

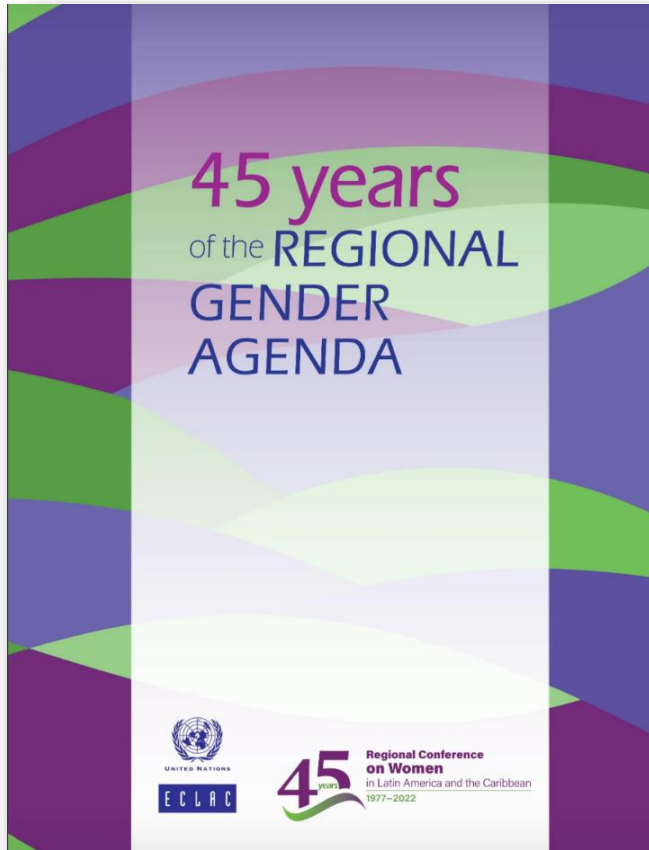
# Discussion on the themes of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 2025)

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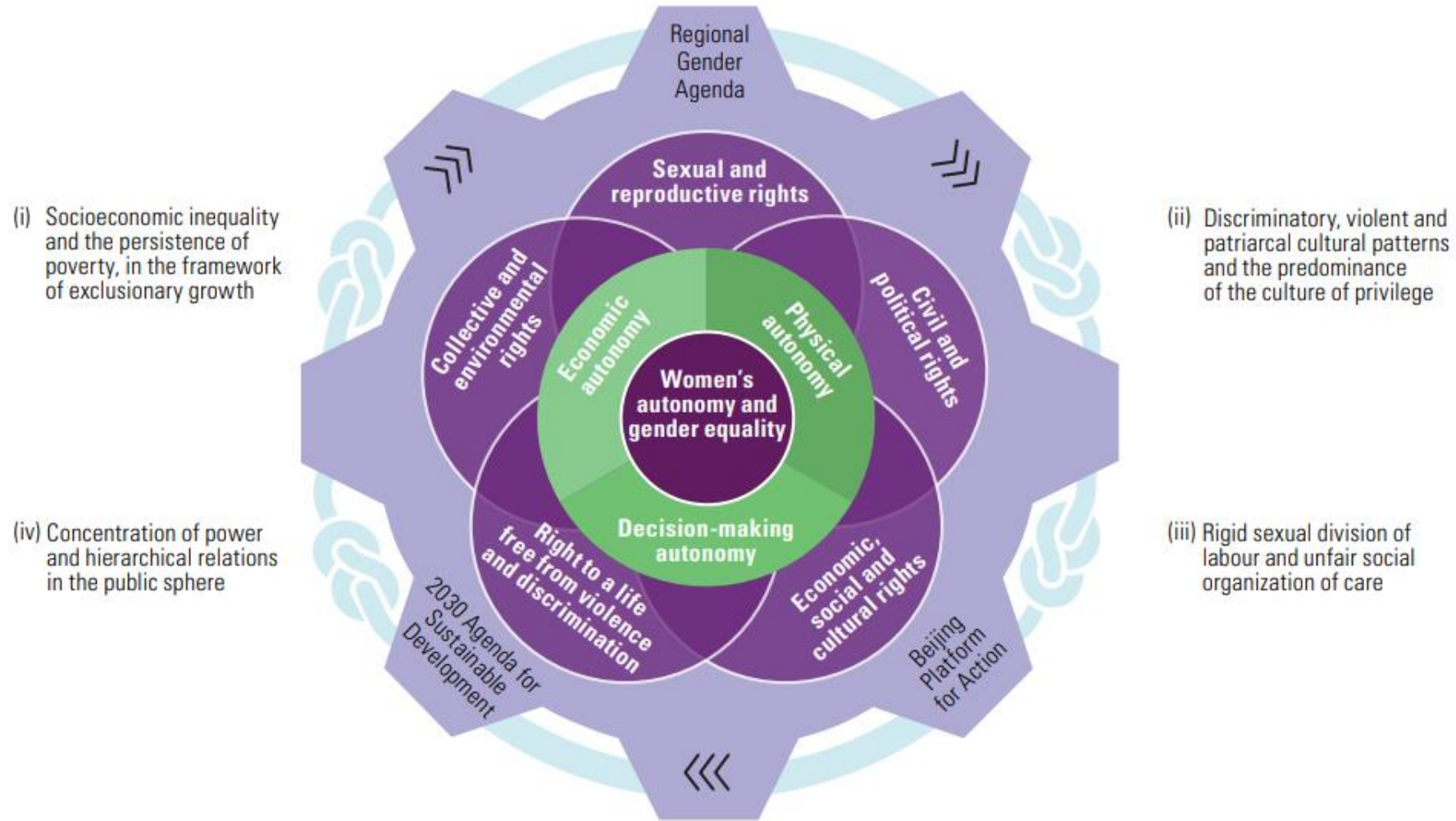


# 45 years of the Regional Gender Agenda



- Latin America and the Caribbean is the only region in the world where, for over 45 years, governments, the United Nations system, international organizations and society organizations, in particular women's and feminist organizations movement, and come together in the **Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**.
- **Regional Gender Agenda** is a meaningful, progressive and comprehensive roadmap that guides countries' public policies for the progress made in gender equality, the guarantee of the rights of women, adolescents and girls in all their diversity, the exercise of their autonomy, and the sustainable development of the countries of the region
- It contributes to overcome structural challenges of inequality, including the sexual division of labour and the unfair social organization of care, and includes agreements related to implementing comprehensive care policies and systems, promoting the redistribution and recognition of care work, and strengthening the care economy as a dynamic sector, in addition to recognizing the right to care in the human rights framework.

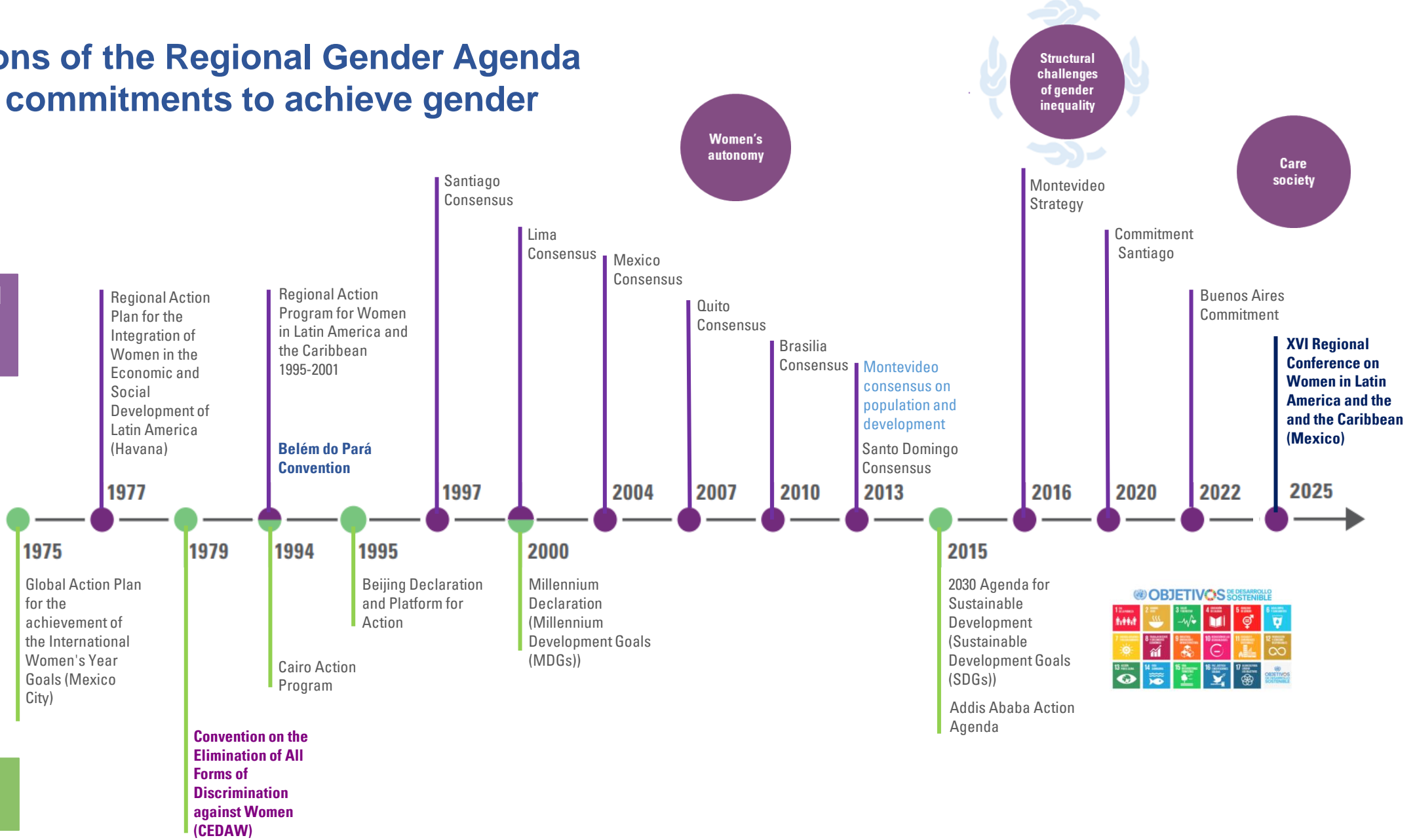
# Commitments of the Regional Gender Agenda to overcome structural inequalities and achieve women's autonomy and gender equality



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality (LC/CRM.15/3), Santiago, 2022.

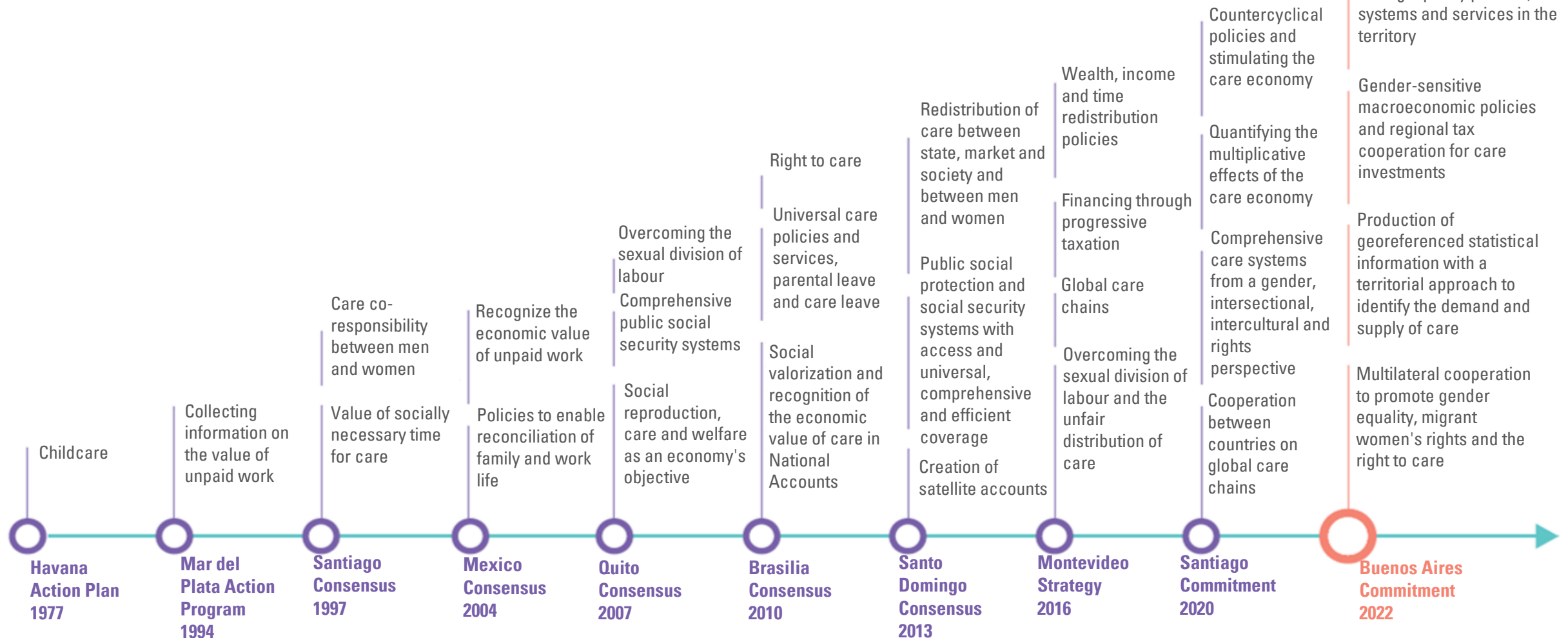
# Contributions of the Regional Gender Agenda and global commitments to achieve gender equality

## Latin America and the Caribbean Commitments



## Global Commitments

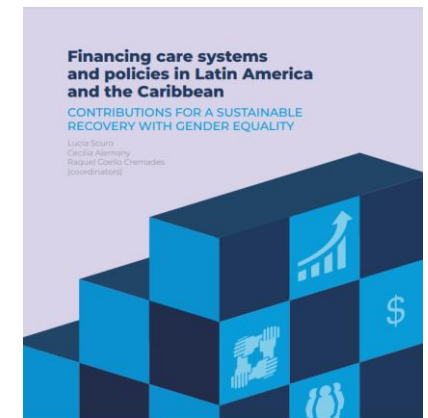
# The centrality of care in the Regional Gender Agenda



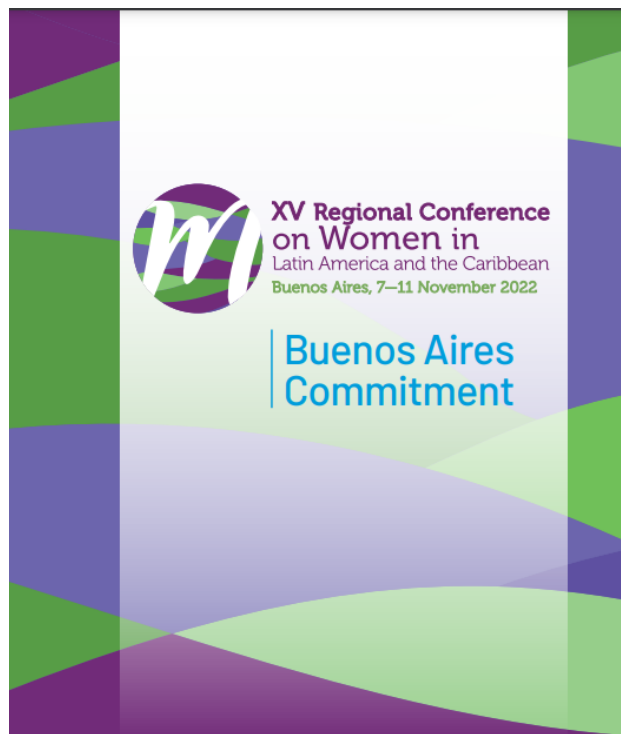
Source: Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

# XV RCW: “The care society: horizon for a sustainable recovery with gender equality”

- ❖ **High participation** from Latin American and Caribbean countries and other regions, representatives of United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations, members of parliament, civil society organizations, particularly women's and feminist organizations.
- ❖ Presentation of the **position document**, which reflects the concern for the need for a paradigm shift and offers diagnoses and recommendations for moving towards a care society, and **other** documents that nurture the discussion on the centrality of care.
- ❖ Parliamentary Forum and Feminist Forum were held.



# The Buenos Aires Commitment: roadmap for ECLAC Member States until the XVI RCM (2025)



- In the **Buenos Aires Commitment** approved at the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the member states of ECLAC committed to moving towards a new development model that prioritizes the sustainability of life and the planet, recognizes care as forming part of the human rights that are fundamental to the well-being of the population as a whole, ensures the rights of the people who require or provide care and of all persons to exercise self-care.
- The Buenos Aires Commitment proposes fundamental agreements to address the structural challenges of gender inequality, achieve a transformative recovery with gender equality and sustainability and move towards a care society.



# Development crisis - Analysis of the current context

- We are facing a cascade of crises that has exacerbated historical gaps. In the last three years, the region has shown setbacks in social indicators that threaten the fulfillment of the SDGs.
- We are facing a development crisis and another lost decade.
- We are at a turning point as countries and as a region. We need to act with a sense of urgency and raise the level of ambition and scale in policy efforts.
- This is not a time for gradual changes, but instead for transformative and ambitious policies that truly move the needles of development.
- It is a time for transformational change like the one proposed by the **care society**.
- An innovative approach that combines the integration of **financing strategies** and **strong governance** is needed as a fundamental step to move towards the care society, as well as the construction of regional and global **strategic alliances and pacts**.

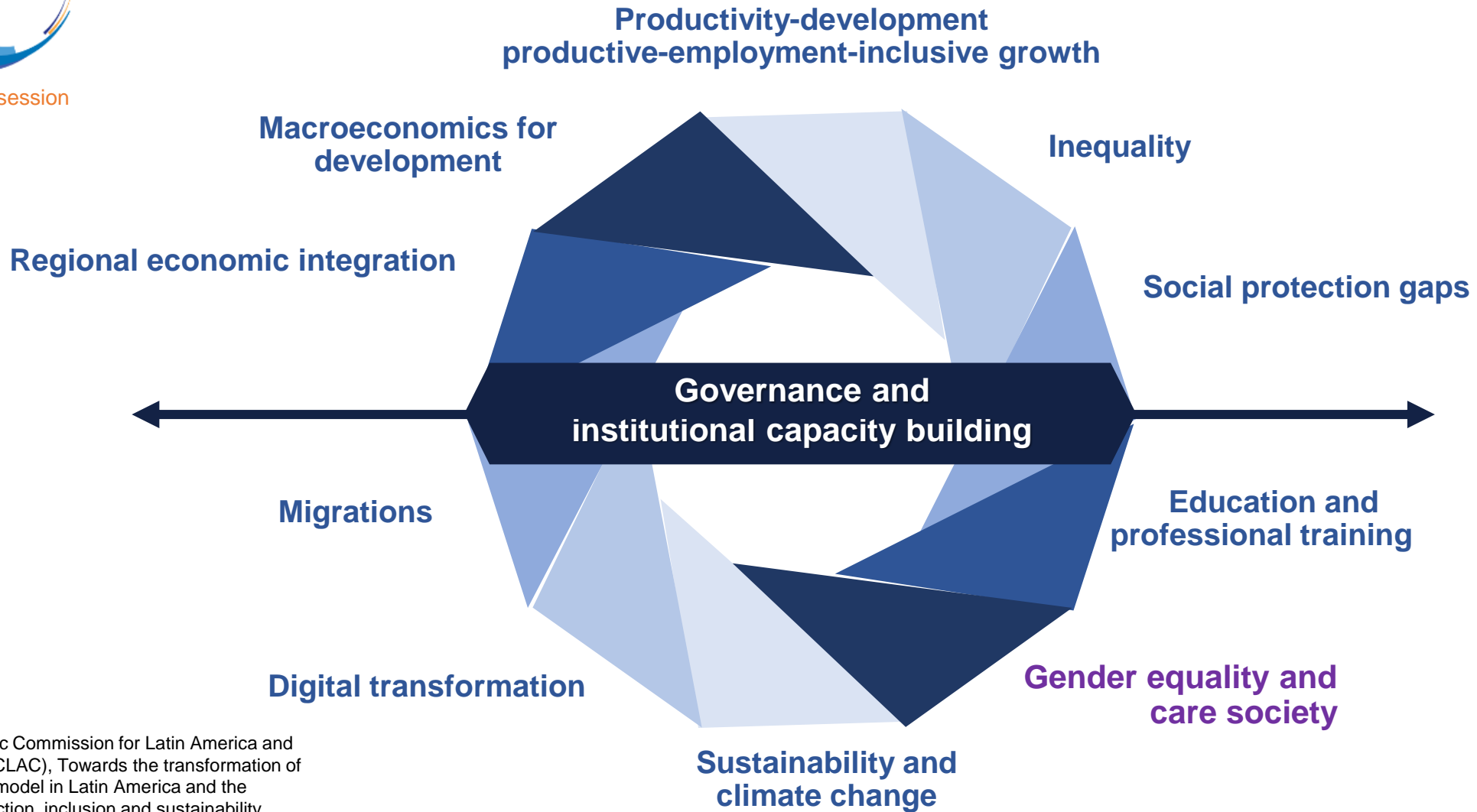


# How do we move towards a care society?



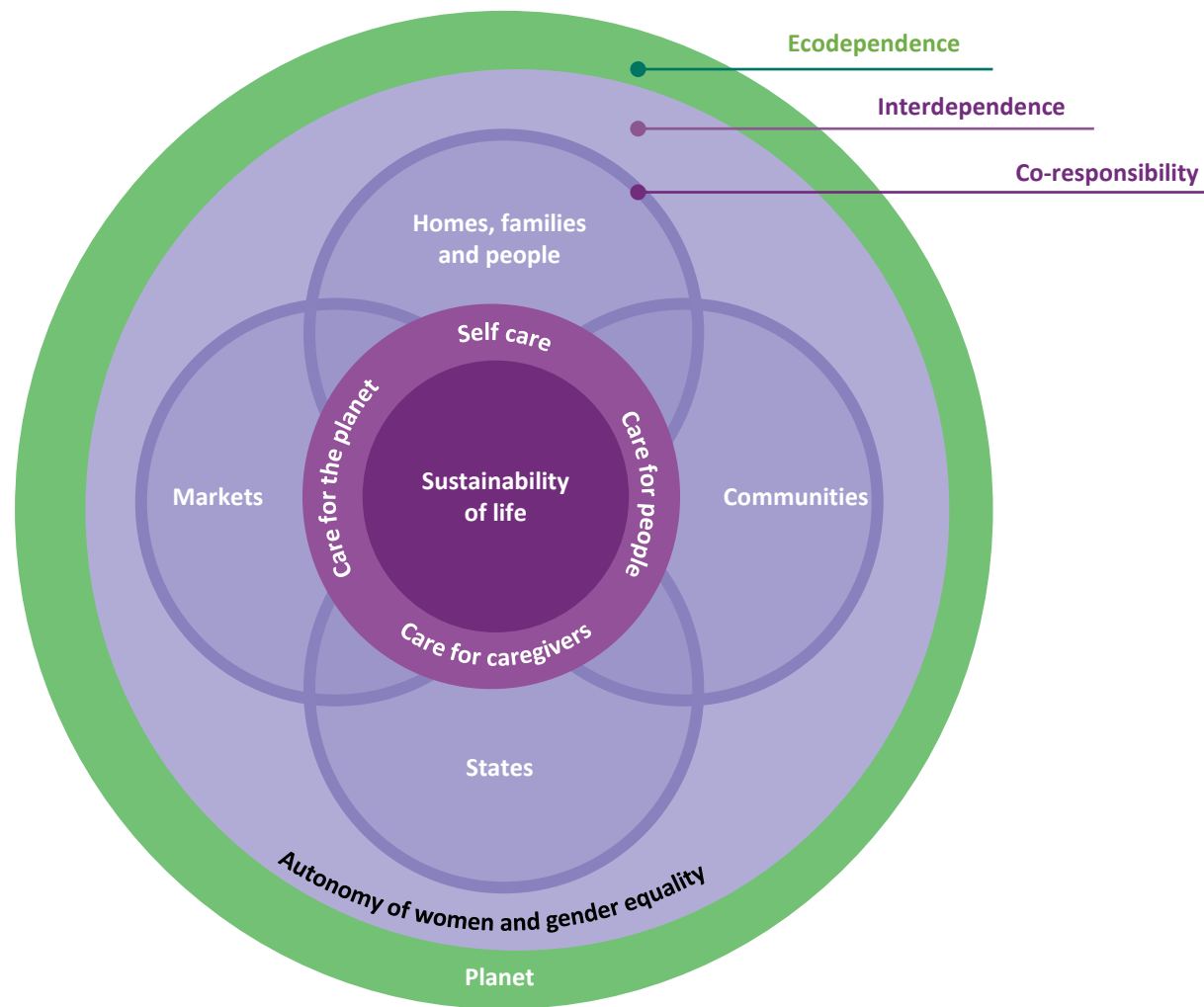
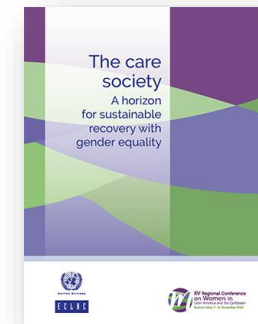
Thirty-ninth session  
of ECLAC

# Gender equality and the care society as a priority area for the transformation of the development model



**Source:** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Towards the transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability (LC/SES.39/3-P), Santiago, 2022.

# Elements for moving towards a care society



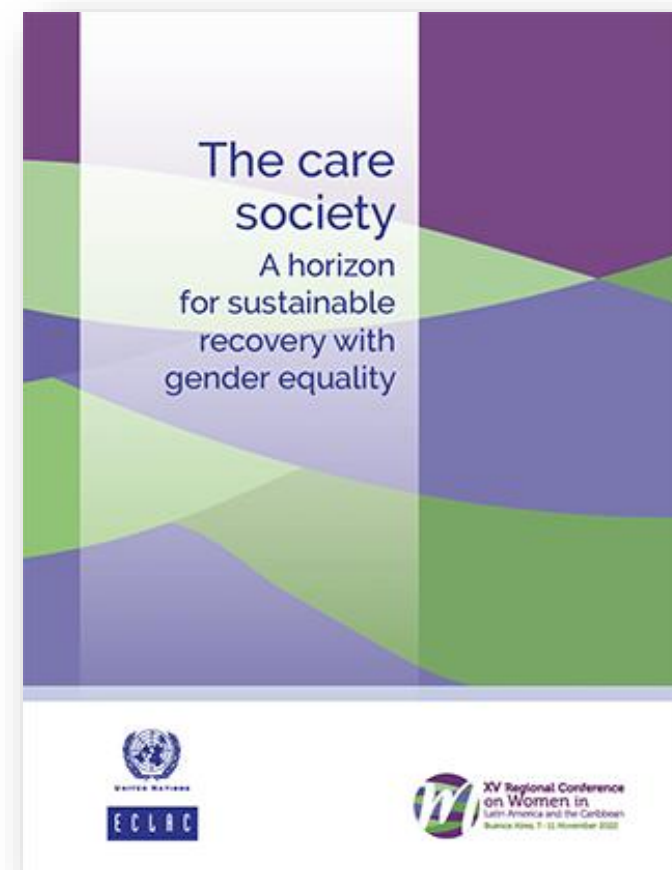
**Ecodependence:** human dependence on nature

**Interdependence:** dependence between people and various spheres such as economic, socio-environmental and cultural

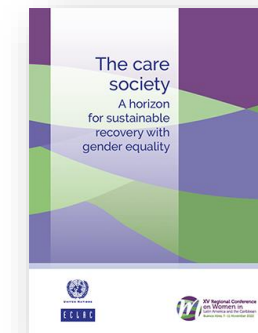
**Co-responsibility:** between the State, the market, communities, families, and between people

# Public policies for a care society

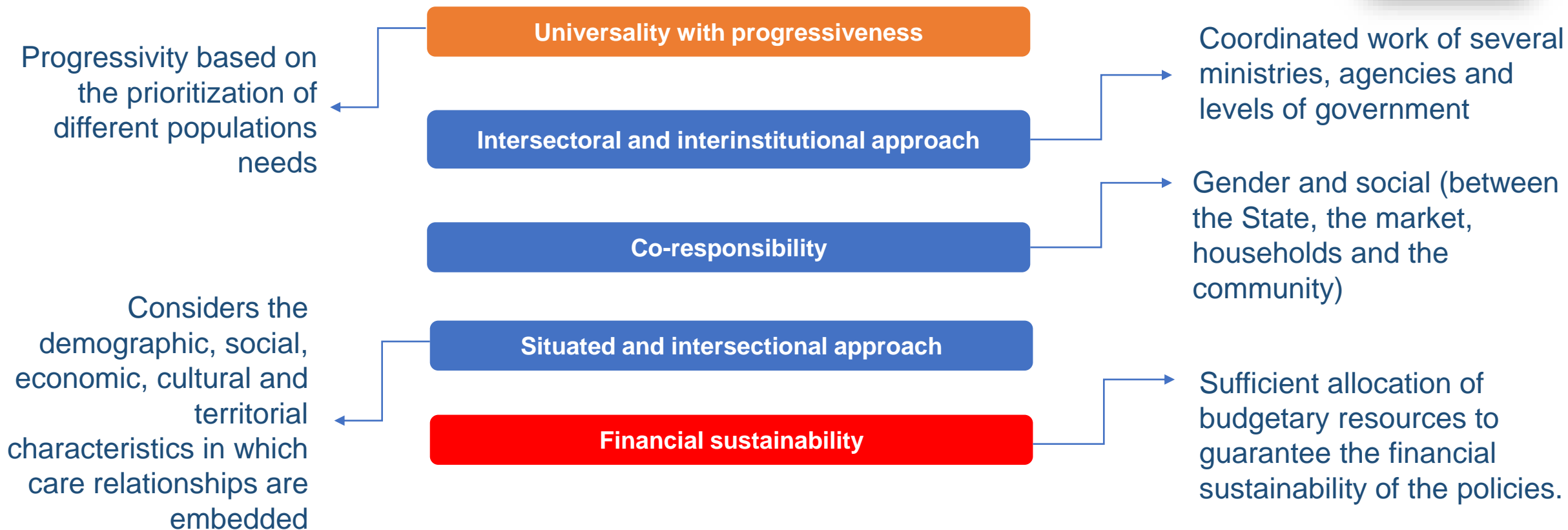
- 1) Comprehensive care policies and systems
- 2) Gender-sensitive fiscal pacts
- 3) Labour market policies
- 4) Inclusive digitalization and closure of the gender digital gap
- 5) Care for the planet



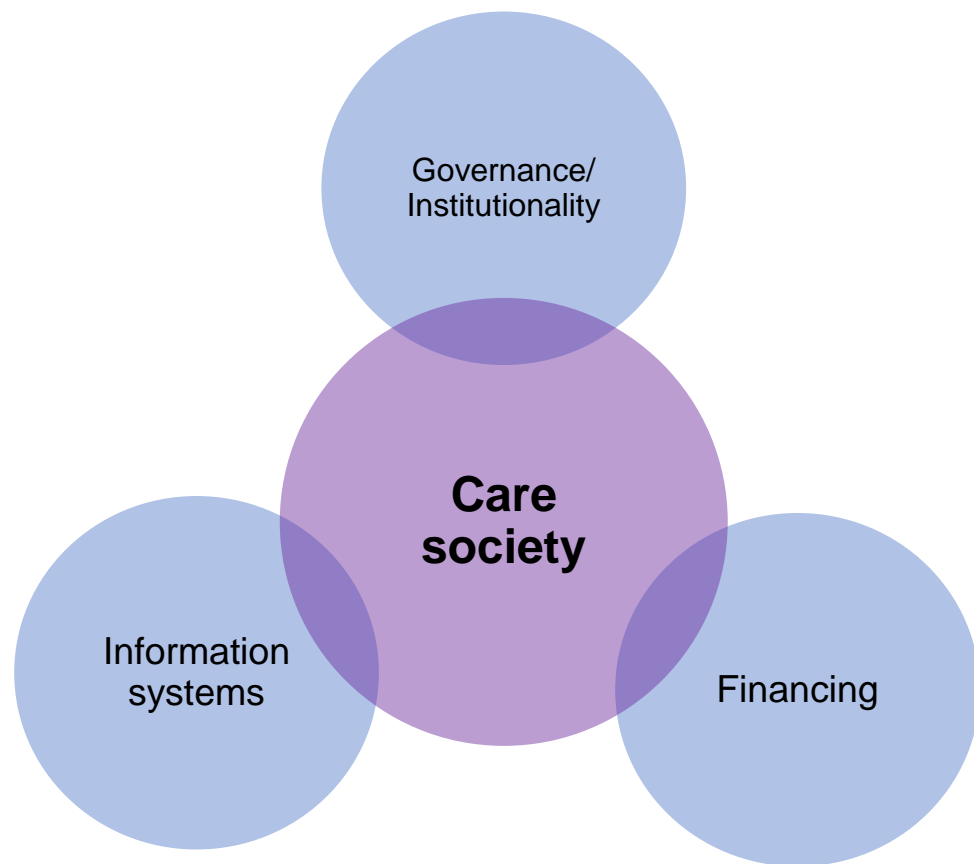
# This is no time for gradual and shy changes, but for bold and transformative policies



## Guiding criteria for the design of care policies



# Towards a new approach: the XVI RCW (2025)



**Political, economic, social, cultural, environmental transformations to advance the care society**

**Ambitious solutions with a sense of urgency**

**Big push for the care society**

**More productive, inclusive and sustainable future**

# Economic, social, environmental and cultural compacts for the care society



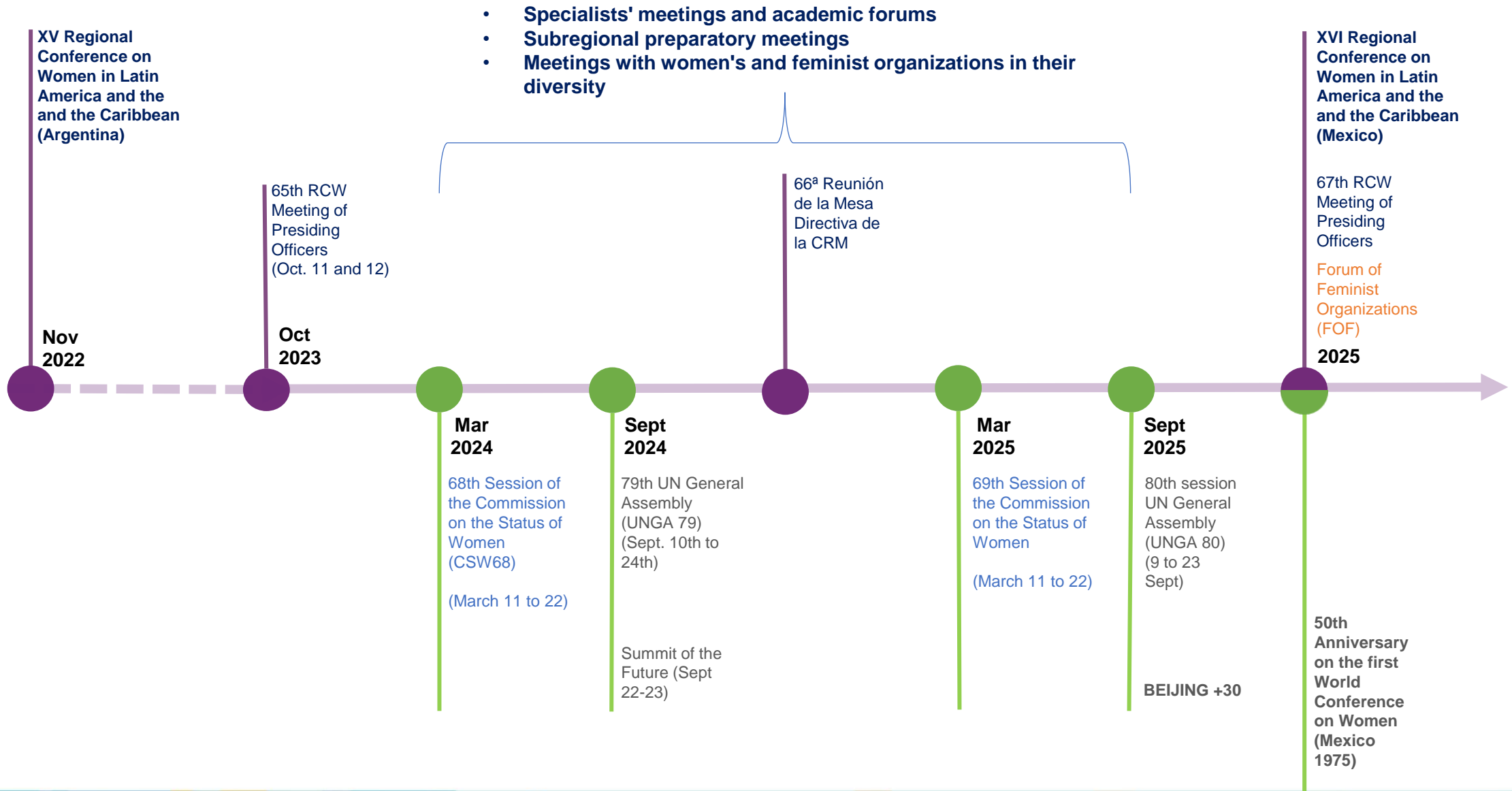
- ECLAC has issued a call to promote **participatory and transformative compacts** for a care society, through policies that guarantee the exercise of the right to care.
- These compacts should combat structural inequalities at the regional level and lay the foundations for a care society.

In the Buenos Aires Commitment, the member states of ECLAC agreed to:

- 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 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; (ECLAC, 2023, para 6)
- Actively support the **participation of women's and feminist organizations and movements**, including those of young women, older women, Indigenous women, Afrodescendent women, women with disabilities, women living with HIV, grassroots and rural women, migrant women, LGBTI+ persons, caregivers' and dependent persons' organizations, as well as trade unions, organizations of paid domestic workers and community care organizations and cooperatives, in the design, implementation and monitoring of care policies; (ECLAC, 2023, para 22)
- **Encourage subregional, regional and multilateral cooperation programs** through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation modalities, as well as between national machineries for the advancement of women, that promote gender equality, women's autonomy, the prevention and elimination of all forms of gender-based violence against women, including human smuggling and trafficking, particularly of women and girls, and the right to care; (ECLAC, 2023, para 36)



# Roadmap: Towards the XVI RCW (Mexico, 2025)





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