

Seventh Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

Launch of publication: "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Regional Gender Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: gender indicators up to 2023"

Wednesday, April 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Celso Furtado Conference Room
ECLAC

Concept note

1. Background

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, from which the Organization's Member States adopted a set of global Goals to improve people's lives, leaving no one behind. The Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ranging from the elimination of poverty to the fight against climate change, education, gender equality, environmental protection and the design of cities¹.

Halfway through the period established to achieve the SDGs, in a context of cascading crises, there are multiple challenges to advance towards the achievement of the goals by 2030. The 2030 Agenda sets out the urgency of achieving gender equality through the 17 SDGs, with a transformative vision towards equality and economic, social and environmental sustainability. SDG 5 establishes "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls" as a goal in itself, while the achievement of gender equality is proposed in a cross-cutting manner and inseparable from the rest of the Agenda's Goals².

In order to monitor progress towards the targets set out in each SDG and to drive that progress, indicators were agreed upon for national statistical offices to report on, in coordination with other government sectors. The mainstreaming of a gender analysis throughout the 2030 Agenda is reflected in a set of gender indicators, which require disaggregation by sex or allude to gender equality as an underlying goal (UN-Women/ DESA, 2023). Based on these indicators, the current status of progress towards gender equality, globally, was reported through the report titled Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2023 (UN-Women/ DESA, 2023).

The publication **"The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Regional Gender Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: gender indicators up to 2023"**³ shows a description of the current situation of progress towards gender equality based on the gender indicators for monitoring the SDGs and the set of prioritized indicators for monitoring the SDGs in the region. It was carried out jointly by ECLAC and UN-Women and combines the monitoring of the intergovernmental commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Regional Gender Agenda.

¹ United Nations (2023) "17 Goals to Transform Our World"

² ECLAC (2022), The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality (LC/CRM.15/3), Santiago.

³ Available on the websites of ECLAC ([link](#)) and UN Women ([link](#))

The purpose of the publication is to provide the region with a reference document to promote decision-making that will accelerate the achievement of equality and the full realization of the rights of women, adolescents and girls in all their diversity. In addition, it is a reference document for the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, whose priority theme is "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective".

2. Objectives

To present the publication "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Regional Gender Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: gender indicators up to 2023", jointly prepared by UN Women and ECLAC and exchange on the main findings and challenges facing the region in terms of gender equality.

To foster a space for comments and reflections among representatives of national statistical offices, machineries for the advancement of women and other participants regarding the achievements, challenges and potential of the generation and dissemination of SDG monitoring indicators with a gender perspective.

3. Event itinerary/event schedule

The event will be held on Wednesday, April 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in ECLAC's Celso Furtado Conference Room. The event will be moderated by the Director General of the NSO of the Dominican Republic, in her capacity as President of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas. It will begin with a joint presentation of the publication by the Chief of ECLAC's Division for Gender Affairs and the Regional Director of UN Women for the Americas and the Caribbean, and later there will be room on comments from authorities and exchange with participants.

4. Preliminary agenda

Time	Activity	Representatives
18:00	Welcoming remarks	Miosotis Rivas , Director General of the Dominican Republic's NSO and President of the SCA
18:05	Presentation of the document "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Regional Gender Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean: gender indicators up to 2023"	Presentations by: (10 minutes) Ana Güzmes García , Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs, ECLAC (10 minutes) Maria-Noel Vaeza , Regional Director of UN Women for the Americas and the Caribbean.
18:25	Comments on the document	(7 minutes) Nadine Gasman , National Institute of Women, Mexico. (7 minutes) Lylían Mires Aranda , Chief of the Division for Research and Training, Ministry of Women and Gender Equity, Chile. (7 minutes) Diana Castillo , Director General, Statistical Institute of Belize. (7 minutes) Thiago Gehre Galvao , National Commission for the Sustainable Development Goals, Secretariat-General of the Presidency, Brazil and Leticia Leobet , Assistente de projetos, Geledes Instituto Da Mulher Negra, Brazil
19:00	Exchange with participants	
19:15	Closing remarks and <i>toast</i>	Miosotis Rivas , Director General of the Dominican Republic's NSO and President of the SCA.