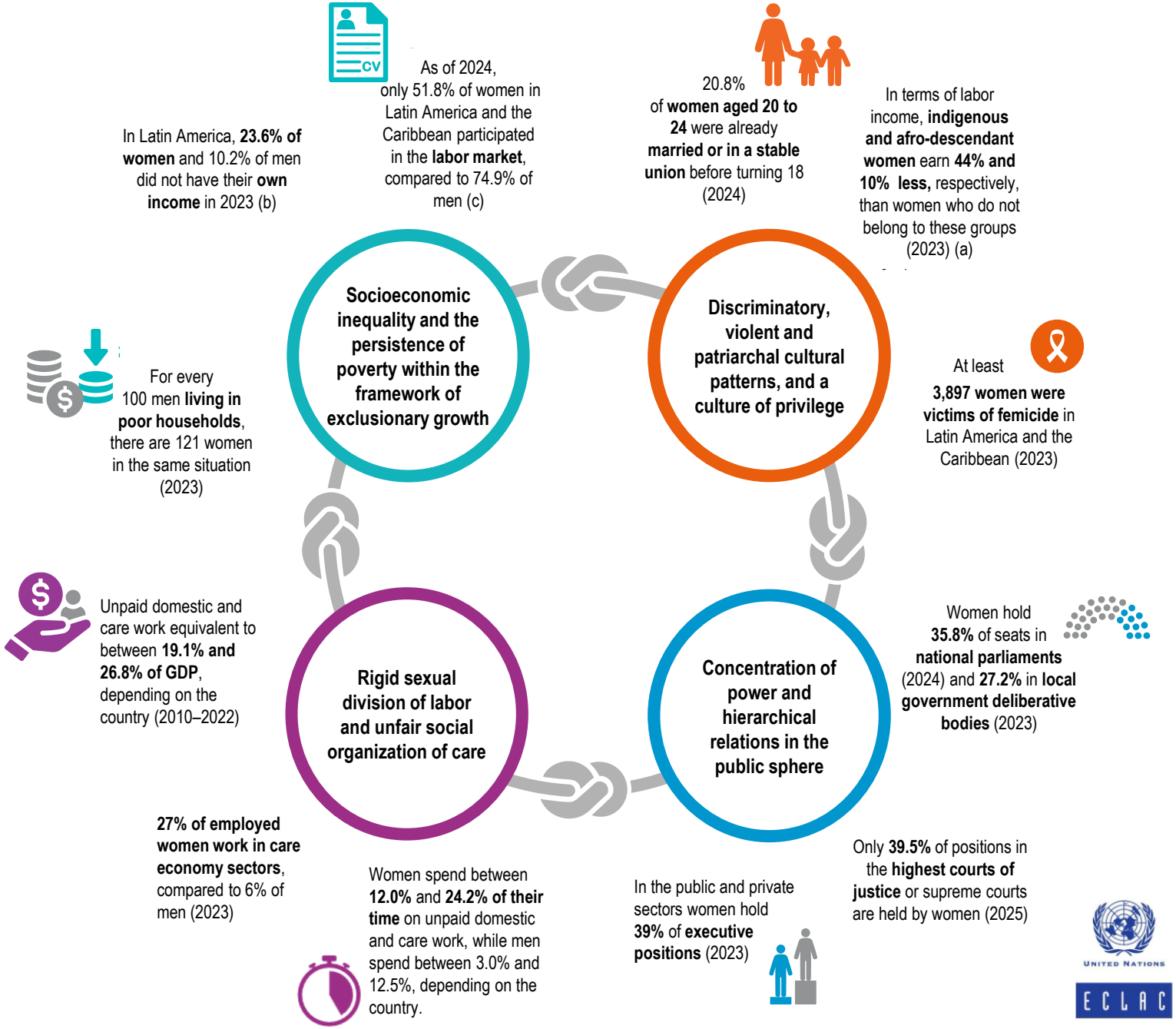
- Despite efforts, **the structural challenges of gender inequality persist in the region.**

- Therefore, it is necessary to move forward in recognizing care as a **need, a human right, a global public good, and a key driver of the economy.**

- It is essential to accelerate progress toward a **care society** that prioritizes the sustainability of life and the care of people and the planet, and to **guarantee the right to care**, which requires promoting social dialogue, coordination among local, national, regional, and global levels, multi-stakeholder action, and making the **necessary investments at sufficient and sustainable levels.**

Gender inequality is expressed in four structural challenges that limit women's autonomy and the full enjoyment of their rights

To progress towards gender equality and the care society is one of the **11 major transformations** to overcome development traps.



Sources: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), based on the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean (GEO); CEPALSTAT [online database]; Household Survey Data Bank (BADEHOG); and the Repository on Time Use in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Notes:
a. Hourly income in purchasing power parity (PPP) dollars. Weighted average of: Bolivia (includes only the variable of Indigenous identity), Brazil, Chile (includes only Indigenous identity), Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico (includes only Indigenous identity), Panama, Peru, and Uruguay.
b. Calculated using as total the population aged 15 and older whose main activity is not studying.
c. Corresponds to the average of 21 countries, as presented in the Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2025.

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A DECADE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIVE GENDER EQUALITY AND THE CARE SOCIETY

The member States of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean participating in the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered from 12 to 15 August 2025 in Tlatelolco, Mexico City, where the first World Conference on Women was held 50 years ago (1975),

Bearing in mind the obligations assumed by States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979) and the Optional Protocol thereto, the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belém do Pará, 1994), and other relevant treaties, agreements and conventions, which establish an international legal framework for protecting, upholding and ensuring the human rights of all women, adolescents and girls on the basis of the principles of equality and non-discrimination,

Confirming the continued relevance of the commitments undertaken by the member States of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean since 1977 that make up the Regional Gender Agenda, in particular, the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, adopted in 2016, and the Buenos Aires Commitment, adopted in 2022, and reaffirming the commitment to accelerate its full and effective implementation, in synergy with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which marks its thirtieth anniversary this year, and other international and regional commitments on women's human rights and gender equality,

Recognizing that the current social organization of care in Latin America and the Caribbean is unjust and unequal, and historically, has affected, in particular, Indigenous and Afrodescendent women, adolescents and girls, and acknowledging their significant contribution to the development of societies and the importance of ensuring their full, equal and meaningful participation in all aspects of society,

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- Establishes a **decade of action, 2025–2035,** in Latin America and the Caribbean to accelerate the achievement of substantive gender equality and the care society.
- **Care society: a new paradigm** for sustainable development, equality and peace.
- Care as a **necessity, a human right, a global public good and a key driver of the economy.**
- **Agreements focus on:** normative framework, institutional architecture, participation and strengthening of State capacities; Financing and cooperation; and information, communication and technology systems, monitoring, evaluation and accountability.
- Highlights the **commitment to renewed multilateralism**, reiterates support for the United Nations system and includes requests for joint work.

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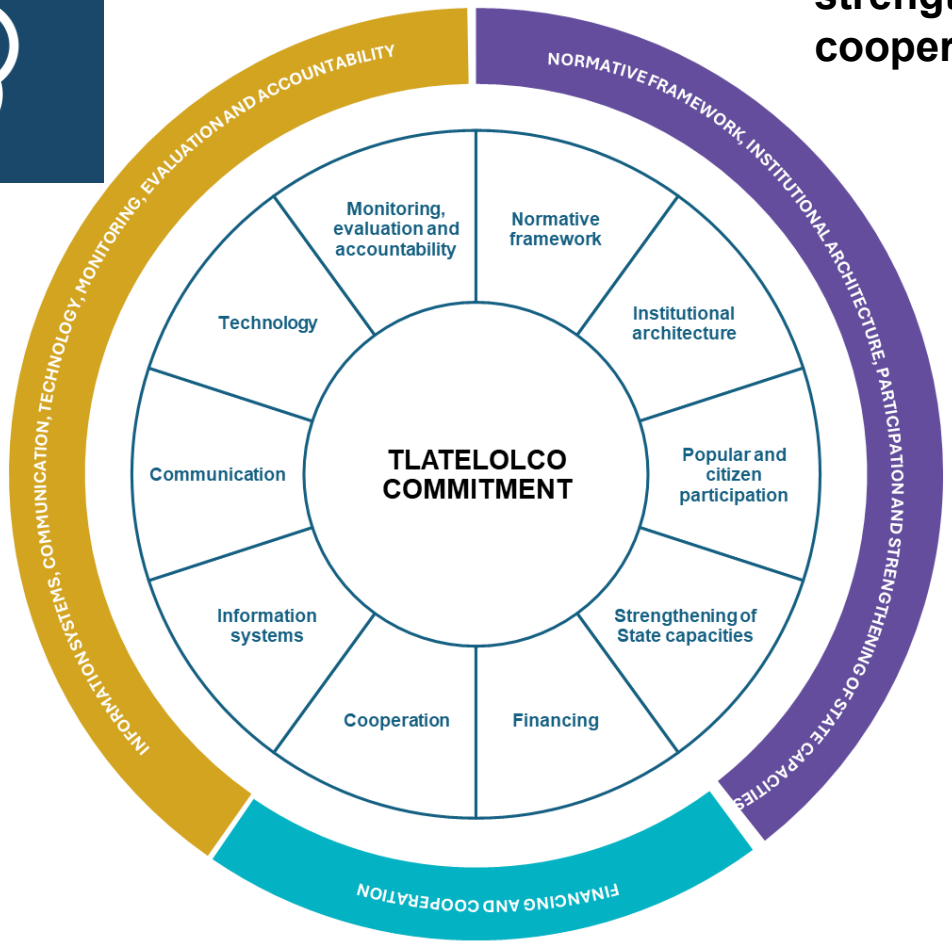
The Tlatelolco Commitment in synergy with SDG 17: focus on the means of implementation

Both instruments promote the mobilization of domestic and international resources and the strengthening of regional and international cooperation as central elements.



- The **Tlatelolco Commitment** establishes agreements in: (a) Normative framework, institutional architecture, participation and strengthening of State capacities; (b) financing and cooperation; and (c) Information systems, communication, technology, monitoring, evaluation and accountability.

- **SDG 17** establishes specific targets on financing, technology, capacity-building, trade, institutional coherence, multi-stakeholder partnerships, data, monitoring and accountability.

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Final reflections: a call for a decade of action

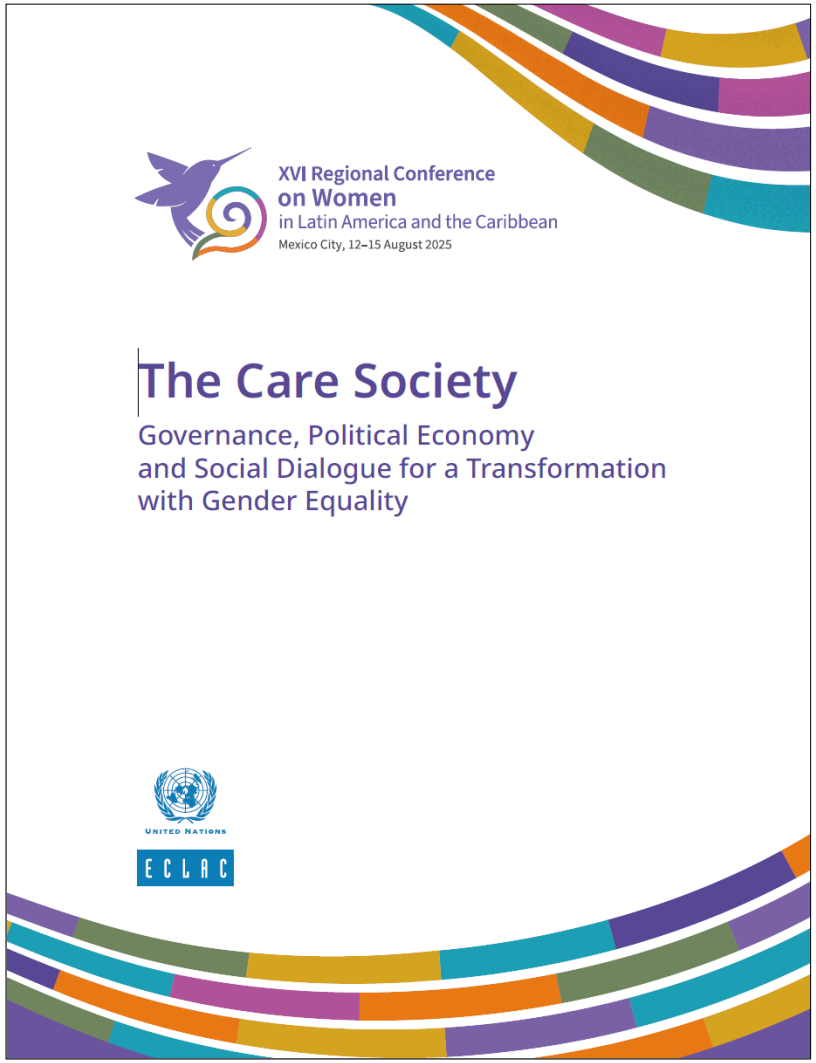
- Advancing the **care society** calls for action and for building a more inclusive, productive and sustainable future, where the care of all people and of the planet is placed at the center of public policies across all sectors and at all levels and branches of government.

- Latin America and the Caribbean call for a **decade of action** to accelerate the achievement of **substantive gender equality** and the care society.

- **The "how" to achieve it:** social dialogue and multistakeholder action to build broad shared visions that sustain transformations and public policies — governance and institutional frameworks, cultural change, international cooperation, sufficient and sustainable financing, and breaking the statistical silence.

- The **Tlatelolco Commitment as part of the Regional Gender Agenda, in synergy with the 2030 Agenda and international human rights commitments**.

- This call is not only urgent, but also unavoidable. Acting today is sowing hope for future generations.



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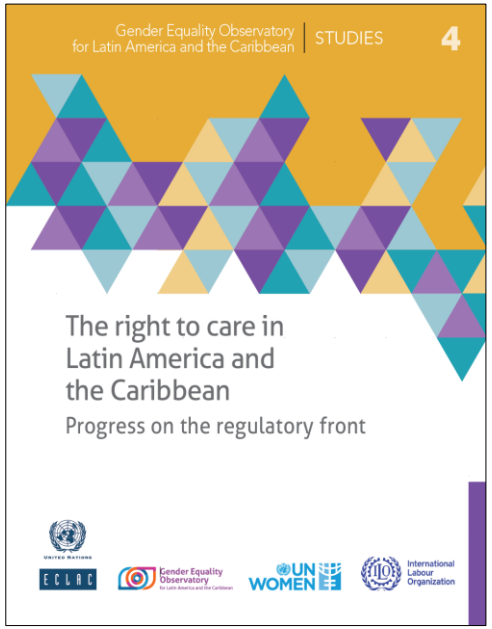

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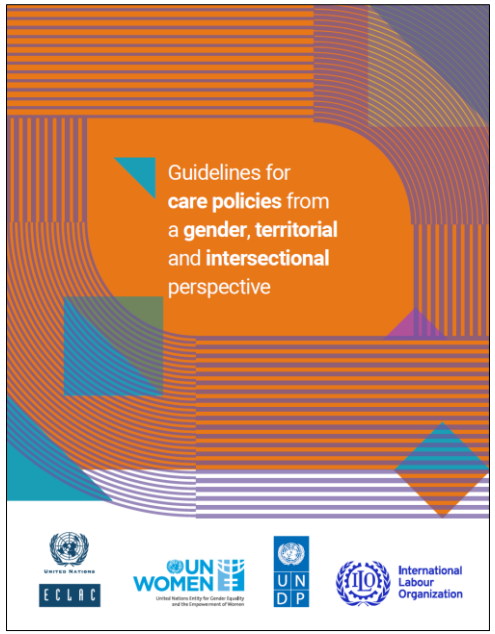

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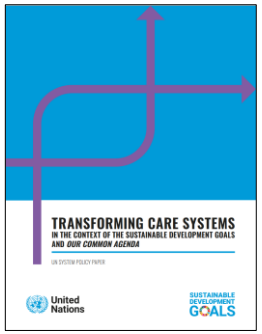

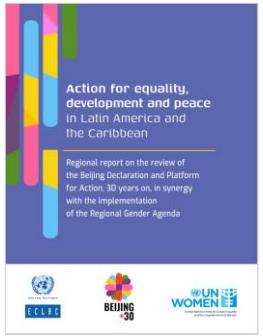

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