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A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Background

The Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) established in 2012 through ECLAC resolution 672(XXXIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/35. Its objectives include promoting the development and improvement of national science, technology and innovation policies, and of those related to the advancement of the information and knowledge society.

Pursuant to resolution 672(XXXIV), ECLAC serves as the secretariat of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies and makes available to the Conference the documents and facilities that have been approved by the Commission.

2. Objectives of the meeting

The aim of the fourth meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of ECLAC is to determine the lines of work and areas of cooperation of a regional agenda for 2024–2025, centred around science, technology and innovation for productive development.

3. Organization of work

The fourth meeting of the Conference will last two days and will be opened by government authorities from Colombia. The programme includes the election of a new Executive Committee, the opening ceremony and the presentation of the document *Science, technology and innovation for sustainable and inclusive productive development: guidelines for 2024–2025*, followed by four thematic panels for discussion among science, technology and innovation high-level authorities and policymakers.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Election of the Executive Committee.
3. Presentation of the document *Science, technology and innovation for sustainable and inclusive productive development: guidelines for 2024–2025*.
4. Thematic discussion panels.
5. Other matters.
6. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The delegations will have before them for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda.

2. Election of the Executive Committee

Delegations will elect an Executive Committee of the Conference on Science, Innovation, Information and Communications Technologies, which will serve until the appointment of the next Executive Committee at the following meeting of the Conference.

In accordance with resolution 672(XXXIV), the Executive Committee shall be composed of a Chair and six members. The duties of the Executive Committee are to:¹

- (a) Carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies.
- (b) Prepare, every two years, a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for supporting policies on science, technology and innovation, to be submitted at the regular meeting.
- (c) Follow up on the implementation of the agreements adopted and the tasks assigned by the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, particularly with respect to the biennial programme of activities referred to in paragraph 2(c) of section I of the resolution.
- (d) Decide on the documentation required for its meetings.

3. Presentation of the document *Science, technology and innovation for sustainable and inclusive productive development: guidelines for 2024–2025*.

The ECLAC secretariat will present the document *Science, technology and innovation for sustainable and inclusive productive development: guidelines for 2024–2025*, which analyses the structural challenges of low growth in Latin America and the Caribbean, the arguments put forward by ECLAC on the need to scale up and improve countries' productive development policies, the importance of science, technology and innovation for those policies, and the four areas of work proposed to boost science, technology and innovation efforts within the framework of productive development policies.

Working document:

- *Science, technology and innovation for sustainable and inclusive productive development: guidelines for 2024–2025* (LC/CCITIC.4/3)

¹ See resolution 672(XXXIV).

4. Thematic discussion panels

The purpose of these panels is to provide a space for discussions among high-level authorities and those responsible for science, technology and innovation policies, to generate inputs for determining priorities to be addressed in the biennial programme of activities of the Conference. Representatives of governments, the private sector, academia, civil society and other authorities will participate in these discussions, offering a comprehensive perspective on opportunities for cooperation and integration in the areas of: (i) science, technology and innovation instruments for sustainable and inclusive productive development; (ii) science, technology and innovation governance; (iii) science, technology and innovation with a territorial approach; and (iv) sectoral and technological agendas on science, technology and innovation.

5. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the delegations may consider any other matter they deem appropriate.

6. Consideration and adoption of agreements

The representatives of the member States of the Conference shall have before them the agreements of the meeting, for consideration and adoption.