REGIONAL FUND
IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN’S AND FEMINIST ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS
What is the Regional Fund in Support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements?

It is an initiative launched within the framework of the ECLAC’s Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the main intergovernmental forum that for more than four decades, brings together governments, the United Nations system and women's and feminist organizations and networks. As a result of this articulated work, an ambitious and comprehensive Regional Gender Agenda has been agreed upon. It constitutes a roadmap to accelerate the steps towards women's rights and progress towards women's autonomy and gender equality. The role of women's and feminist organizations and networks is fundamental for the consolidation and deepening of democracies in the region.
The objective of the Regional Fund is to support the strengthening of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements and its role in promoting gender equality and women's human rights in the region.

This initiative is based on the recognition of the fundamental role of feminist and women’s organizations and movements in advancing towards the fulfillment of the Regional Gender Agenda, the objectives established in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and places the relevance of regional cooperation to address the challenges to women’s autonomy from a multiscale approach.

Furthermore, this initiative complies with the measures established in the Montevideo Strategy and the agreements of the Santiago Commitment (2020) to strengthen the participation of women's and feminist organizations in the region.
The Regional Fund has a **Board of Directors** composed of **governments and women’s and feminist organizations** and ECLAC. It also has a **Secretariat**, composed of **governments and women’s and feminist organizations representatives** and UN Women’s **Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean** as the Fund Administrator.
What is the Regional Fund’s purpose?

Its purpose is to support with financial resources the funding of projects by women's and feminist organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean that contribute to the achievement of gender equality, women's economic, physical, and decision-making autonomy, and the guarantee of their human rights throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the Regional Gender Agenda and in coordination with the machineries for the advancement of women.
Regional Gender Agenda
to overcome structural challenges of
gender inequality and move towards
achieving gender equality and
women's autonomy.

1. Socioeconomic inequality and the persistence of poverty, in the framework of exclusionary growth

2. Discriminatory, violent and patriarchal cultural patterns and the predominance of the culture of privilege

3. Rigid sexual division of labour and unfair social organization of care

4. Concentration of power and hierarchical relations in the public sphere

WOMEN'S AUTONOMY AND GENDER EQUALITY

- Economic autonomy
- Physical autonomy
- Decision-making autonomy
- Sexual and reproductive rights
- Collective and environmental rights
- Right to a life free from violence and discrimination
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Child and political rights
- Civil and political rights

Structural challenges of gender inequality

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.

What are the requirements for applying to the Fund?

Project proposals must respond to the commitments of the Regional Gender Agenda agreed upon in the framework of the ECLAC’s Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Non-governmental women's and feminist organizations that apply must be legally registered in accordance with the national regulations of each country and have specialized knowledge, experience, and a proven track record of working for women's rights.
Submitted proposals must clearly indicate which of the organizations will be primarily responsible for the management of the Project and contractual obligations.

Grants under this call are limited to a maximum of US$10,000 per women's and feminist organization or movement for a period of no more than 4 months.

Likewise, the Regional Fund to Support Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements of the Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will consider the diversity of sub-regions and issues raised.