



## Concept note

### **“The Tlatelolco Commitment: substantive equality, care and access to justice in Latin America and the Caribbean”**

Side event at the 70th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)

March 10, 2026, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN

## Context

In 2025, Mexico hosted the XVI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, whose main theme was “transformations in the political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental spheres to promote a care society and gender equality.”

The meeting was attended by approximately 1,200 people, including 35 representatives of ECLAC member and associate member states, as well as representatives from 21 United Nations system entities and 19 intergovernmental organizations, in addition to parliamentarians from 22 countries in the region and nearly 600 members of civil society.

Within the framework of the Conference, the [Tlatelolco Commitment](#) was adopted, establishing a decade of action to achieve substantive gender equality and a care society, with the consensus of all participating delegations.

In the agreement, the countries recognize that the care society model proposed by Latin America and the Caribbean is a new paradigm for sustainable development, equality, and peace, prioritizing the sustainability of life and the care of people and the planet. They commit to promoting measures to overcome the sexual division of labor and move towards a just social organization of care.

This commitment establishes a decade of action (2025–2035) with concrete goals to achieve substantive equality and recognizes the human right to care. It also contains specific provisions to advance the development of care systems,



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promoting regulatory and institutional frameworks; the mobilization of resources; and, very importantly, international cooperation in all its forms. It also includes proposals for evaluation and accountability.

Within the framework of Mexico's presidency of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean until 2028, the aim is to promote the implementation of the Tlatelolco Commitment in the region to make care a 21st-century right.

### **Objective**

To present the Tlatelolco Commitment as a contribution from Latin America to the world and to the deliberations within the framework of the CSW, and to promote concrete mechanisms for its implementation in the region, taking into consideration the priority theme of this session.

### **Specific objectives**

- Disseminate the main elements of the Tlatelolco Commitment.
- Generate synergies between the Regional Gender Agenda and the deliberations within the framework of the CSW and other United Nations initiatives on care.
- Analyze the links between the Tlatelolco Commitment and the priority theme of the 70th CSW.

### **Posibles guests**

- Citlalli Hernández, Minister of Women of Mexico
- To be determined, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- To be determined, Ministry of Women of Brazil
- To be determined, Ministry of Women of Colombia
- To be determined, Ministry of Women of Uruguay
- To be determined, Ministry of Women of Antigua and Barbuda
- Ana Gúezmes, Director of the Gender Affairs Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)





- To be determined, UN Women
- To be determined, Civil Society Organizations

**Draft agenda (1 hour 30 minutes)**

Hora	Tiempo	Actividad
15:00-15:10 hours	7 minutes	Welcome and introductory remarks by the Minister for Women of Mexico, Citlalli Hernandez Mora
<b>Panel 1: The XVI Regional Conference on Women in Mexico</b>		
15:10-15:15 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of ECLAC
15:15-15:20 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of UNWomen
15:20-15:25 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of the Minister of Colombia
15:25-15:30 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of the Minister of Brazil
15:30-15:35 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of Civil Society Organizations
<b>Panel 2: The Tlatelolco Commitment: mechanisms to position care as the right of the 21st century</b>		
15:35-15:40 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of Jennifer Feller, Director-General of Human Rights and Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
15:40-15:45 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of Brazil
15:45-15:50 hours	5 minutes	Intervención of Antigua and Barbuda
15:50-15:55 hours	5 minutes	Intervention of Civil Society Organizations
15:55-16:20 hours	20 minutes	Q&A
16:20-16:30 hours	5 minutes	Closing remarks and conclusions, Ministry of Women of Mexico





### Guiding Questions

1. What is the importance of the care agenda for advancing towards gender equality?
2. What were the main advances, challenges, and opportunities identified during the XVI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean?
3. What are your country/institution's main perspectives on ECLAC's gender agenda, and how can we accelerate progress in care policies to guarantee effective access to this right?
4. What were the main aspects established in the Commitment of Tlatelolco, and how can its implementation be strengthened?
5. What are the links between the CSW's priority issue and the Tlatelolco commitment?
6. What types of partnerships can be built to strengthen the implementation of the Commitment of Tlatelolco?

