







Gender equality in LAC in times of COVID-19:

Towards a better sharing of paid and unpaid work

• OECD March on Gender •

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The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated challenges already facing women in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Amongst these barriers is the inequitable sharing of paid and unpaid work, which hinders women's ability to access quality jobs and social safety nets. This session will look at these challenges, and explore potential policy options, through the lens of preliminary findings of the ongoing EU Facility project "Gender equality in LAC: Towards a better sharing of paid and unpaid work" and drawing upon the experience of the NinasSTEM Pueden Initiative in Mexico.

Agenda

15:00 – 15:15 Opening remarks [15 min]

- [5 min] Juan Yermo, OECD Chief of Staff
- [5 min] Jolita Butkeviciene, Director, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, EU
- [5 min] Andreas Schaal, Director of OECD Global Relations

15:15 - 16:00 SESSION 1 [45 min]: Gender equality in LAC in times of COVID-19

The session will examine the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on women in Latin America and explore how the recovery can be an opportunity to improve the balance between paid and unpaid work in the region.

Moderator: José Antonio Ardavín, Head of the Latin America and the Caribbean Division a.i., OECD Global Relations Secretariat

SESSION 1.1 [10 min]: Key findings from the OECD

Discussion of regional challenges building on the preliminary findings of the ongoing project *Gender* equality in Latin America and the Caribbean: Towards better sharing of paid and unpaid work.

- Alessandro Goglio, Head of the Partner Countries Unit, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD [10 min]

<u>SESSION 1.2 [35 min]: Ministerial Roundtable</u>: Action-oriented options to improve the balance between paid and unpaid work in the region

- Peru: Silvia Loli, Minister of Women and Vulnerable Populations
- Chile: Maria José Abud, Under-Secretary of Women and Gender Equality
- Costa Rica: Marcela Guerrero, Minister of Women
 Colombia: Gheidy Gallo, Presidential Advisor for Gender Equality



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A powerful way of empowering women is through education and, in particular, through increasing girls' access to careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). This session will focus on opportunities for leveraging the OECD LAC Regional Programme (LACRP) to replicate the pioneer OECD initiative "NinaSTEM Pueden" – which has delivered powerful outcomes in Mexico – in other countries of the region.

Moderator: Ambassador Sybel Galvan, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the OECD

SESSION 2.1 [20 min]: Key findings from the OECD

[15 min] Findings from the Chile and Peru reports on STEM from a LAC perspective

- Yuri Belfali, Head of PISA, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD [7 min]
- Sarah Kups, Labour Market Economist, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD [7 min]

[6 min] NinaSTEM project presentation

- Roberto Martinez, Head of OECD Mexico Centre for Latin America [3 min]
- Armando Barriguete, Director General for Education Policy, Best Practices and Cooperation at the Ministry of Public Education of Mexico [3 min]

SESSION 2.2 [30 min] : Ministerial Roundtable: Action-oriented options to promote STEM in the region

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16:50-17:00 Key Takeaways [10 min]: Action-oriented conclusions

- Monika Queisser, Senior Counsellor, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, leader of the OECD Horizontal Project on Gender Equality, OECD [5 min]
- Andreas Schaal, Director of OECD Global Relations [5 min]



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