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Open call

On behalf of the EU-LAC Foundation, the German Federal Foreign Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain, we are pleased to announce the launch of this open call for participation in the **Gender Equality Forum** on **11-12 May 2023** in **Berlin, Germany**, in a **hybrid format**.

As you may be aware, on 27 October 2022, during the CELAC-EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Buenos Aires, the authorities of the countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Member States of the European Union (EU) expressed their commitment to organise a **Summit of Heads of State and Government of both regions** to be held in **July 2023**. Regarding this Summit, the EU-LAC Foundation, whose mandate is to connect the intergovernmental process with the civil societies of both regions, plans to contribute with substantial inputs to this dialogue at the highest bi-regional level.

In this context, we propose to organise the **Gender Equality Forum**, with the aim of facilitating an exchange and joint work between Latin American, Caribbean and European representatives of civil society networks and organisations, academic experts and international organisations specialised in the subject. The objective is to generate inputs for the adoption of common lines of programmes and public policies, as well as initiatives of civil society actors that help to articulate and strengthen the links between the societies of both regions **in terms of gender equality**.

We cordially invite your institution, organisation or network to consider applying to participate in this initiative. For further details, please find attached the **concept note** and the **tentative programme**. The Forum will be carried in **Spanish and English** - and will be organised as follows:

- A group of around 35 people will be able to participate in person at the Forum in Berlin (the criteria for selection are indicated in the concept note).
- A group of up to 75 people can attend virtually.

In addition, networks, organisations and experts in the field will be able to submit their input to the dialogue through an online expert survey.

We would also be grateful if you could help us to circulate this call for proposals among actors working on this issue.

The participation in the Forum is free of charge and interested parties are kindly requested to submit their expressions of interest by 10 March 2023 (23:59 CET) via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.de/r/YSFJLQ8>

Given the limited number of places available for face-to-face attendance under the auspices of the organising entities, self-financed participation is welcome.

Should you have any questions, please contact genderequality@eulacfoundation.org with the subject: “Gender Equality Forum”.

Thanking you for your interest and attention, I take this opportunity to send you my warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,



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