

* Gender Equality - The Legislative Agenda

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- * History: 34 years of progress; 100 years of struggle
- * CEDAW - The Course: equality - non-discrimination
 - * Incorporate both into constitutions as principles.
 - * Standardize all legislation
 - * Guarantee (protection, complaint mechanisms)
 - * Affirmative Actions
 - * Laws favouring equality
- * Sector-specific summits, regional conferences
Follow-up Meetings (Beijing, Cairo)

* Progress: Conventions & Treaties with Constitutional Status

- * Groups; national assemblies, commissions; parliamentary groups (UIM - *Unión Iberoamericana de Municipalistas*);...
- * Experts (gender and law; gender and public policies; gender and institutions; gender and statistics)
- * Follow-up Committees (CWS; Co-CEDAW; MESECVI)
- * Civil Society Organizations
- * CIM, ECLAC

* Major Contributions

- * First Conference (Mexico, 1975) Review of National Legislation: political involvement, education, training, employment and economic activity, health and nutrition, family, involvement in the dynamics of demography
- * Second Conference (Copenhagen 1980): legal status; economic rights (right to property, to inheritance), family rights (parental rights and duties, custody; protection to motherhood; time to care for children; sexual and domestic violence (customs and traditions); legal counsel, information on rights.

* Pending Agenda

- * Third Conference (Nairobi, 1985) Progress towards 2000. Ratification of CEDAW; agricultural reform, work and employment; awareness raising among and training of civil servants; follow up by legislative bodies.
- * Fourth Conference (Beijing, 1995) Platform for Action: women's human rights in all pieces of legislation (family, civil, criminal, labour and commercial codes, and in administrative regulations)

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- * El Cairo Conference (1994): Promote the combination of reproductive rights and freedoms with the right to economic advancement and participation; reconciliation among men and women regarding the performance of household chores
- * 12 ECLAC Regional Conferences; legal and de facto discrimination (race, marital status, religion); standardization with conventions; equality in employment, household work, rights of married women or of those cohabiting in apparent marriage; sexual slavery, sexual and all forms of violence, imprisoned women; political involvement.
- * Regional Consensuses. Path towards PPs

*** Pending Agenda**

REGIONAL AGENDA

Full equality before the law	Havana, 1977 Guatemala, 1988	Treaties Conventions Standardization Constitution	Marriage Couple Education Protection for Migrants
Family Rights	Venezuela, 1979 Mexico, 1985 Santiago Consensus (1997) Mexico Consensus (2004)		Protection to Motherhood Single Mothers Women as Heads of Households Joint Responsibility Assistance to Childhood Health
Access to Justice	Havana, 1977 Mexico Consensus (2004) Netherlands Antilles, 1981 Brasilia Consensus, 2010 Santo Domingo, 2013		Prostitution Women Slavery Violence

REGIONAL AGENDA (Cont'd)

Economic Rights	Havanna, 1977 Guatemala, 1988		Equal Salary and Equal Opportunities Employment Offshore processing industry (rights) Household Chores Land Ownership Inheritance
Political Rights	Quito Consensus		Participation in Political Positions Institutionalization of PPs-PEG Media, discriminatory and humiliating contents

- * Violence
- * Free, elected motherhood
- * Therapeutical abortion and abortion attending rape
- * Parity, quotas

*** Backward Steps and Stagnation: Conservative reformist wave; inefficient articulation; dead letter**