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Forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers  
of the Regional Conference on Women in  
Latin America and the Caribbean

Port of Spain, 7-8 July 2009

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## **A. BACKGROUND**

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). It brings together Government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality.

In consultation with the Government of Ecuador, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held in Quito in August 2007, and in response to the invitation of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, it was agreed to convene the forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers on 7 and 8 July 2009 in Port of Spain.

At this meeting, the analysis of the Presiding Officers will focus on the main regional challenges identified by the Governments in their response to the Questionnaire on Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) and the Outcome of the Twenty-Third Special Session of the General Assembly (2000), as well as preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, July 2010).

Presentations will also be given on the website of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and on the progress of the Secretary-General's campaign to end violence against women.

## **B. ANNOTATED AGENDA**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda<sup>1</sup>**

Delegations will have the following provisional agenda before them for adoption or amendment (LC/L.3030(MDM.43/1)):

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Analysis of the main regional challenges identified by the Governments in their response to the Questionnaire on Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) and the Outcome of the Twenty-Third Special Session of the General Assembly (2000)
3. Preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, July 2010)
4. Presentation of the website of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

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<sup>1</sup> Once the agenda has been adopted, each agenda item will be afforded the time necessary bearing in mind the two days' duration of the forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. Report on the progress of the Secretary-General's campaign to end violence against women
6. Adoption of agreements
7. Other matters

**2. Analysis of the main regional challenges identified by the Governments in their response to the Questionnaire on Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) and the Outcome of the Twenty-Third Special Session of the General Assembly (2000)**

The secretariat will present a preliminary summary of the responses given by the countries of the region to the Questionnaire sent by the Division for the Advancement of Women in preparation for the commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing +15).

The Presiding Officers will examine the challenges for the countries of the region arising from analysis of the Questionnaire, with a view to the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and those posed by the effects of the economic and financial crisis on the employment of women in all sectors of the labour market.

The secretariat will report to the Presiding Officers on the Inter-agency seminar on progress in Latin America and the Caribbean in the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development; the seminar will be held to mark the fifteenth anniversary of that Conference (ICPD+15) (Santiago, 3 and 4 September 2009).

**Reference document:**

- Commission on the Status of Women: Report on the fifty-third session (New York, 2-13 March 2009) (E/2009/27)

**3. Preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Brasilia, July 2010)**

The secretariat will present its proposal of work for the preparation of the position paper for the eleventh Regional Conference on Women.

The representatives of the member countries present will offer comments and recommendations.

The secretariat will present its proposal for the organization of work for the eleventh Regional Conference in Brasilia.

The representatives of the member countries present will offer comments and recommendations.

The agencies of the United Nations system will report on their contribution to the organization of the eleventh Regional Conference and to follow-up to Beijing+15.

**Working document:**

- Proposals of the ECLAC secretariat for the preparation of the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2976(MDM.42/3)/Rev.1)

**Reference document:**

- Sarah Gammage and Mónica Orozco (2008), “El trabajo productivo no remunerado dentro del hogar: Guatemala y México”, *Estudios y perspectivas series*, No. 103 (LC/MEX/L.889), Mexico City, ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico

**4. Presentation of the website of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean**

The secretariat will present the progress of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly its website and online database.

The Presiding Officers will offer comments and recommendations in the framework of the first assessment of the Observatory's operation.

**Reference documents:**

- Informe final del Taller internacional de especialistas en sistemas electorales y participación política de las mujeres en el nivel local, Santiago, 15 and 16 January 2009 (DDR/1)
- Friends of the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission on the indicators on violence against women. Note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2009/13)

**5. Report on the progress of the Secretary-General's campaign to end violence against women**

A report will be given on the progress of the programme of activities for 2008-2015 of the Secretary-General's campaign to end violence against women.

The secretariat will report on the progress at the global level, particularly in relation to the indicators on violence against women recommended by the United Nations Statistical Commission.

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will give an account of regional progress, especially in relation to the implementation of the campaign's programme of work. The report will cover inter-agency measures and actions related to the campaign entitled “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence”. The Governments will also be asked to consider the issues to which priority should be afforded in the region.

The member countries whose representatives serve as Presiding Officers will report on the activities related to the campaign at the national level and will analyse the issues that should guide the calendar of annual activities for the inter-agency working group of the United Nations system up to 2015.

**Reference documents:**

- United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign, Communications Plan 2008-2009
- United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign, Framework for Action: Programme of United Nations Activities and Expected Outcomes 2008-2015

**6. Adoption of agreements**

The member countries whose representatives serve as Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of the forty-third session.

**7. Other matters**

Any other matters raised by the delegations will be considered under this item.