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Tenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has the following duties: to carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference; to draw up, every two years, a biennial programme of activities of regional and international cooperation on statistical matters, to be submitted at the regular meeting of the Conference; to follow up the implementation of the agreements reached at the Conference and the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference, particularly the biennial programme of activities; and to decide on the documentation required for its meetings.

At its fifth meeting, held in Bogota from 10 to 13 August 2009, the Conference determined that the composition of its Executive Committee would be as follows: Bahamas, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic (Chair), France and Uruguay.

The tenth meeting of the Executive Committee will review the status of implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2009-2011; of resolution 6 (V) adopted by the Conference at its fifth meeting; and of the agreements adopted by the Executive Committee at its ninth meeting. At its tenth meeting, the Executive Committee will also review the operating modalities of the working groups of the Conference in order to propose measures aimed at strengthening their achievements. In addition, the Executive Committee must decide upon the preliminary agenda and the place and date of the sixth meeting of the Conference and define the substantive issues to be discussed on that occasion. The Executive Committee will also have before it for discussion the proposed areas of work for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2012-2013. A working meeting on the 2010 census round is also planned, with a view to exchanging experiences on the census-taking operations carried out recently in a number of Latin American and Caribbean countries.

B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Committee will have before it the provisional agenda set out below for consideration and adoption:¹

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2009-2011:
 - (a) Report by the secretariat;
 - (b) Reports by the working groups;
 - (c) Report on the activities of the Knowledge Transfer Network;
 - (d) Report on the review of the operating modalities of the working groups;

¹ LC/L.3279 (CE.10/1).

- (e) Information on the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme;
 - (f) Report on the progress of the project to establish a regional statistical framework for directories of businesses and establishments.
3. Report on the coordination of international statistical activities in the area of the environment.
 4. Information on subregional cooperation activities.
 5. Panel on recent experiences in census-taking in some Latin American and Caribbean countries.
 6. Preparations for the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean:
 - (a) Consideration of substantive issues for discussion at the sixth meeting of the Conference;
 - (b) Analysis of proposed areas of work for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2012-2013;
 - (c) Consideration of the provisional agenda of the sixth meeting of the Conference;
 - (d) Selection of the place and date of the sixth meeting of the Conference.
 7. Other matters.
 8. Agreements.
- 2. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2009-2011**

(a) Report by the secretariat

The meeting will have before it for review a report by the secretariat on the status of implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2009-2011.

Working document:

Progress report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2009-2011 (LC/L.3284(CE.10/3))

Reference document:

Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, 2009-2011 (LC/L.3072(CEA.5/12))

(b) Reports by the working groups

The various working groups will report to the Executive Committee on the activities to be carried out in 2011, the current status of achievement of programme targets and the level of achievement they expect to attain by the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in late 2011.

Working document:

Progress report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2009-2011 (LC/L.3284(CE.10/3))

Reference documents:

Report of the fifth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3125)

2010-2011 programme of work of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3213(CE.9/3))

Report of the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2456(CE.9/5))

Propuesta de estructura del código de buenas prácticas de las estadísticas en América Latina y el Caribe (version presented for discussion) (DDR/1)

(c) Report on the activities of the Knowledge Transfer Network

The Council of the Knowledge Transfer Network will present a report on the activities of the Network and the challenges it faces in 2011.

Working document:

Progress report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2009-2011 (LC/L.3284(CE.10/3))

(d) Report on the review of the operating modalities of the working groups

Pursuant to the request made by the Conference at its fifth meeting, the secretariat will present a report on the review conducted of the operating modalities of the Conference's working groups.

Working document:

Report on the review of the operating modalities of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3285(CE.10/4))

Reference document:

Implementation and monitoring of the programme of regional statistical work, 2005-2007; responsibilities of the Executive Committee and proposed terms of reference of the working groups (DDR/3)

(e) Information on the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme

ECLAC, as the regional coordinating agency for the International Comparison Programme, will present a report on the work carried out in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Working document:

Progress report on the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3286(CE.10/5))

(f) Report on the progress of the project to establish a regional statistical framework for directories of businesses and establishments

Chile, as the country coordinating this component of the programme of work and the project, will give a status report on the project to establish a regional statistical framework for directories of businesses and establishments.

Working document:

Progress report on the project to establish a regional statistical framework for directories of businesses and establishments (LC/L.3287(CE.10/6))

3. Report on the coordination of international statistical activities in the area of the environment

The Executive Committee will have before it for review and discussion a report prepared as follow-up to the agreement adopted at its ninth meeting requesting ECLAC, in collaboration with Mexico, as coordinator of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics, to prepare an in-depth report on international statistical activities in the area of the environment, with a view to strengthening coordination of those activities and optimizing their contribution to the development of environmental statistics in the region, and to present the report to the Executive Committee at its tenth meeting.

Working document:

Report on the coordination of international statistical activities in the area of the environment (LC/L.3288(CE.10/7))

4. Information on subregional cooperation activities

Under this item, the various coordination agencies in the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Community and the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) will report on their activities and their contribution to the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2009-2011.

5. Panel on recent experiences in census-taking in some Latin American and Caribbean countries

A panel discussion will be held to exchange experiences and discuss recent experiences in census-taking in a number of Latin American and Caribbean countries. Experiences of various countries will be presented, and representatives will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

6. Preparations for the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

(a) Consideration of substantive issues for discussion at the sixth meeting of the Conference

The Executive Committee will have before it for review and decision a report by the secretariat on the outcome of consultations with countries on the choice of topics for the substantive seminars to be held within the framework of the sixth meeting of the Conference.

(b) Analysis of proposed areas of work for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2012-2013

The Chair and the secretariat will present, for review by the Executive Committee, a report on the proposed areas of work for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2012-2013. The proposed areas are closely linked to the objectives and targets of the strategic plan 2005-2015 of the Conference.

(c) Consideration of the provisional agenda of the sixth meeting of the Conference

The secretariat will present, for review and decision by the Executive Committee, a report on the provisional agenda of the sixth meeting of the Conference.

(d) Selection of the place and date of the sixth meeting of the Conference

The Executive Committee will consider options for the place and date of the sixth meeting of the Conference and will make decisions in that regard.

7. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will consider any other matters that may be raised.

8. Agreements

The Executive Committee will adopt decisions as appropriate.