



SUB-REGIONAL MEETING

**GENDER EQUALITY OBSERVATORY
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**Venue – St Lucian by Rex Resorts
Reduit Beach, Rodney Bay, St. Lucia**

14 June 2010

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Background

The meeting is convened by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and the preparatory process for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is to take place in Brasilia, Brazil, from 13 to 16 July 2010.

Objectives

- i) To provide an update to the Caribbean member states on the status of available data for their countries in the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean;
- ii) To discuss the progress made and challenges faced by the Caribbean countries to obtain statistical information on the Observatory's strategic indicators in relation to the three main areas of interest / the three autonomies of women: physical autonomy, autonomy in decision-making and economic autonomy;
- iii) To inform on the elaboration of the position paper of the eleventh Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean *What kind of State? What kind of Equality?* and comment on the lack of data or official information from countries in the Caribbean; and presentation of the preliminary version of the Brasilia Consensus.

Expected results:

- i) To agree on a set of short-term activities for the improvement of statistical data production with a gender perspective in the Caribbean, within the framework of the Gender Equality Observatory;
- ii) To develop an action plan to define strategies for advancing the development of information and identify technical assistance needs for the future.

Participants

Representatives of national mechanisms for the advancement of women and national statistical offices of the Caribbean countries, CARICOM and ECLAC together with a few academic experts.



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| 8:00 – 8:30 am | Registration of participants |
| 8:30 – 8:45 am | Welcome remarks
Mr. Hirohito Toda, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Barbara Adams-Lobato de Mesquita, Deputy Programme Manager, Regional Statistics, CARICOM Secretariat

Hon. Keith Mondesir, Minister, Ministry of Health, Wellness, Family Affairs, National Mobilization, Human Services and Gender Relations of Saint Lucia (<i>to be confirmed</i>) |
| 8:45 – 9:45 am | Gender Equality Observatory of Latin America and the Caribbean

Ms. Sonia Montaña, Director a.i., Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC

<i>Presentation of the three thematic areas of the Observatory: women's autonomy and related available data in the Caribbean countries</i> |
| 9:45 – 10:00 am | Information available at CARICOM to measure the strategic indicators of the Observatory

Barbara Adams-Lobato de Mesquita, Deputy Programme Manager, Regional Statistics, CARICOM Secretariat |
| 10:00 – 10:15 am | Coffee Break |
| 10:15 – 11:45 am | Presentation by each country on statistics available at national level in the three areas defined by the Observatory (5 minutes each) |

11:45 am–1:00 pm **Discussion: Identification of problems and potential solutions**
Moderator: Ms. Sonia Montaña, Director a.i., Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC

1:00 – 2:30 pm Lunch

Group 1: Strengthening of the implementation in the Caribbean of the Gender Equality Observatory

2:30 – 5:15 pm **Working group on the collection of indicators for the Gender Equality Observatory**

Moderator: Mr. Sylvan Roberts, Statistician, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Ms. Alejandra Valdés, Technical coordinator of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

Ms. Vivian Milosavljevic, Statistician, Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC

Group 2: Preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

2:30 – 3:00 pm **Presentation of the position document *What kind of State? What kind of Equality?***

Ms. Sonia Montaña, Director a.i., Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC

3:00 – 3:45 pm Comments of delegations

3:45 – 4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00 – 4:15 **Presentation of the preliminary version of the Brasilia Consensus**

Ms. Lourdes Bandeira, Under Secretary for Planning of the Special Secretariat of Policies for Women of Brazil SPM/PR

4:15 – 5:15 Comments of delegations

5:15 – 6:00 **Follow-up activities toward the eleventh session of the Regional Conference**

Moderator: Ms. Charms Gaspard, Director, Division of Gender Relations, Saint Lucia

6:00 **Closing words**

Mr. Hirohito Toda, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean