

## Beijing +30: The Contribution of National Women's Mechanisms and the Rural Women's Agenda

- *The event was organized by the Ministries of Women of Panama, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic, the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS), CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, UN Women, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Inclusive Societies (Global Gateway).*
- *The meeting brought together leading gender authorities from the region, representatives of international organizations and civil society.*

New York, March 12, 2025. In the framework of the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), the side event on "Beijing +30: The Contribution of National Women's Mechanisms and the Rural Women's Agenda" was held.

The event opened with welcome remarks by the President of the CIM and Minister of Women of Panama, Niurka Palacio Urriola, who emphasized that *"the relationship between the Mechanisms, both with civil society and with the gender architecture of multilateralism and international cooperation is a virtuous circle that must continue, now more than ever in close partnership and collaboration."*

The Executive Secretary of the CIM/OAS, Alejandra Mora Mora, gave a historical overview of the importance of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the establishment of the gender architecture for gender equality and highlighted the progress made by the CIM in strengthening the National Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women.

The first panel included the participation of Antonia Orellana, Minister of Women and Gender Equity of Chile; Tamara Ospina Posse, Deputy Minister of Women of the Ministry of Equality and Equity of Colombia; and Barbara Jiménez Santiago, Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean of Equality Now, and was moderated by Bibiana Aído, UN Women Representative in Colombia. The panelists reflected on the progress and challenges in the implementation of policies with an intersectional gender perspective from their respective national and regional realities, issuing a call to position the voices of rural women and strengthen the National Mechanisms.

The second panel addressed the role of the National Mechanisms in the implementation of international instruments, in particular the [Declaration on the Rights of All Women, Adolescents and Girls in Rural Settings in the Americas](#). The event included presentations by Niurka del Carmen Palacio Urriola, President of the CIM and Minister of Women of Panama; Cindy Quesada Hernández, Minister of Women of Costa Rica; and

Mayra Jiménez, Minister of Women of the Dominican Republic, and was moderated by Ana Baiardi, Manager of Gender, Inclusion and Diversity of CAF. The participants underscored the importance of getting closer to rural territories to understand the realities of their inhabitants and the need to generate effective instruments for monitoring and evaluating public policies.

The last intervention of this panel was given by Luz Maclovia Haro Guanga, Executive Secretary of the Network of Rural Women of Latin America and the Caribbean (REDLAC), who emphasized the importance of alliances as a key tool for advancing intersectional agendas and highlighted the opportunity that this decade represents to transform, through concrete actions, the lives of rural women in the region.

The event was closed by Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General for Operations of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), who highlighted the importance of collaboration between different actors to articulate international and local agendas, ensuring their adaptation to the specific realities of each region and guaranteeing a real and sustainable impact.