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Fifty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of  
the Regional Conference on Women in Latin  
America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 17-19 November 2014

## **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) that brings together Government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and promote the gender perspective in regional policies.

In consultation with the Government of the Dominican Republic, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers elected at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santo Domingo in October 2013, the Presiding Officers agreed to hold their fifty-first meeting in Santiago from 17 to 19 November 2014.

At this meeting, the Presiding Officers will consider the activities for the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus adopted at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. Representatives of the ECLAC secretariat and national machineries for the advancement of women will report on their participation in meetings that have special relevance for the Presiding Officers. In addition, on this occasion the secretariat will present a new publication prepared by the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC.

In follow-up to the Round table on Beijing+20: outlook and challenges, held in Santo Domingo in 2013), the agenda will include a special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). This will be a forum for discussion and regional consultation on the issue in the region and will be open to participation both by member countries and agencies of the United Nations system, and by representatives of civil society. The conclusions and recommendations will be presented by the Chair of the Regional Conference to the Commission on the Status of Women, at its fifty-ninth session.

## **B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will have before them for their consideration and adoption the following provisional agenda (LC/L.3878 (MDM.51/1)/Rev.1):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Report on the outcomes of the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC; the meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC; the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and

Development in Latin America and the Caribbean; the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean; the Global Forum on Gender Statistics; the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics; and the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

4. Strategy of the Presiding Officers for the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus: analysis of activities carried out during the first year.
  5. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
  6. Presentation of the 2013-2014 report of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.
  7. Special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean.
  8. Other matters.
  9. Adoption of agreements.
- 2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The secretariat will report on the activities carried out at the regional level since the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers, held in May 2014.

Reports will be given on the progress made on projects implemented by the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, the work of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and distance training, among other matters, as well as on progress in mainstreaming the gender perspective in the Commission.

**Reference document:**

- Report of the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3869)
- 3. Report on the outcomes of the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC; the meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC; the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean; the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean; the Global Forum on Gender Statistics; the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics; and the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The representative of Chile will present the report on the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies; the representative of Ecuador will report on the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and the representative of the Dominican Republic, on the meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC. The representative of Peru will refer to the outcomes of the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The representative of Costa Rica will report on the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the representative of Mexico will report on the Global Forum on Gender Statistics and the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics. The representative of Uruguay will give a report on the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The floor will then be offered to representatives who wish to report on their country's participation in these meetings.

**Reference documents:**

- Report on the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies (LC/L.3876)
- Report of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC. Meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3896)
- Draft report on the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas

**4. Strategy of the Presiding Officers for the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus: analysis of activities carried out during the first year**

The Chair of the Presiding Officers will invite representatives of the countries to give brief oral reports on the activities carried out during the first year of implementation of the of the Santo Domingo Consensus, including follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda.

**Reference document:**

- Santo Domingo Consensus<sup>1</sup>

**5. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The representative of Uruguay will report on preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in that country in 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> See ECLAC, Report of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (15-18 October 2013) (LC/L.3789).

The representatives of the Dominican Republic, Uruguay and the secretariat will present the theme proposed for the position paper for the next session of the Regional Conference. The floor will then be opened for remarks by the member countries on this agenda item.

**6. Presentation of the 2013-2014 report of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean**

The coordinator of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean will present the report for 2013-2014, which will focus on violence against women, one of the indicators of physical autonomy. The document gives an overview of the international, regional and national legal framework in this area, analyses the magnitude of the problem and gives an account of the measures States have taken to ensure access to rights and to justice. Lastly, it sets forth an agenda of proposals for addressing the issues of violence against women.

The delegations will then be invited to raise any questions they deem appropriate.

**Working document:**

- Annual Report 2013-2014: Confronting violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2626)

**7. Special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean**

In the context of the twentieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held to follow up on the Round table on Beijing+20: outlook and challenges (Santo Domingo, 2013).

The special session, which is organized jointly with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), will be a forum for discussion and regional consultation on the theme in Latin America and the Caribbean. It will be open to participation by countries of the region, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and representatives of civil society organizations and the feminist movement. The conclusions and recommendations of the regional consultation will be presented by the Chair of the Regional Conference to the Commission on the Status of Women, at its fifty-ninth session.

The special session will take place over a day and a half and will be organized in panels addressing the most relevant themes 20 years on from the Fourth World Conference on Women. The panellists will be women and men representing diverse spheres in which contributions have been made to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the region over these 20 years.

One of the panels will address the themes of women's economic autonomy, in the framework of the project Promoting equality in Latin America and the Caribbean, financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

A debate will follow each panel discussion. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of ECLAC, this debate will be open to representatives of member States, after whose statements the floor will be offered to other participants.

**Reference document:**

- Programme of the special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean

**8. Other matters**

Under this item, the delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

**9. Adoption of agreements**

The Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements of their fifty-first meeting.