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**Regional Conference  
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# 1. What is the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean?



# What is the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean?

- It is the **main United Nations intergovernmental forum** on women's rights and gender equality in the region.
- It is organized by ECLAC, as Secretariat of the Conference, in coordination with UN Women.
- It is convened every three years to **analyze the regional, subregional and national situation with respect to women's autonomy, women's rights and gender equality**; to agree on policy recommendations and carry out periodic assessments in compliance with regional and international agreements.
- In the last 45 years, ECLAC member States have held 14 meetings of the Regional Conference, and an ambitious, in-depth and comprehensive **Regional Gender Agenda** has been agreed upon.

# Chair and Co-chairs of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

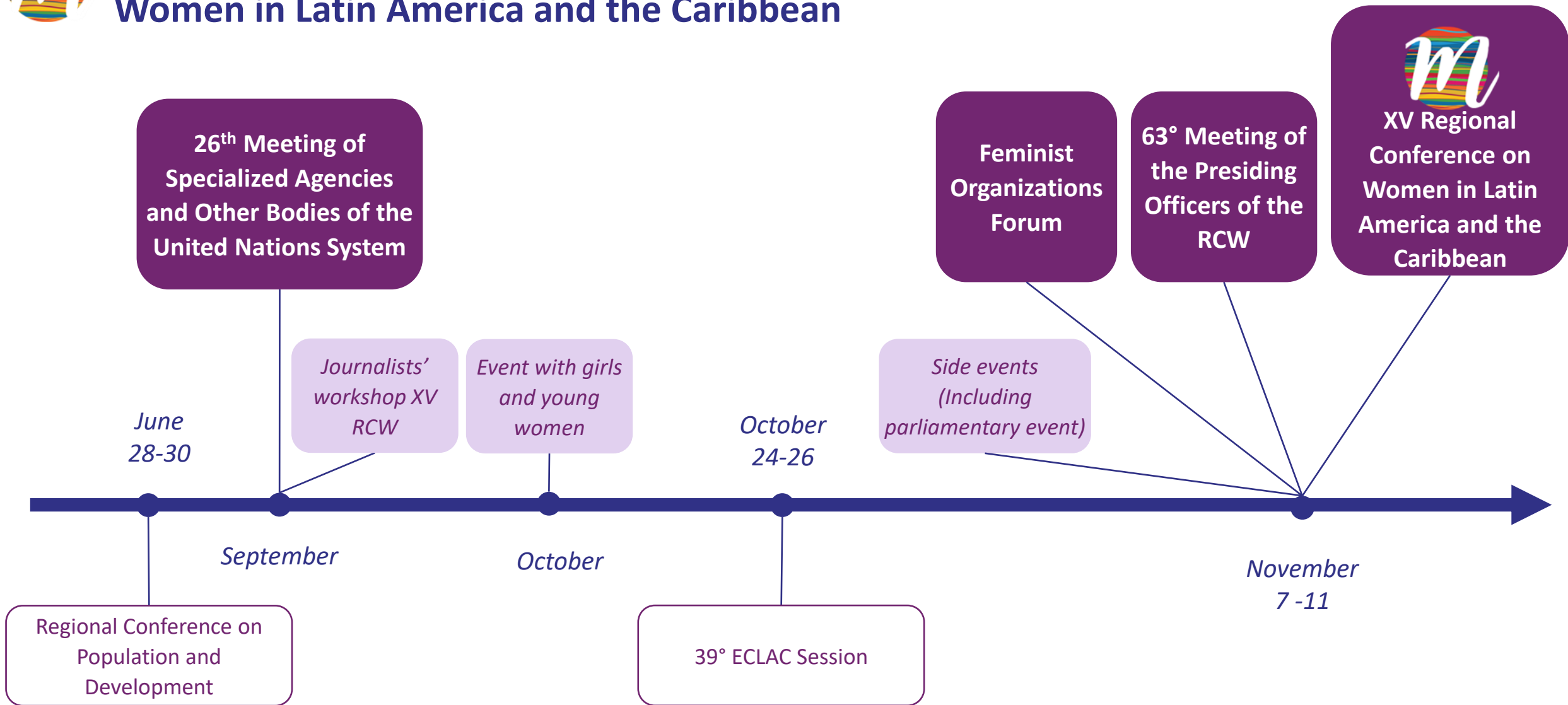


- Chair
- Co-Chairs

## **2. Roadmap to the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean**



# Roadmap to the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean



# 3. Proposed structure of the official agenda of the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

**Central theme:** “The care society: horizon for a sustainable recovery with gender equality”





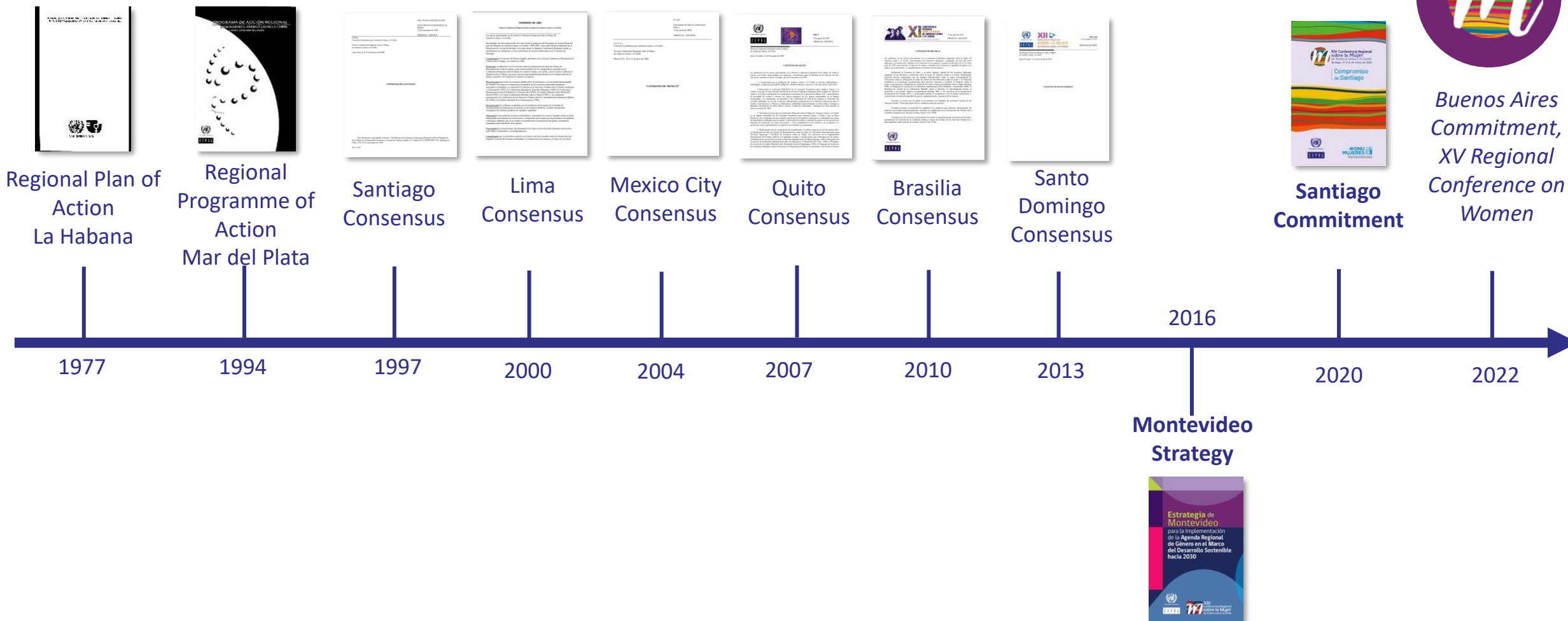
## Proposed structure for the official agenda for the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Horarios	Lunes 7 Actividades preparatorias	Martes 8	Miércoles 9	Jueves 10	Viernes 11
10.00 to 13.00 h	<p>Accreditations</p> <p>Feminist Organizations Forum</p> <p>Other previous meetings</p> <p>Side events</p>	<p>Accreditations</p> <p>Parliamentary side event</p> <p>Other previous meetings</p> <p>12.00 to 13.00: 63° Meeting of the Presiding Officers</p>	<p>High-level Dialogue: The Care Society</p>	<p><b>High-level panel 2:</b> Financing care</p> <p><i>Presentation of Joint ECLAC-UN Women document</i></p>	<p>10.00 to 11.30 Round-table</p> <p>11.30 to 12.30 Consideration and approval of the Buenos Aires Commitment</p> <p>12.30 to 13.15 Closing</p>
13.00 to 14.30 h	Side events	Side events	Side events	Side events	Side events
14.30 to 18.00 h	<p>Accreditations</p> <p>Feminist Organizations Forum</p> <p>Other previous meetings</p> <p>Side events</p>	<p>14.30 to 15.30 Opening session</p> <p>15.30 to 16.00 Election of the Presiding Officers and adoption of the agenda</p> <p>16.00 to 18.00 Presentation of the Position Paper</p> <p>18.00 to 18.30 Reading of the Civil Society Declaration</p>	<p>14.30 to 16.00 Special session: the Caribbean</p> <p>16.30 to 18.00 High-level panel 1: Report on the Montevideo Strategy</p>	<p>High-level panel 3: Care for the planet</p>	

## **4. Background information on the structuring of agreements of the Regional Gender Agenda**



# Agreements that make up the Regional Gender Agenda



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Regional Gender Agenda.

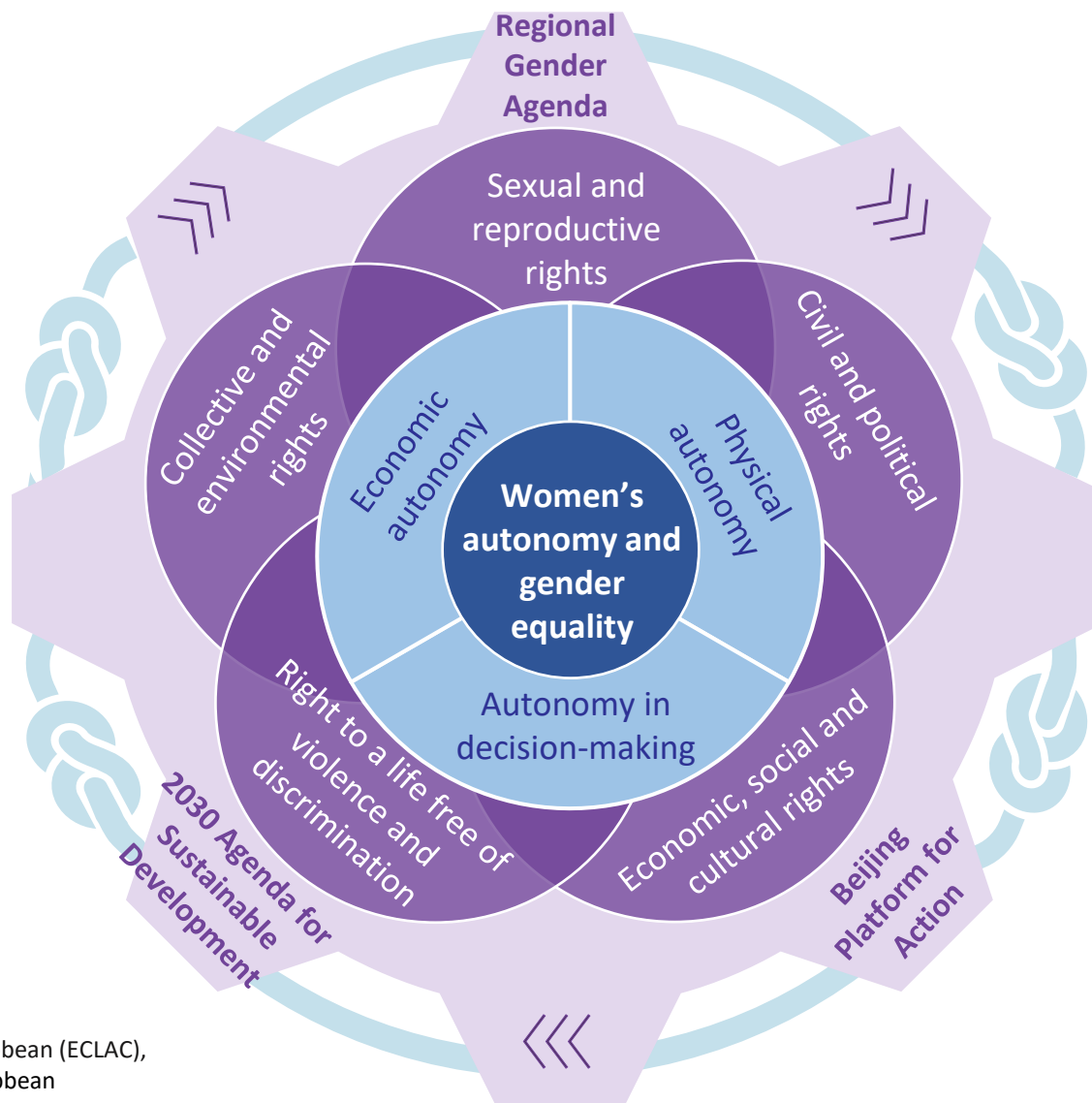


# Commitments of the Regional Gender Agenda for achieving women's autonomy and gender equality

## Structural challenges of gender inequality

**1)** Socioeconomic inequality and persistent poverty in the context of exclusionary growth

**4)** Concentration of power and hierarchical relations in the public sphere



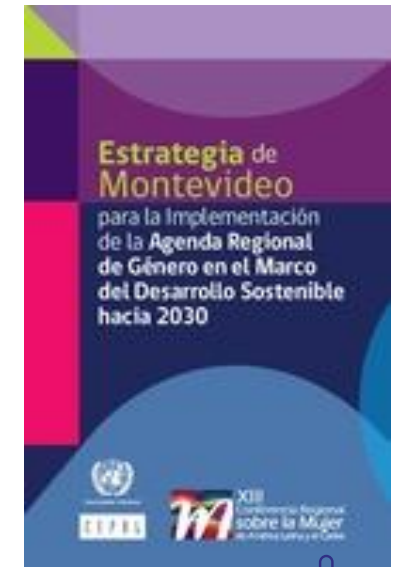
**2)** Rigid sexual division of labor and unequal social organization of care

**3)** Patriarchal, discriminatory and violent cultural patterns and prevalence of the culture of privilege

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



# Pillars of the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda



**Fuente:** Gender Affairs Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), prepared based on the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted at the XIII Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (2016).



# Structural background of the Regional Gender Agenda agreements

## Name of the agreement

## Heading/Name of the body

- *Member States of the Economic Commission (...),*

## Preambular paragraphs

- *Ratifying/Considering/Bearing in mind*
- Commitments, previously subscribed obligations and recitals

## Operational paragraphs

- Agreements on different topics organized with or without subtitles



## Stages in the preparation of draft agreements



### Input



### Proposal development



- **Systematic review of agreed language:**

- In the Regional Gender Agenda
- In agreements of the Meetings of Presiding Officers of the RCW
- In treaties and conventions at regional and global levels
- The Care Society

- **Input from preparatory meetings**

- **It will consider:**

- Gender, human rights, intersectional and multi-scale approaches

- **State actors:**

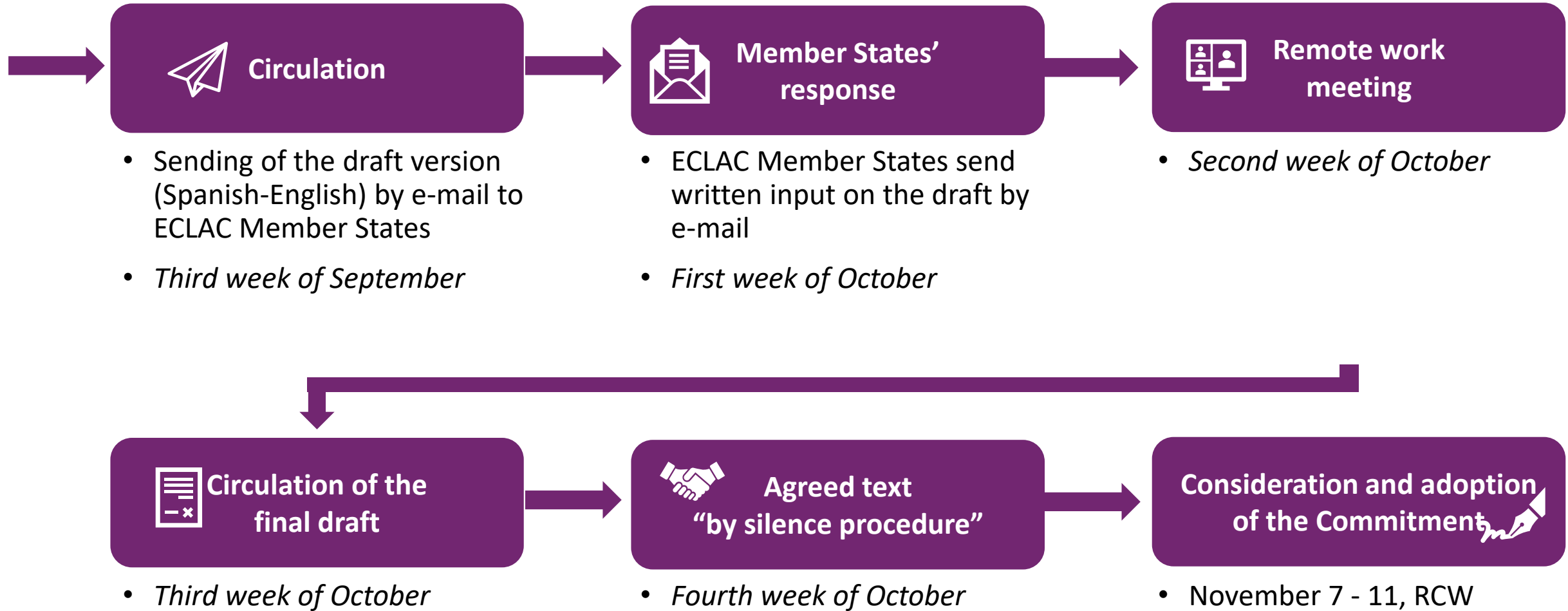
- Machineries for the Advancement of Women (MAW)
- Sectoral ministries and decentralized agencies
- Parliaments and the judiciary

- **Non-state actors:**

- Civil society: women's and feminist organizations and movements
- Private sector
- Academia
- United Nations system and international organizations



## Stages in the preparation of draft agreements





# 5. Guidelines for the organization of side events



# Guidelines for the organization of side events

- **About the side events**

They have a duration of an hour and a half. They can be held in the days prior to and during the Conference but should not coincide with the plenary sessions of the Conference.

They are an opportunity to share experiences, progress and initiatives on the implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda.

- **Definition of prioritization and selection criteria, definition of the maximum number of events**

- 20 side events
- Argentina has proposed a Parliamentary Event, which will seek the co-sponsorship of regional parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- Pledge event with donors to promote the mobilization of resources for the Regional Fund in Support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements, an initiative derived from the RCW.

- **Calendar proposal**

- Call for side events: August 1st
- Closing date: August 31st
- Selection of proposals: September 1 to 15
- Announcement of selected events: September 23



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