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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 18 August

8.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Collection of credentials
4–5 p.m.	Opening session • José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) • Diene Keita, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) • Cristina Lustemberg Haro, Minister of Public Health of Uruguay • Carolina Cosse, Vice-President of Uruguay
5–5.15 p.m.	Election of officers Adoption of the agenda
5.15–5.30 p.m.	Report of the outgoing Chair and the open-ended group of friends of the Chair on the rights of persons with disabilities and the population and development agenda in the framework of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (the Cartagena group) on the activities conducted in 2024–2026, presented by Francisco José Coy Granados, Ambassador of Colombia in Uruguay, in his capacity as outgoing Chair
5.30–5.45 p.m.	Reading of contributions from stakeholders
5.45 p.m.	Official photograph of heads of delegation

Wednesday, 19 August

8.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Collection of credentials
9–9.45 a.m.	Presentation of the document *Impacts of Demographic Change in Latin America and the Caribbean: Public Policy Challenges and Options*, by José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Simone Cecchini, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC
9.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Presentations by governments on national progress, challenges, good practices and current priorities in implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development
12.30–1 p.m.	Reports on activities carried out in the period 2024–2026 and outlook for the period 2026–2028 • 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 Paula Narváez, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA
1–3 p.m.	Break
3–4.30 p.m.	**Panel 1 - Decline in fertility: public policy, rights and sustainable development** Moderator: Sabrina Juran, Regional Technical Adviser, Population and Development, of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office of UNFPA • Leonel Briozzo, Under-Secretary for Public Health of Uruguay • Gaynel Diana Curry, Chair of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (to be confirmed) • Wanda Cabella, Professor of the Population Studies Programme in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of the Republic of Uruguay • Verónica Azpiroz Cleñan, Coordinator, Tejido de Profesionales Indígenas en Argentina • Sabrina Pachón, Director General of Corporación Polimorfas (Colombia)
4.30–6 p.m.	Statements by delegations

Thursday, 20 August

9–10.30 a.m.	**Panel 2 - Ageing and long-term care: challenges and opportunities related to gender-sensitive public policies** Moderator: Ana Güezmes García, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC • Ix-Chel Poot, Executive Director of the National Council on Ageing of Belize • Juan Carlos Alfonso Fraga, Deputy Head of the National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI) of Cuba

- Gabriela Rodríguez, Technical Secretary of the National Population Council (CONAPO) of Mexico
- Diego Aguilar, Regional Director for the Americas of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)
- Ericka Álvarez, President of Alianza Latinoamericana de Mujeres con Discapacidad (ALAMUD)

10.30–11 a.m. Statements by delegations

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Panel 3- Intergenerational solidarity: ensuring rights from childhood to old age**

Moderator: Juan Martín Fernández, National Director of Data Transfer and Analysis of the Ministry of Social Development of Uruguay

- Deidra Coy, Director of Human and Community Development at the Planning Institute of Jamaica
- Fernando Filgueira, Representative of UNFPA in Uruguay
- Alexandre Pupo, Secretary-General of the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America (OIJ)
- Piedad Urdinola, Associate Professor at the School of Economics, National University of Colombia
- Vicenta Camusso Pintos, President of the Institute for Afrodescendent Studies, Research and Development of Uruguay

12.30–1 p.m. Statements by delegations

1–2.30 p.m. Break

2.30–4 p.m. **Panel 4 - Public policies in response to demographic change**

Moderator: Pablo Salazar, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations system in Costa Rica

- Carlos Mendoza Alvarado, Secretary of Planning and Programming of the Office of the President of Guatemala
- 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
- Martín Francos Rodríguez, Deputy Minister of Planning and Public Investment in the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Dominican Republic
- Rodrigo Arim, Director of the Planning and Budget Office of Uruguay
- Mariana Iacono, Institutional Communications Officer of the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW)
- Paula Narváez, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA

4–4.30 p.m. Statements by delegations

4.30–4.45 p.m.	Consideration and adoption of agreements
5–5.45 p.m.	Closing session • José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC • Paula Narváez, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNFPA • Representative of Uruguay, the country serving as Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
6 p.m.	Cultural event