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Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat since the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 25-28 October 2016)

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• Gender Equality Observatory
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• Gender mainstreaming in ECLAC and inter-agency work
• Publications
Over 1,000 participated in the discussions at the Conference
35 member States of ECLAC and 2 associate members
28 ministers and high authorities of MAWs
12 ministers and high authorities of finance, industry, planning, labour, agriculture, defense, education, culture, social development, health, justice and foreign affairs
19 parliamentarians and 4 MERCOSUR Parliament members
6 representatives of the judiciary
16 representatives of local government
2 authorities of national statistical offices
14 United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
15 intergovernmental organizations
12 universities and academic institutions
203 Non-governmental organizations
The Montevideo Strategy

• Adopted by consensus at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference in Montevideo (2016), after a participatory 18-month preparation process.
• It is a tool for moving from commitments to action.
• It is a regional-level political and technical tool that can be adapted to national and subnational priorities.
• It recognizes the leadership of machineries for the advancement of women and commits the entire structure of the State, civil society and cooperation bodies.
Montevideo Strategy: 10 implementation pillars for transformative and innovative equality policies

- Monitoring, evaluation and accountability
- Normative framework
- Institutional architecture
- Participation
- Capacity-building and strengthening
- Financing
- Communication
- Technology
- Information systems
- Cooperation
- Capacity-building and strengthening

The 74 measures under the 10 pillars are interrelated and implementing them will help to create the structural conditions for policymaking on equality and women’s rights in the framework of sustainable development.
The Regional Gender Agenda is the guide for achieving sustainable development from the perspective of gender equality, rights and women’s autonomy.

The Montevideo Strategy is the tool for comprehensive implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda and mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda.
Regional Gender Agenda and SDGs

Knowledge-building

- Preparation of a proposal on gender mainstreaming the SDGs and their targets (March).
- Processing, analysis and dissemination of SDG indicator 5.4.1 “proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work” and reporting to the United Nations Statistics Division in New York to contribute to global monitoring.
- Study “The 2030 Agenda and the Regional Gender Agenda: Synergies for equality in Latin America and the Caribbean”.
- Inputs for “Annual report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean”. Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Mexico, April).

Proposal for mainstreaming gender equality in the Sustainable Development Goals

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Latin America (17 countries): proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (SDG indicator 5.4.1) (Percentages)

- Source: ECLAC, Equality and women’s autonomy in the sustainable development agenda (LC/G.2686/Rev.1), Santiago, 2016, figure I.1, updated 8 March 2017.

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of special tabulations of data from time-use surveys conducted in the respective countries.
Regional Gender Agenda and SDGs

Technical secretariat for the governments of the region

• Regional consultation prior to the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (February).
• CSW61 and three side events: (1) Montevideo Strategy, (2) Gender statistics, (3) Cities and women's rights (March).
• Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. Participation of Costa Rica on contribution of Regional Conference on Women (April).
• Updating and dissemination of the Regional Gender Agenda libguide: a tool for searching the commitments undertaken. http://biblioguias.cepal.org/AgendaRegionalGenero

Cooperation for development

• Support for the Government of Chile in the development of a participatory methodology for preparing the national equality plan in the framework of the Montevideo Strategy and the SDGs.
• Support for the Government of Guatemala to mainstreaming the gender perspective in strategic ministries.
• Participation in multi-stakeholder dialogues: meeting with women entrepreneurs and businesswomen (Buenos Aires, May).
Gender statistics

Knowledge-building

- Processing of three new Time Use Surveys (TUS) (Chile, Paraguay and El Salvador).
- Chapter “Time distribution: a key dimension in inequality analysis” in Social Panorama 2017, with processing of new disaggregation of TUS.
- Indicators for dismantling the 4 structural obstacles addressed in the Montevideo Strategy.
- SDG indicator identification and mainstreaming (GIZ)

Technical secretariat for the movements of the region

- Statistical Conference of the Americas (Executive Committee, April) and Working Group on Gender Statistics.
- Seminar on implementation of the SDG indicators “Progress in building monitoring frameworks for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean” (April).
- Seminar on Multidimensional Poverty Indicators: progress and challenges (May)

Cooperation for development

- Paraguay (Department of Statistics and Censuses and Ministry for Women’s Affairs) and Guatemala (National Statistical Institute and Presidential Secretary for Women) for the design, collection, processing and analysis of TUS and economic valuation of unpaid work.
- Chile: gender indicators in the framework of the Gender Statistics Sub-commission of the National Statistical Institute.
- City of Buenos Aires, for the creation of a gender indicators system at the local level.
- Second meeting of the advisory group of the project “Regional initiative for Information on violence against women” (March).
Priority areas for research and action

1. Vocational Education and Training / work
- Analysis and empirical evidence for building Vocational Education and Training systems linked to quality jobs for young women (Norway).
- 1 regional study and 2 qualitative studies (Argentina and Mexico).
- 1 research on the potential of 7 training programmes for poor women in Chile over the past 5 years.

2. Cities, economic autonomy and care
- Diagnostic and proposals on care services and economic autonomy of women in 7 cities (Development Account).
- Continuation of work in Cuenca, Mexico, Montevideo and Santiago.
- Inclusion of 3 new cities: Bogota, Havana and San Salvador.
- Training project “Development planning from a gender perspective” (El Salvador, January).
- Support for government of Jalisco (Guadalajara, January).
- Seminar “Women and the city: territorial (in)justices” (Córdoba, May).
- Inputs for the chapter on inequality in the ECLAC book “Ciudades”.
- Preparation of the book “Who provides care in the city?”

3. Pensions
- Recommendations on public policies for gender equality in the new wave of pension system reform (AECID).
- Analysis of the European experience.
- Continuation of support for Chile and Uruguay.
Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Indicators**
- Updating of databases (physical, economic and decision-making autonomy).
- Request to update indicators (feminicide and decision-making).
- Support for the Government of Tunisia for building a system of indicators on gender violence (November).

**Reports and studies**
- Preparation of the study “Gender equality plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: Road maps for development”.

**Legislation repository**
- Review and updating of the repository of care legislation.
- Construction of a repository of legislation on contributory pensions and gender.
- Construction of a repository of standards on migration and gender (IOM).

**Notes for Equality**
- No. 21: Bullying and sexual harassment in the working and educative environments. Violence against women made invisible (November).
- No 22: Women: the most harmed by unemployment (March).
- No 23: Women’s rights and autonomy at the center of Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (April).
Currently participating in the course on Gender Statistics and Indicators: 126 people (99 women and 27 men) from 21 countries.
Mainstreaming gender in ECLAC and inter-agency work

Mainstreaming gender in ECLAC

- 8 March: Workshop on mainstreaming gender in the 2030 Agenda. A commitment by ECLAC to women’s rights and autonomy.
- GAD works jointly with:
  - Social Development (Social Panorama)
  - Statistics (SCA, GEO and SDG indicators)
  - CELADE (GEO and Montevideo Consensus)
  - Economic Development (unemployment, Notes for Equality)
  - Sustainable Development and Human Settlements (cities)
  - ILPES (planning distance-learning courses)

Collaboration with the United Nations system and intergovernmental agencies

- CSW (UN-Women)
- GEO (IOM, UNFPA, PAHO, FAO, UN-Women, AECID, SEGIB)
- Autonomy in decision-making (UNDP)
- Food security (FAO and CELAC)
- Migration (IOM)
Publications

- Other forms of violence against women to be recognized, named and spotlighted (Spanish only)
- Design of pension systems and gender equality: What does the European experience tell us? (Spanish only)
- Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030
- The 2030 Agenda and the Regional Gender Agenda: Synergies for equality in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Gender equality plans in Latin America and the Caribbean: Road maps for development
- Vocational Education and Training in Latin America: challenges and opportunities for gender equality (Spanish only)
- Women’s trajectories: Vocational Education and Training and work in Argentina (Spanish only)
- Women’s trajectories: Vocational Education and Training and work in Mexico (Spanish only)
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