The virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development has been developed as mandated by the countries.

- **2017**: Special meeting of the Presiding Officers: request to technical secretariat to draw up a proposal for the virtual platform.

- **2018**: Third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development: presentation and approval of proposal for the virtual platform and request for a prototype.

- **2019**: Fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers: presentation of prototype virtual platform and request to develop the platform along with a proposal for updates.

- **2022**: Fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development: presentation of website for the developed platform, as well as the proposal for updates.
Considerations during construction of the virtual platform

- A tool that provides information on how the countries of the region are moving towards fulfilment of the commitments made in the Montevideo Consensus, in terms of processes and outcomes

- A space for consultation by a diverse set of users, contributing, among other areas, to:
  - Accountability
  - Communication and exchanges of experiences among countries
  - Oversight by civil society organizations
  - Regional analysis of progress reported by countries

- Not a substitute for national information systems or regional platforms supported by civil society; rather, a complementary tool
Accessing and navigating the Virtual Platform

https://consensomontevideo.cepal.org/en
Virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus: proposed updating protocol


Sections of the platform

• Issues (chapters): static content
• Priority measures: static content
• Indicators: ongoing updates (overlapping with SDGs from official site and specific to the Montevideo Consensus, by the working group)
• Institutional framework: updated following a biennial survey (or based on information from countries) and national reports every four years
• Laws and policies: updated through a biennial survey and national reports every four years
• National reports: every four years
• Countries: updated using content from other sections
• Official documents from sessions of the Regional Conference on Population and Development: annual
• Dissemination resources: ongoing updates
Updates to sections

Institutional framework, Laws and policies

- Planned updates every two years following a survey of the countries

- Component A. Public institutions responsible for population and development issues: general characteristics of the governing body; inter-agency coordination mechanism; description of coordination work in the inter-agency mechanism; civil society participation.

- Component B. Laws and policies: records national actions classified according to the chapters of the Montevideo Consensus, with information on types of initiatives; year of creation; persons covered; responsible agency; time frame; related priority measures; general objectives; links/documents

Dissemination resources

- Protocol: technical secretariat (CELADE-CRPD@cepal.org) notified of interest, and will then send a form to the party concerned so that they may provide information to input into the platform.
What are the next steps?

➢ Commitment and active participation by the countries of the region in updating of the platform

➢ Work in conjunction with the regional office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA-LACRO) and close collaboration with its national offices

How?

➢ Continuation of the working group on indicators, changing to the **Woking Group on the virtual platform** to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, led by the National Population Council (CONAPO) of Mexico, as coordinator
Thank you very much