Proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

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The preparation of a proposal for a virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development is in keeping with a mandate from the countries.

“Also request the secretariat to develop, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund and in coordination with the Presiding Officers of the Conference, a virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development on the basis of, among other things, systematic national reports and calculations of the agreed indicators reported by the countries, to be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018”

Paragraph 14 of the agreements of the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile, November 2017.
Elements which guided the preparation of the proposal for a virtual platform

- It is a tool that shows the progress of the region’s countries in fulfilling the commitments agreed upon in the Montevideo Consensus, in terms of processes and outcomes.
- It is a platform for consultation by different users that contributes:
  - Accountability
  - Communication and experience-sharing among the countries
  - Oversight by civil society organizations
  - Regional analysis of the progress reported by the countries
  - Direction of technical assistance and cooperation, among others
- It does not replace national information systems or regional platforms promoted by civil society: it is a complementary tool.
Proposed virtual platform and its five components

I. Documents of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

II. National institutional framework for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

III. Actions and initiatives at the national or subnational level.

IV. National reports for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus.

V. System of indicators for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus.

The following has been defined for each component:

- Content
- Updating protocol (source, frequency, responsible party/parties)
- Design
I. Documents of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Content:**
  - Sessions of the Conference.
  - Place, date, coordination, report of each meeting, agreements and resolutions.
  - Meetings of the Presiding Officers.
  - Regional reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus.
  - Documents proposing standards or protocols (Operational guide, report format, proposed indicators, metadata document, among others).
  - Civil society contributions.
II. National institutional framework

Content:
Ascertain the existence (or not) of a national institutional framework and measure a series of “attributes”, including:

- Date of creation and nature of legal standing (law, decree, resolution, other).
- Institution performing a coordination role.
- Rank or hierarchical position.
- Functions of the coordinating institution.
- Line of reporting or organizational chart.
- Bodies that make up the coordinating institutions and their roles, by target population.
- Mechanisms through which coordination is carried out.
- Mechanisms and procedures for participation by civil society.
- Budgetary and financial autonomy.
- (Possible) prioritization of chapters of the Consensus.
III. Actions and initiatives at the national or subnational level

Content:

Policies and programmes presented by the countries at the sessions of the Regional Conference on Population and Development and other national actions documented by the secretariat in the framework of the International Conference on Population and Development.

Information is recorded characterizing:

- Country of origin; name and type of action (normative, policy, programme).
- Institution or institutions responsible.
- Beneficiaries; territorial coverage.
- Main topics addressed, overall objective.
- Chapters of the Montevideo Consensus addressed, priority measures.
- Year of establishment, date of incorporation into the database and link to the website.
IV. National reports for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus

Content:

A set of attributes is proposed in order to systematize the reports (and present summary indicators at the regional level), including:

- Date on which the report is sent and responsible party (institution and person).
- Structure of the report and chapters included.
- Sectors or population groups treated as rights-bearers with certain specific features.
- Use of statistical data disaggregated according to SDG 17.18 and others.
- Provision of electronic copies of the principal legislative, judicial and administrative texts referred to in the report.
- Executive summary and complete texts of each report.
V. System of indicators for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus

Aspects taken into account to prepare the proposal of indicators agreed by the countries:

- The indicators should be precise, comparable, measurable, concrete and aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal indicators.
- They should measure several priority measures simultaneously.
- They should allow disaggregation by sex, age, ethnic and racial identity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and income, among others.
- They must use official national data in the generation, processing and analysis of indicators.
- They must be comparable across countries and over time.
- They should serve to monitor specific topics of the Montevideo Consensus that are not adequately addressed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
V. System of indicators for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus

Content:

- **Indicators reported by the countries**: on the basis of the proposal of indicators prepared by the ad hoc working group, including disaggregation.

- **Regionally comparable national indicators**: ensure the comparability of information among countries and the calculation of regional averages or aggregates.

- **Assessment of the capacity to measure indicators in each country**, systematizing different attributes for each indicator (sources, frequency, coverage, domain, institution or institutions that produce indicators, among others).
V. System of indicators for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus

- Regionally comparable national indicators:

In a first version comprising **41 indicators**: these can be measured in a significant number of countries; they are associated with a large number of priority measures or are crucial to a particular chapter of the Montevideo Consensus.

*Network of relationships between chapters and indicators that meet the requirements to be included in the first version of the system of regionally comparable national indicators*
Prototype of the virtual platform
Main tools for navigation

Navigation bar:

Interactive maps:

Chapters menu:
Home page of the virtual platform
Component I: documents of the Regional Conference on Population and Development

Also includes a document search function for the year selected
Component II: national institutional structure
Component III: national actions

Allows search by country and by chapter
Component IV: national reports
Component V: system of indicators
Indicators by country, regional comparison and national capacities
Component V: system of indicators
Example of interactive map and chapter selection
Component V: system of indicators, “regional comparison”: generates comparative summaries by country, disaggregated and by chapter.
Component V: system of indicators
National capacities

Menu for selection of indicators
Final observations

- This is not a finished product: discussion, adoption and fine-tuning of the different components are required for development and implementation.

- A considerable commitment of resources and collaboration and coordination between the Presiding Officers, the secretariat and the countries, UNFPA and other relevant actors are all needed for the development, implementation and sustainability of this tool.

THANK YOU