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

Havana, 5-6 October 2017

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(Hotel Nacional de Cuba)

Thursday, 5 October 2017

8.30 – 9 a.m. Registration

9 – 9.45 a.m. Opening session of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the first session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, held in Havana in 1977, and tribute to Vilma Espín, first President of the Federation of Cuban Women and first Chair of the Regional Conference

- Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, First Vice-President of the Councils of State and Ministers and General of the Army of Cuba
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Mariella Mazzotti, Director of the National Women’s Institute (INMUJERES) of Uruguay, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

9.45 – 10 a.m. Coffee break

10 – 10.20 a.m. Adoption of the agenda

10.20 a.m. – 1 p.m. Round table on the fortieth anniversary of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America

Moderator: María Nieves Rico, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- Yolanda Ferrer, President of the International Relations Committee of the National People's Assembly of Cuba
• Virginia Vargas, co-founder of the Flora Tristán Women’s Centre, Peru
• Mariela Castro Espín, Director of the National Centre for Sex Education (CENESEX) of Cuba
• Carmen Moreno, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS)

Discussion

1 – 2.30 p.m. Lunch break

2.30 – 3 p.m. Presentation of the repository of legislation on migration and gender of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

• Lecture on migration and gender equality: challenges for action, by Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

• Maria Nieves Rico, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

3 – 4.30 p.m. High-level panel on the implementation of gender equality plans in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Janet Camilo, Minister for Women’s Affairs of the Dominican Republic

• Pamela Villalobos, Social Affairs Officer, Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC: methodological proposal for second-generation gender equality plans in the context of sustainable development

• Teresa Amarelle, Secretary General of the Federation of Cuban Women: National Action Plan for Follow-up to the Beijing Conference

• Claudia Pascual, Minister of Women’s Affairs and Gender Equality of Chile: design of the national gender equality plan 2018-2030

Statements by the countries

4.30 – 4.45 p.m. Coffee break

4.45 – 6 p.m. High-level panel on the implementation of gender equality plans in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (continued)

Moderator: María Luisa Martino, Director of the Department of Women’s Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs of Argentina

• Alejandra Mora, Minister for the Status of Women and Executive President of the National Women’s Institute (INAMU) of Costa Rica: design of the gender equality and equity policy 2018-2030

• Mariella Mazzotti, Director of the National Women’s Institute (INMUJERES) of Uruguay: design of the national strategy for gender equality

Statements by the countries
Friday, 6 October

9 – 9.15 a.m. Information regarding the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Statistical Conference of the Americas

- Luis F. Yáñez, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Secretary of ECLAC

9.15 – 10.30 a.m. Discussion on the theme of the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019).

- María Nieves Rico, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

Statements by the countries, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on the advancement of women

10.30 – 10.45 a.m. Coffee break

10.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Report of the working group on the regional fund in support of women’s and feminist organizations and movements

- Marcela Eternod Arámburu, Executive Secretary of the National Women’s Institute (INMUJERES) of Mexico

Statements by the countries, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on the advancement of women

12.15 – 12.45 p.m. Other matters

12.45 – 1.15 p.m. Adoption of agreements

1.15 – 2 p.m. Closing session

- Representative of the Government of Cuba
- Lara Blanco, Deputy Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
- Sheila Roseau, Deputy Regional Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Mariella Mazzotti, Director of the National Women’s Institute (INMUJERES) of Uruguay
- María Nieves Rico, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC