

Ministras de la Mujer liderando la Reactivación Económica en tiempos post-COVID-19

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CSW65: CIM/OAS highlights Women Ministers as protagonists in reactivating the economy

Washington, March 16, 2021. The Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM/OAS), in partnership with some Ministers of Women of the region, UN Women and ECLAC, held a high-level ministerial dialogue to reflect on the importance of the leadership of these National Machineries in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery. The event was part of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

The meeting addressed the alliances, opportunities and strategies used by some machineries to place women's agenda at the center of the response to the crisis. The interaction between national and international organizations to achieve women's economic empowerment and their visibility in economic reactivation and recovery was also discussed.

The event was attended by Mayra Jiménez, President of the CIM/OAS and Minister of Women of the Dominican Republic; Mónica Zalaquett, Minister of Women and Gender Equity of Chile; Marcela Guerrero, Minister for the Status of Women of INAMU of Costa Rica; Nadine Gasman, President of the National Women's Institute of Mexico; Mónica Bottero, Director of the National Women's Institute of Uruguay; Maria Noel Vaeza, UN Women Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean; Ana Güezmes García, Director of ECLAC's Gender Division; and moderated by Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the CIM/OAS.

From the beginning of the pandemic, the CIM/OAS has called attention to the differentiated impacts of COVID-19 on women's lives, particularly in the context of the global economic crisis. The sectors that have been most affected by the pandemic are precisely the groups with the highest participation of women: the service sector, the informal economy, domestic work and tourism.

This situation has exacerbated the already existing crisis of care, women's poverty, informality, women's political participation, among other inequalities, which is why their

insertion in the public and paid sphere requires affirmative actions in each of the existing gaps, a strong political will and public/private alliances.

Check out the content prepared by the CIM/OAS on the <u>differentiated impacts of</u> COVID-19 on women's lives.

About the CIM/OAS: The region's main political forum for the recognition of women's human rights and gender equality. Since its creation in 1928, the CIM has played a predominant and strategic role in the promotion of women's rights in the hemisphere.