Fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 3 and 4 July 2024

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 3 July

8 a.m.–1 p.m. Collection of credentials

9.30–10.15 a.m. Opening session
  • Luis Gilberto Murillo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia
  • Javier Medina Vásquez, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
  • Susana Sottoli, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
  • Sergio Cusicanqui, Minister of Development Planning of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the country serving as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
  • Noemi Espinoza Madrid, Ambassador-at-large of Honduras for Women’s Affairs and Chair of fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development of the United Nations

10.15–10.30 a.m. Election of officers
  Adoption of the agenda

10.30–11.15 a.m. Presentation of the document Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development by Simone Cecchini, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC
11.15 a.m.–12.45 p.m. Presentations by government representatives on national progress, challenges, good practices and current priorities in implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

12.45–1 p.m. Official photograph of heads of delegation (Convention Centre esplanade)

1–2.30 p.m. Break

2.30–3 p.m. Reports on activities carried out in 2022–2024 and outlook for 2024–2026
- Report of the outgoing Chair, presented by the representative of the Ministry of Planning and Development of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
- Report of the secretariat, presented by Zulma Sosa, Coordinator of the Population and Development Area of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC, and Fabiana Del Popolo, Chief of the Demography and Population Information Area of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC
- Report of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), presented by Susana Sottoli, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA

3–3.15 p.m. Report on the outcomes of the civil society preparatory meetings, by a representative of the civil society organizations

3.15–5.30 p.m. Statements by delegations

Thursday, 4 July

10–11 a.m. Panel 1: Achievements and challenges relating to the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development 30 years after the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
Moderator: Noemi Espinoza Madrid, Ambassador-at-large for Women’s Affairs of Honduras and Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development of the United Nations
- Epsy Campbell, Member of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent
- Samantha Marshall, Minister of State within the Ministry of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda
- Laís Abramo, National Secretary for Care and Family in the Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family Affairs and the Fight against Hunger of Brazil
- Juan Carlos Alfonso, Deputy Head of the National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI) of Cuba
- Gilma Vieira, Coordinator, Red de Juventudes Afrodescendientes de América Latina y el Caribe

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Statements by delegations

1–2.30 p.m. Break
2.30–3.30 p.m. **Panel 2:** Persons with disabilities and the population and development agenda

**Moderator:** María Soledad Cisternas, Professor of Law and Researcher, former Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the United Nations (2013–2016) and Special Envoy of Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility (2017–2023)

- Anderson Henao, Director for Ensuring the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Equality and Equity of Colombia
- Olga Montúfar, President of the Network of Indigenous and Afro-descendant Women with Disabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Kenrick Theus, President of the Belize Assembly for Persons with Diverse Abilities (BAPDA)
- Marcela Ramírez, Coordinator of the Continuing Education and Special Services Programme and Deputy Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Costa Rica
- Jorge Luis Díaz, Specialist in the Social Cohesion Area of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB)

3.30–4 p.m. Statements by delegations

4–4.30 p.m. Break

4.30–4.45 p.m. Consideration and adoption of agreements

4.45–5 p.m. Closing session

- Representative of ECLAC
- Representative of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office of UNFPA
- Representative of the Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean