

**704(XXXVI) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission and the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations concerning the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system,

Bearing in mind also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled “The future we want”,¹

Bearing in mind further General Assembly resolutions 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and 69/313 “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)”,

Considering the Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”,²

Taking into account the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2014 to December 2015,³

Taking into account also that the thirty-sixth session of the Commission is the occasion for the relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019,⁴ and for a regional consultation on the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019,⁵ which will be reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-sixth session and subsequently by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session,

Having reviewed the outcomes and activities of the previous biennium and the proposed strategic framework and the work priorities for the Commission as set out in the presentation on the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session,

Having reviewed also all aspects of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019, which further strengthens programming, results-based management and evaluation,

¹ See General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012.

² A/70/794 of 18 March 2016.

³ LC/G.2664(SES.36/7).

⁴ LC/G.2665(SES.36/8).

⁵ A/71/6 (Prog. 18).

Bearing in mind that the basic guidelines and overarching orientation for the formulation of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2018-2019 incorporate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and the means of implementation of that Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the outcomes and results of major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288 “The future we want”, by virtue of which the countries agreed to contribute to providing coordinated and integrated follow-up to the outcomes and results of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental spheres,

Acknowledging the secretariat’s efforts to reprioritize activities and reassign resources to bring the content and modalities of the programme of work into line with the new requirements emerging from the aforementioned Agendas, action plans and instruments, with a view to the efficient and effective implementation of both Agendas,

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2018-2019, in its entirety, which, together with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities, and for the production of the publications identified therein;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the proposed budget for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

3. *Expresses its concern* at the recent decline in the budgetary resources allocated to the Commission to carry out the activities set forth in the programme of work;

4. *Notes with interest* paragraphs 80 and 81 of resolution 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which welcome the cooperation of regional commissions and organizations in the regional and subregional follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourage the regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2014 to December 2015 and underlines the wide-ranging outcomes achieved by the Commission in the different areas of work, commending especially its results-based approach and capacity to respond to the needs of the region;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Executive Secretary to strengthen accountability and evaluation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of the Commission to the benefit of the region’s development, and recommends pursuing those efforts;

7. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue the practice of convening the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.