

Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

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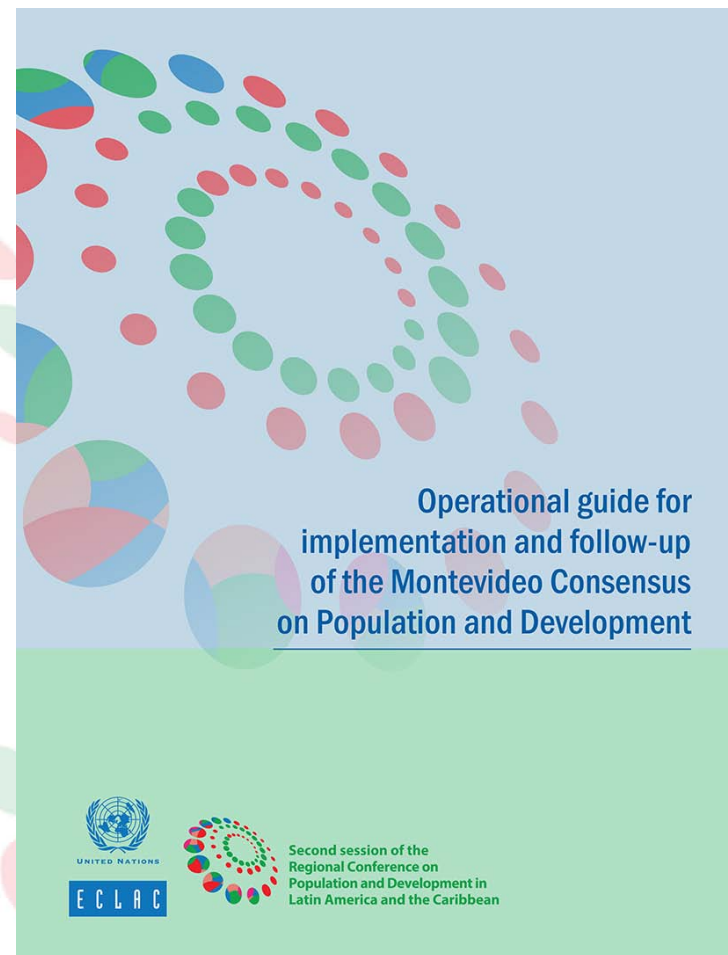
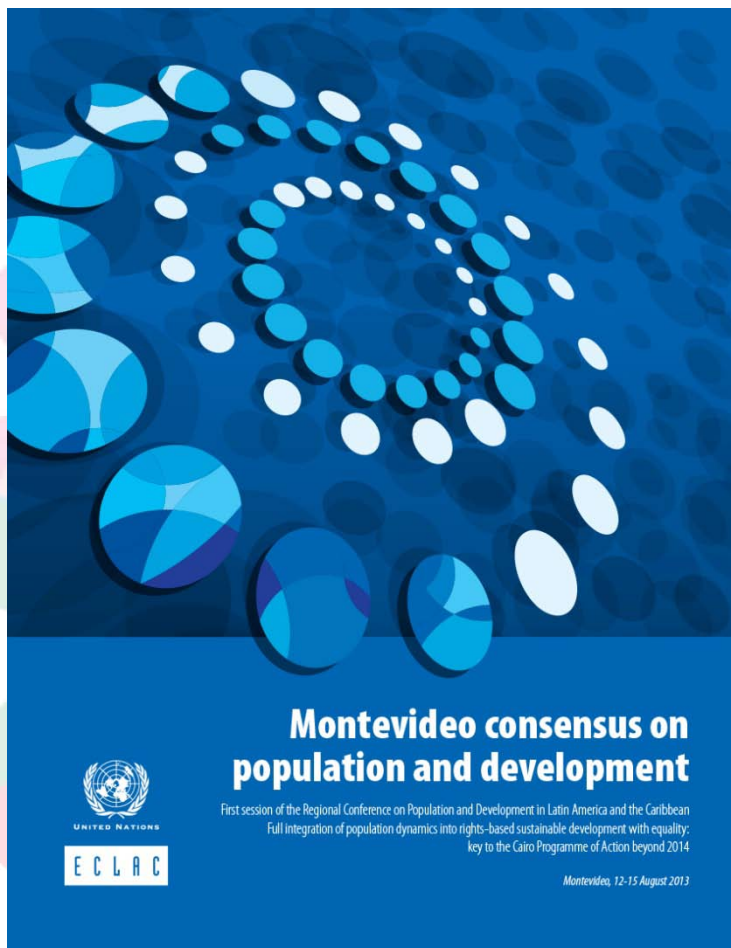


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MONTEVIDEO CONSENSUS ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT



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MONTEVIDEO CONSENSUS ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Adopted at the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in August 2013
- ✓ It represents the most significant intergovernmental agreement signed in the region in the area of population and development
- ✓ A key piece of the process of reviewing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its follow-up beyond 2014
- ✓ It contains principles, nine substantive chapters and one chapter on frameworks for implementation



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MONTEVIDEO CONSENSUS ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Its principles include the sovereign right of each country to decide whether to apply the recommendations, subject to its national laws and development priorities and in a manner consistent with universally agreed international human rights
- ✓ Each substantive chapter begins with an analysis of each of the topics covered, followed by several specific policy agreements, referred to as “PRIORITY MEASURES”
- ✓ At the session in Montevideo there was already an emphasis on the need to transition from expressing concern to taking the INITIATIVE and from signing commitments to taking ACTION. It is therefore essential to develop instruments to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of the Consensus, such as the operational guide



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OPERATIONAL GUIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MONTEVIDEO CONSENSUS: BACKGROUND

- ✓ At their first meeting (November 2014), the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference decided to prepare an operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Consensus
- ✓ An ad hoc working group was set up to prepare the draft operational guide, coordinated by Uruguay, and composed of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico. The working group receives support from CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC, as technical secretariat, and UNFPA, as well as civil society and academic institutions.



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- ✓ The ad hoc working group took a successful, intensive and interactive approach to its work between November 2014 and April 2015, which included a range of modalities for sharing information, including a workshop organized by CONAPO and the Colegio de México in March 2015.
- ✓ Following an exchange with all of the countries of the Presiding Officers, work continued and the operational guide was revised at the second meeting of the Presiding Officers in June 2015, culminating in the incorporation of the final observations sent by the countries of the Presiding Officers in July.
- ✓ The operational guide is the contribution of the outgoing Presiding Officers to the second session of the Regional Conference.

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CHARACTERISTICS



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OPERATIONAL GUIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MONTEVIDEO CONSENSUS: CHARACTERISTICS

- ✓ Operationalization of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus, in the form of tables consisting of the following sections:
 - Possible lines of action
 - Targets (no timescales, with a few exceptions)
 - Selected tentative indicators
 - Related instruments, forums and mechanisms, especially the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Comments



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- ✓ ALL the priority measures are operationalized (in section III of the guide), to differing degrees and levels of detail.
- ✓ Priority measures that are very broad in scope, general in nature and/or very abstract are NOT operationalized in detail.
- ✓ Priority measures that are encompassed in other regional and/or global instruments (such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the outcomes of the sessions of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean) are NOT operationalized in detail but through reference to those instruments.



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- ✓ Detailed means of operationalization are NOT given for priority measures already achieved or carried out.
- ✓ The priority measures which are operationalized in detail (the majority), all share the structure and standards of the basic table, but the details may vary depending on the nature of the priority measure.
- ✓ Chapter J of the Montevideo Consensus, on frameworks for implementing the regional agenda on population and development, is not presented in table format, but as running text in section II of the *Operational guide*.



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SECTION III OF THE OPERATIONAL GUIDE

- A. FULL INTEGRATION OF POPULATION DYNAMICS INTO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
- B. RIGHTS, NEEDS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF GIRLS, BOYS, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH
- C. AGEING, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES
- D. UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES
- E. GENDER EQUALITY
- F. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS
- G. TERRITORIAL INEQUALITY, SPATIAL MOBILITY AND VULNERABILITY
- H. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: INTERCULTURALISM AND RIGHTS
- I. AFRO-DESCENDANTS: RIGHTS AND COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



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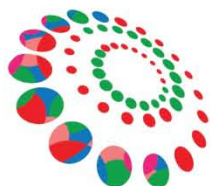
Priority measure 13

Introduce or strengthen policies and programmes to prevent pregnant adolescents and young mothers from dropping out of school.

Possible lines of action	1. The measures contained in priority measures 11 and 12, intended to avoid total and unwanted adolescent pregnancy. 2. Provide comprehensive oversight and support systems for adolescent mothers, in view of their greater risk and the possible social and health complications of adolescent pregnancy, and include in these systems effective incentives for remaining in school. 3. Eliminate discriminatory provisions and practices that lead to the expulsion of pregnant adolescents and young mothers from the education system or make it difficult for them to remain. 4. Implement programmes for reconciling motherhood with school attendance, such as flexible hours, special timetables, day-care services and support for care and child-raising (conditional upon remaining in school).
Targets	1. Have in place an institutional scheme that encourages pregnant adolescents and young mothers to remain in school. 2. Eradicate the legal and institutional barriers that encourage or cause pregnant adolescents and young mothers to drop out of school. 3. Increase the number of schools that have an institutional scheme to promote and facilitate school retention for pregnant adolescents and young mothers. 4. Increase the proportion of pregnant adolescents and young mothers who remain in the education system.
Tentative indicators	1. Number of laws, policies and rules that discriminate against pregnant adolescents or young mothers. 2. Number of rules that promote the inclusion of pregnant schoolgirls and schoolgirl mothers. 3. Percentage of schools that have special programmes for reconciling motherhood with school attendance. 4. Percentage of pregnant adolescents and young mothers who have access to the education they need.
Related instruments, forums and mechanisms	Sustainable Development Goals, target 8.6 (cited above under priority measure 7).
Comments	As an alternative, indicator 1 could be establishment-based: number of educational establishments with anti-discrimination rules.



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Priority measure 5

Pursue sustainable development as a means of securing now and in the future human well-being for all peoples on an equitable basis, and ensuring that the linkages between population, resources, the environment and development are fully recognized, appropriately administered and maintained in a harmonious and dynamic balance with a thriving biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

Related instruments, forums and mechanisms

This measure combines two objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals referring to sustainable development with a particular focus on ecosystems: Goal 14, ("Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development"), and Goal 15 ("Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss").

Comments

It is suggested that priority measure 5 should be monitored in the framework of Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15. Population is one of the most important factors for environmental change. Consequently, in order to achieve sustainable development it is essential to take into account the transformations that are produced through demographic dynamics, a point that links this measure directly to priority measure 4. In the content of priority measures 5 and 6, it is important to generate linkages between the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

Priority measure 6

Guarantee sustainable production and consumption patterns and avoid exacerbating the undesirable climate change phenomena brought about by human activity.

Related instruments, forums and mechanisms

Priority measure 6, like priority measure 5, is aligned with the specific objective of Sustainable Development Goal 12 ("Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns").

Comments

It is suggested that priority measure 6 should be monitored in the framework of Sustainable Development Goal 12. This measure is linked in a general way with chapter G of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, on territorial inequality, spatial mobility and vulnerability, and in particular with priority measure 83, "Promote inclusive development of natural resources, avoiding the social and environmental damage that this may cause."



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OPERATIONAL GUIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MONTEVIDEO CONSENSUS: SCOPE

- ✓ The scope of the guide may be summarized as follows:
 - A technical tool intended to provide the countries of the region with specific guidelines for implementing the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and to offer relevant inputs for monitoring that implementation at the national and regional levels.
 - Consistently with paragraph 3 of the general principles of the Montevideo Consensus, every country has the sovereign right to decide whether or not to apply the recommendations contained in the Cairo Programme of Action and in the Consensus, subject to its national laws and development priorities and in a manner consistent with universally agreed international human rights.



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- As a general principle, the possible lines of action, goals and tentative indicators set forth in the *Operational guide* are not intended to be comprehensive; rather, they correspond to measures, goals and indicators that could be adapted and complemented at the national level, depending on the specific circumstances in each country.
- Pending matters remain, such as the timescales for aligning national and regional targets and indicators with those still to be established for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals. The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference agreed at their second meeting to create a working group for this purpose, a decision which the Conference must discuss and ratify at the present session.



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EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ That the Regional Conference on Population and Development will endorse the *Operational guide* as a technical tool for use in implementing and following up the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus, at the national and regional levels.
- ✓ That, on the basis of the *Operational guide* and in conformity with national needs, priorities and existing initiatives, the countries will define lines of action, targets and timescales on which to focus their efforts, as well as the indicators they will use for national follow-up to the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.



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EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ That the countries will report on their progress regarding implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development at the third session of the Regional Conference, in 2017.
- ✓ That the Regional Conference will use the *Operational guide* as a basis for regional follow-up to the priority measures contained in the Montevideo Consensus. This will require a revision of the indicators to align them with those to be defined for the Sustainable Development Goals, for which purpose the Presiding Officers proposed the creation of an ad hoc working group. This process will prepare the road for a first regional review to be conducted by the Regional Conference in 2019.

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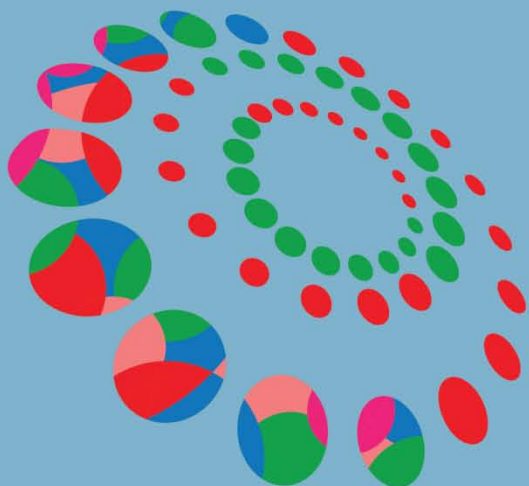
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