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WSIS, November 2005
**FIRST PHASE**

- **Virtual Forum**: Regional Workshop
  
  "Gender and ICTs in Latin America: World Summit on the Information Society and Beyond"

- **WSIS 2003 Coordination of Regional Panel**, Geneva 2003
  
  "Gender & ICTs in Latin America and the Caribbean", WSIS Gender Caucus

**Major Achievements during this timeframe**

- Evaluation of progress made and pending issues in the field of gender and ICTs in Latin America.
- Identification of individuals and organizations currently involved in this field.
- Promotion of a regional network of researchers, activists, social leaders, etc. involved in gender and ICTs issues.
Road to Tunis…

9-11 May

Regional Workshop:
“From Margin to Center: Gender Equity in Building the Information Society”, Argentina

8-10 June

Regional Ministerial Preparatory Conference for the WSIS II Phase, Rio do Janeiro, Brazil

19-30 September

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Working Plan

- Play an active role at the regional governmental and inter-governmental meetings.
- Collect and disseminate updated information, resources and proposals for advocacy purposes at national and regional level.
- Strengthen the analytical, planning and advocacy capabilities of Latin American and Caribbean scholars and activists to influence ICTs policies at regional and national level.
Regional Workshop:
“From Margin to Center: Gender Equity in Building the Information Society”

► **National Reports** (Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela)

► **Working Papers:**

✓ “World Summit on the Information Society (Contextualization of the WSIS process and critical analyses of some crucial debates)” by Magaly Peres Pazello.

✓ “In the Spotlight: Gender Experiences and ICTs in Latin America and the Caribbean” by María Esther Mogollón.


► **Final Report**
### Main purpose of the project

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Regional Workshop
– RECOMMENDATIONS –

✓ Integration of gender analysis and indicators in the ECLAC (OSILAC) Project for the monitoring of the Information Society.

✓ Recommendations for:
- Task Force on Financial Mechanisms (TFFM)
- Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG)

✓ Creation of a Regional Observatory on Gender in the IS.

✓ Preparation of multimedia training resources to encourage the strategic use of ICT related issues in social organizations and women’s NGOs.

✓ Definition of an agenda of research priorities on Gender and ICTs in LAC.
eLAC – ECLAC
Intends to:

- Move towards the creation of an information society that will benefit all inhabitants in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Promote development through equity-based growth.
- Consolidate democracy and strengthen regional integration.
- Expedite this process and curtail its economic and social costs.
| Training | Formulate and disseminate ICT training programs for women aimed at improving their position in the labor market, developing innovative potential and strengthening solidarity networks at national and regional level. | Mid-2007 |
“Implementing effective actions on training and education (in particular, science and technology) to foster full participation of girls and women in the Information Society. These actions will also promote women’s performance as educators, researchers, civil society representatives and stakeholders in the e-government process, including decision-making and monitoring of public policies and action plans tied to the Information Society.”
IT'S TIME FOR...

**EDUCATION**

- Enhance girls and young women’s active and creative participation in the knowledge society in LAC.
- Engendering ICT education at all levels.
- Support the strategic and innovative use of ICTs by women’s NGOs.
- Develop virtual learning communities.

**RESEARCH**

- Support long-term research programs on women/gender and IS in LAC.
- Produce new knowledge on critical themes such as: gender differential uses, ICT in poverty reduction, citizenship participation, violence, women’s rights, women in the ICT sector, virtual cultures.
- Create a regional observatory on gender equity in IS.
NETWORKING

- Evaluate goals, sustainability and technologies used by women/gender networks and their incidence on virtual and real life.
- Contribute with global networks and campaigns such as open source, financing mechanisms, governance, ICT in MDG, etc.
- Test new tools.

POLICIES

- Build a medium and long-term strategy to influence and monitor national and regional policies from a gender perspective.
- Train gender policy-makers on ICTs.
- Promote ongoing dialogue on gender and ICT issues with multi-stakeholders at national and regional level.

INDICATORS

- Create and implement gender indicators in coordination with regional organizations.

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WSIS Geneva, 2003 – Tunis, 2005

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ACTIVITIES
PROPOSALS
DOCUMENTS