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INTRODUCTION

This document presents the main statistical activities included in the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system for the biennium 2006-2007.¹ The programme of work was based on the proposed strategic framework for the same period, and was submitted to the States members of the Commission at the thirtieth session of ECLAC in San Juan, Puerto Rico, (28 June-2 July 2004) for their consideration. The process of consultation with governments regarding the framework was initiated on the occasion of the meeting of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole, held on 20 April 2004 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The comments and suggestions made by the participating delegations were duly collected by the Secretariat and transmitted to the relevant internal bodies for their consideration and possible inclusion in the proposal by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General presented his proposal to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly for timely adoption following its review by the relevant subsidiary bodies.

The statistical activities of the programme of work are organized here in subprogrammes, following the structure of the reference document, which is available in electronic form from the ECLAC web site.² The first three subprogrammes relate to ECLAC activities in the field of economic development (subprogrammes 1-3); these are followed by social development activities (subprogrammes 4-6), planning of public administration (subprogramme 7), activities relating to the environment and human settlements, and natural resources and infrastructure (subprogrammes 8 and 9), the statistics and economic projections subprogramme, and last the activities specially devoted to Mexico and Central America and the Caribbean.

Each subprogramme is presented in a brief introductory note, followed by a description of the medium-term objective, the more specific results which are expected to be achieved in the biennium and the indicators of accomplishment, which will serve to show and measure the results and their effects. This is followed by a description of the subject areas that explicitly include activities of a statistical nature. For the sake of consistency, the numbering of the activities presented here is not correlative, but follows the structure of the original programme of work of the ECLAC system. Interested delegates may consult the reference document for the complete programme.

¹ C/G.2238(SES.30/6).

² <http://www.cepal.org>.

SUBPROGRAMME 1: LINKAGES WITH THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, INTEGRATION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Presentation

The most recent experience in Latin America and the Caribbean shows that growth in exports of goods and services, although a necessary condition, is not sufficient to promote economic development with social equity. Despite the fact that some success has been achieved in the region in terms of trade diversification, the competitiveness of exports still depends mostly on price differentials arising from static comparative advantages, with very few but significant exceptions in the case of some countries. One outstanding task is to orient the trade agenda of the region not only towards strengthening access to markets for its labour- and natural-resource-intensive products and services, but also to increase the share of technology-intensive sectors. Trade expansion should thus bring more support for sustainable development, the creation of high-quality employment and the reduction of poverty.

<i>Objective:</i> To strengthen linkages between Latin American and Caribbean countries and the global economy and regional cooperation and integration schemes at subregional, regional and hemispheric levels	
<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Increased awareness in the countries of the region of the implications and impact of the adoption of conventional and new trade rules and disciplines	1. (i) Number of downloads of documents and press citations of materials prepared under the subprogramme dealing with the adoption of conventional and new trade rules and disciplines (ii) Number of readers of the flagship publication, Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy, who consider its analysis and policy recommendations as “useful” or “very useful” for policy formulation
2. Strengthened understanding and analytical knowledge of Member State stakeholders of ways of improving their linkages with the global economy in the context of the parallel advancement of globalization and open regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean	2. Number of issues raised by ECLAC that improve linkages with the global markets that are taken into account by policy makers and other Member State stakeholders

This subprogramme of work does not include specific statistical activities, but its implementation requires the maintenance of internal databases for analytical purposes.

SUBPROGRAMME 2: PRODUCTION AND INNOVATION

Presentation

Recent experience in Latin America and the Caribbean suggests that the implementation of prudent macroeconomic policies has been insufficient in most of the countries of the region to sustain vigorous, long-term economic growth. Thus, in the next few years, the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean will need to make more resolute qualitative efforts than those made so far to design and implement sectoral and microeconomic policies for overcoming the obstacles and challenges in this sphere.

Objective: To strengthen the capacities of the countries of the region to design and implement microeconomic and sectoral policies to foster the production, innovation and knowledge systems with due consideration for the economic, social and environmental dimensions and the linkages with the global economy

Expected accomplishments

Indicators of achievement

1. Increased understanding of ECLAC proposals by stakeholders for the design and implementation of policies for productive development

1. (i) Increased number of stakeholders fostering policies for productive development along the lines of ECLAC Recommendations
(ii) An increase in the number of downloads from the subprogramme's web site of the main analytical documents and reports presenting policy options and recommendations
(iii) Number of readers of the flagship publication, *Foreign investment in Latin America and the Caribbean*, responding to surveys who consider its analysis and recommendations as "useful" or "very useful" for their work

2. Increased utilization of ECLAC services by Member States stakeholder institutions to formulate policies and strategies to enhance the competitiveness of their production structures

2. (i) The number of Member States stakeholder institutions making use of analytical tools developed under the subprogramme
(ii) The number of participants in training courses organized under the subprogramme that rate them as "useful" or "very useful" for application in their work

1. Activities

Subject area 2.2:³ Analysis of the behaviour of the main economic agents in the region

(b) Recurrent publications

Foreign investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, an annual publication which includes the updating of the legal framework and statistical information, which will be included in a CD-ROM issued with the publication (two issues in the biennium) (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

³ The numbering of the activities presented here follows the structure of the original programme of work of the ECLAC system.

Subject area 2.3: The performance of the main economic agents: innovation and knowledge

(c) Technical material

(i) Development, consolidation and annual update of computer programs and trade-related information systems: Competitive Analysis of Nations (CAN) and COMERPLAN (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(ii) Maintenance and update of the Industrial Performance Analysis Program (PADI) (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(iii) Maintenance and update of the legal framework and statistical information on foreign direct investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(iv) Development of the computer software on the agricultural production structure, AGROPLAN (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(v) Development and dissemination of information on information and communication technologies (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(d) Operational activities

(i) Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services to countries that request it in areas relating to regulatory policies and competitiveness, the development of the agrifood business, the systems of innovation at the national and local levels, improvement in statistical information on foreign direct investment, strategies for foreign direct investment at national and local levels and the design and implementation of productive development policies, in particular in support of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

SUBPROGRAMME 3: MACROECONOMIC POLICIES AND GROWTH

Presentation

Over the next few years, the governments of the Latin American and Caribbean countries must persevere with their efforts to reach macroeconomic stabilization in order to achieve long-term growth. In this undertaking, the challenges which they will face are extremely complex. The internal and external imbalances of the past are expected to carry over into the future, particularly in terms of reducing the manoeuvring room of governments and institutions to implement counter-cyclical monetary and fiscal policies.

Objective: To strengthen the capacity of Latin American and Caribbean countries to design and implement suitable macroeconomic policies for achieving long-term growth

Expected accomplishments

Indicators of achievement

1. Increased awareness of policy makers in Latin America and the Caribbean of key issues at stake to design and implement consistent short-term macroeconomic policies within a long-term growth-enhancing framework	1. Increase in percentage of users who find the subprogramme's flagship publications "useful"
2. Increased understanding in Latin American and Caribbean countries of how to reconcile long-term growth with sustainable development	2. Proportion of beneficiaries of policy advice services provided by the subprogramme that consider the relevant policy recommendations received to be "useful" or "very useful"
3. Enhanced regional cooperation and increased understanding of the need to develop macroeconomic coordination in the context of regional and subregional integration processes	3. Number of other participants in ECLAC forums that rate as useful for their work the recommendations made by the subprogramme regarding macroeconomic coordination
4. Increased awareness on the part of a wider audience about trends in the Latin American and Caribbean economies and their prospective behaviour	4. Increased number of policy makers, scholars and other users who find the subprogramme's flagship publications "useful"

1. Activities

Subject area 3.1: Overview and sectoral review of economic performance in Latin American and the Caribbean

(a) Recurrent publications

(i) *Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2005-2006.*

(ii) *Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2006-2007.*

This publication is prepared annually and consists of two parts. The first is devoted to a global overview of the recent evolution of Latin America and the Caribbean. It analyses the changes that have taken place in the region in the context of the changes in the international economy, as well as economic policy, structural problems affecting the various types of economies, changes in the level of

activity, total supply and demand, performance in terms of investment, saving and consumption, inflation, employment and wages, and the external sector. Part two contains reports on individual countries of the region, for each of which a systematic analysis of its evolution is presented. The publication is accompanied by a set of statistical tables, distributed in the form of a compact disc, providing information on growth, employment, foreign trade, the balance of payments, external indebtedness, prices, wages and monetary and fiscal accounts.

(b) Technical material

(i) Updating and improvement of databases on economic performance in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular those containing the information needed for the preparation of the aforementioned recurrent publications (high correlation with expected accomplishment 4).

SUBPROGRAMME 4: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY

Presentation

During the 2006-2007 biennium, equity and social inclusion will be the pivotal elements of the subprogramme on social development and equity, which will be the responsibility of the Social Development Division of ECLAC. The equity gap, attributable to various factors —education, employment, demography, assets and attribution— in turn, has an adverse effect on social integration.

<i>Objective: To accelerate the alleviation of poverty and the attainment of social equity in the region</i>	
<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Fuller understanding and stronger analytical capacity, on the part of the region's Governments and other stakeholders, with respect to long-standing structural and newly emerging social problems affecting underprivileged socio-economic groups	1. (i) Proportion of beneficiaries of the technical advisory and training services rendered by the subprogramme who regard them as useful for the preparation of diagnostic analyses of the social situation and social trends (ii) Increased number of downloads of the <i>Social Panorama of Latin America</i> , among other publications and documents, for the purpose of using the analyses and statistics contained in these materials
2. Strengthened institutional capacity of Governments and other stakeholders in the social policy field to design, implement and assess policies, programmes and projects for enhancing social equity and integration	2. Number of social programmes, whether designed by Governments or through cooperation among agencies or other social stakeholders, that make explicit use of the methodologies developed under the subprogramme
3. Strengthened institutional capacity on the part of Governments and other stakeholders to use and exchange information in designing and implementing social policies and programmes	3. Number of thematic networks of social policy makers or other social stakeholders established for the exchange of information, experiences and good practices in the framework of activities carried out under the programme of work

1. Activities

Subject area 4.2: Diagnostic assessment of the social situation of the population as a whole and of vulnerable groups with emphasis on poverty and social equity

(b) Recurrent publications

(i) *Social Panorama of Latin America, 2005-2006* (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 3).

(ii) *Social Panorama of Latin America, 2006-2007* (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 3).

This publication is prepared annually as a joint project of the Social Development Division and the Statistics and Economic Projections Division. Adopting both a short- and medium-term perspective, it addresses such key issues as employment, income distribution, poverty and social expenditure; it also includes measurements of inequality between socio-economic strata by gender and by urban or rural area of residence, with respect to living conditions as well as opportunities for social mobility. The analysis of the social agenda focuses on issues at the centre of public and political debate in a number of countries of Latin America in order to highlight the key problems and how they are perceived. Each edition of the *Social Panorama of Latin America* deals with a selected central topic and contains a statistical appendix.

During the biennium, efforts will be made to increase gradually the number of countries covered and to encourage greater participation by those who work in the subregional offices for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, respectively. New issues will be incorporated such as health, housing and others relating to age groups and a more in-depth analysis will be provided of employment and social protection systems. Similarly, a chapter will be included on trends in social development and progress achieved in this area based on a human rights perspective that includes economic, social and cultural rights. Another chapter will be devoted to summarizing the main social developments of the period and their more explicit linkage with economic policy. Further efforts will be made to follow up the social policy of countries in the social agenda and to review the social indicators and the analytical framework that underpins it.

With regard to sources of statistical information, the processing of household surveys will be updated and given greater continuity and a CD-ROM containing statistical information in complete historical series will be issued with the printed publication. In addition, successful experiences in terms of social policy will be compiled and systematized to constitute a reference stock which supports the analysis with examples.

SUBPROGRAMME 5: MAINSTREAMING THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE INTO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Presentation

At the end of the last century, one of the most striking paradoxes was the fact that a significant degree of recognition and visibility of the progress achieved by women coexisted with persistent and very obvious social exclusions. The process of constructing equality between women and men very often seemed to work in opposition to the growing inequalities in the economic, social, political, cultural and technological spheres, and in media access in the globalized world.

In this context, efforts will continue under the subprogramme to support gender mainstreaming in public policies, a strategy that is essential for institution-building in that field.

Objective: To achieve the mainstreaming of the gender equity agenda into the principal policies of the Governments of the Latin American and Caribbean countries by strengthening the institutionalization of public policies that incorporate a gender perspective

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Increased adoption of policies to mainstream the gender perspective into the priority areas of the government agendas (economic policy, employment, poverty, social protection, institutional development and security)	1. (i) Number of programmes in priority areas of government policy that have mainstreamed the gender perspective into their reforms and policies (ii) Number of countries in which agreements and inter-institutional networks have been established to ensure the mainstreaming of the gender perspective into the priority areas of the government agendas
2. Increased utilization of monitoring tools such as gender indicators and gender planning	2. (i) Number of countries that have developed a system of gender indicators comparable to those used in the integrated system proposed by ECLAC (ii) Number of countries in which agreements have been established among national statistical institutes, national women's offices and the priority sectors of government policy with regard to the production and exchange of gender statistics for use in public policy-making

1. Activities

(f) Technical material

(i) Preparation of four studies on specific issues which contribute to the incorporation of the gender perspective in the work of the ECLAC system. Topics to be covered include the development of gender indicators in the area of poverty and the measurement of paid and unpaid work; the participation of women in rural development; the contribution of gender institutions to regional decentralization; and the progress made in incorporating the gender perspective in state budgets in the region (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

(ii) Updating of the site on gender statistics of the ECLAC Internet portal with data from the 2006 household surveys and other sources (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

SUBPROGRAMME 6: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Presentation

The demographic transition continues in Latin America and the Caribbean and is resulting in decreased fertility and population growth rates throughout the region, although several countries and specific groups are still lagging behind. This transition process is reshaping the age structure of the population and signs of demographic ageing are appearing in the region. Rapid urbanization also continues to be an issue and one that primarily affects medium-sized cities. In addition, emigration flows out of the region are increasing and becoming more diverse. Although such demographic trends are positive, as some of the changes will have a positive impact on economic and social development and the realization of civil rights, they also entail challenges, to which the subprogramme will pay particular attention in the biennium 2006-2007, under the direction of the Population Division of ECLAC-Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE).

Objective: To improve the generation of sociodemographic information and knowledge on population issues for use in social programming in the countries of the region

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Increased technical capacity of the Latin American and Caribbean Member States to monitor population trends and tackle population and development issues for use in social programming	1. Increase in the number of Member States making use of knowledge and information generated under the subprogramme on demographic trends and population and development issues for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their social programmes and policies
2. Increased technical capacity of Latin American and Caribbean Member States to monitor progress in the implementation of the recommendations and goals of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Regional Implementation Strategies of the Madrid Plan of Action as well as the relevant objectives and goals of the Millennium Declaration	2. Number of countries that have taken action to implement the goals and recommendations of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Regional Strategy for the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action as well as the relevant goals and objectives of the Millennium Declaration and other relevant international conferences related to the field of population and development

1. Activities

Subject area 6.1: Demographic analysis and population projections

All activities listed under this subject heading are highly correlated with expected accomplishment 1.

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

A meeting of experts to consider the use of vital statistics in generating population estimates and in monitoring social programmes.

(b) Recurrent publications

Four issues of the *Demographic Bulletin*.

(c) Non-recurrent publications

(i) A study on emerging patterns in fertility and in sexual and reproductive health, and their links to poverty reduction.

(ii) A study on the status of the mortality rate in selected countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

(iii) A technical report on the quality and completeness of vital statistics in Latin America.

(d) Technical material

(i) A methodological report on the preparation of projections for specific populations (urban-rural, economically active and others).

(ii) Development of a new version of the computer program for demographic projections (PRODEM).

(iii) Maintaining an up-to-date database on demographic trends and population projections by sex and age.

(iv) Maintaining an up-to-date sociodemographic data bank on censuses and vital statistics.

(v) Maintaining an up-to-date international migration data bank for the programme “Investigation of International Migration in Latin America” (IMILA).

(e) Operational activities

(i) Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services to countries in the region, at their request, in the areas of data collection, demographic analysis and methodologies for the preparation of population projections and estimates.

(ii) Group training

A one-week workshop —designed for approximately 10 professionals from national statistical offices— on data collection, demographic analysis and methodologies for the preparation of population projections and estimates.

The execution of operational activities, and the partial implementation of the activity outlined in (a)(i), will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Subject area 6.2: Population information

All activities listed under this subject heading are highly correlated with expected accomplishment 1.

(a) Recurrent publications

Two issues of *REDATAM Informa* and electronic diffusion of its content through the specialist subprogramme site accessible through the ECLAC portal.

(b) Non-recurrent publications

A technical report on the use of data obtained from the 2000 round of censuses.

(c) Technical material

(i) A methodological report on the procedures for using census data in order to map and characterize makeshift settlements.

(ii) Development and updating of computer programs to facilitate the use of population statistics, particularly data from censuses and vital statistics, through the combined use of the System for the Retrieval of Census Data for Small Areas by Microcomputer (REDATAM) and geographic information systems.

(d) Operational activities

(i) Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services to countries, at their request, in the design and use of computer software applications relating to REDATAM and the creation of related databases.

(ii) Group training

Four one- to two-week workshops for approximately 10 professionals per workshop, on the use of REDATAM computer software applications and the creation of related databases.

The execution of operational activities is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Subject area 6.3: Incorporating sociodemographic variables into development policies, programmes and projects

All activities listed under this subject heading are highly correlated with expected accomplishment 1.

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

A meeting of experts to consider demographic aspects of poverty.

(b) Non-recurrent publications

(i) A study on the sociodemographic characteristics of makeshift settlements (poor neighbourhoods or slums) in various countries of the region.

(ii) A study on the ties of emigrants to their countries of origin.

(iii) A study on how the situation of older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean has changed pursuant to the Regional Implementation Strategy for the International Plan of Action on Ageing (IPAA).

(c) Technical material

Update and improvement of the database on Spatial Distribution and Urbanization of the Population in Latin America and the Caribbean (DEPUALC), with special attention to incorporation of the results of the 2000 census round.

(d) Operational activities(i) Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services to countries of the region, at their request, in areas relating to the incorporation of sociodemographic variables into development policies, programmes and projects.

(ii) Group training

A one-week workshop for approximately 10 professionals from sectoral ministries on issues relating to the incorporation of sociodemographic variables into development policies, programmes and projects.

Cooperation with government entities, universities, non-governmental organizations and regional and subregional bodies aimed at the development of training activities on emerging issues linked to population and development.

The execution of operational activities, and the partial implementation of the activity outlined in (a)(i), will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Subject area 6.4: Regional cooperation in population and development

(c) Recurrent publications

Four issues during the biennium of the publication *Notas de Población* for the dissemination of research and studies on population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(d) Technical material

(i) Maintaining an updated data bank on ageing for follow-up to the Regional Implementation Strategy for the IPAA.

(ii) Updating the regional system of indicators for follow-up to the Programme of Action of the ICPD.

(iii) Periodic updating of the content of the specialist subprogramme site, accessible through the ECLAC portal.

(e) Materials and information services

Two issues during the biennium of the *Boletín informativo sobre envejecimiento*, with information on the progress made by countries in the region in the formulation and execution of policies relating to older persons.

SUBPROGRAMME 7: PLANNING OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Presentation

Over the next few years, the analysis of public-sector budget policies and management, and also of local development policies, will continue to have high priority on the development agenda of the countries in the region. Accordingly, during the 2006-2007 biennium, these will be the two main areas that will articulate the programme of work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), the body responsible for implementation of this subprogramme and which will also continue to perform and enhance its function as the training centre of the ECLAC system.

Objective: To improve public sector management in the countries of the region with regard to planning, budgeting and local development

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Increased utilization of the training services provided by the subprogramme regarding programming, budgeting, management of current and capital expenditure and local development	1.(i) Increase in the number of ECLAC Member States that send professionals to courses organized by the subprogramme (ii) Percentage of participants rating the courses given by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) as “useful” or “very useful” for application in their respective areas of work
2. Increased utilization of the technical assistance services provided by the subprogramme regarding programming, budgeting, management of current and capital expenditure and local development	2.(i) Percentage of Member States of ECLAC receiving technical assistance from ILPES for institutional strengthening (ii) Number of countries beneficiaries of ILPES technical cooperation services that use methodologies, procedures or institutional frameworks along the line of the subprogramme’s recommendations
3. Increased coordination, sharing of experiences and awareness creation among ECLAC member countries on issues related to public management in the fields of planning, budgeting and evaluation of public-sector activities and local development	3. (i) Number of stakeholders from ECLAC Member States participating in intergovernmental forums, technical meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the subprogramme (ii) Number of downloads of documents and material prepared by the subprogramme from the ILPES web site

This subprogramme of work does not include specific statistical activities, but its implementation requires the maintenance of internal databases for analytical purposes.

SUBPROGRAMME 8: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Presentation

The relationships between economic growth, environmental protection, urban development and social equity are of increasing importance for the Governments and principal stakeholders in the region. In addressing this complex web of interrelationships, sustainable development will constitute the pivotal element of the subprogramme during the 2006-2007 biennium. The corresponding activities will be executed by the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC.

Objective: To improve the integration of environmental and urban management considerations into economic, social and land-use policies in the framework of sustainable development

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Fuller understanding of the sustainable development and human settlements trends and States to monitor population trends and prospects by the Governments of the region and other stakeholders	1. (i) Percentage of participants from the countries of the region in the conferences, workshops and training initiatives organized under the subprogramme who rate the knowledge gained as “useful” or “very useful” for their work (ii) Increased number of online consultations, downloads and direct inquiries by stakeholders and users of the databases and publications produced under the subprogramme
2. Enhanced capacity of the Governments of the region to follow-up and make progress in the implementation of international and national commitments derived from the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the relevant goals and objectives of the Millennium Declaration	2. Percentage of ECLAC Member States participating in intergovernmental forums, technical meetings, seminars and conferences to review progress in implementation of international commitments derived from the relevant world summits and international conferences

1. Activities

Subject area 8.1: Status of sustainable development in the region

(d) Technical material

Updating and improving the database on economic, social and environmental variables and indicators for assessing the advance of sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

SUBPROGRAMME 9: NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Presentation

The management of natural resources and the provision of infrastructure have been the subject of substantive reforms over the past decade. The main results have been the elimination of some public monopolies, the restructuring of markets and the promotion of private investment. This process has been accompanied by a redefinition of the role of the State and the design of new methods of public intervention, especially with regard to developing regulatory capabilities.

Objective: To promote the adoption of best practices related to sustainable management of natural resources as well as the wider access of the population to public utility services

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Strengthened institutional capacity in the countries of the region to formulate policies and regulatory mechanisms for sustainable natural resource management	1. Increase in the number of countries and academic, regional and business institutions that act upon the recommendations deriving from the technical cooperation services offered by the subprogramme
2. Strengthened regulatory capacity in the countries of the region for the provision of infrastructure and public utility services	2. Increase in the number of countries that act upon the recommendations deriving from the technical cooperation services offered by the subprogramme
3. Increased utilization of technical cooperation services offered by the subprogramme	3.(i) Increase in the number of requests for technical assistance and specialized support services under the subprogramme for intergovernmental and technical meetings held at the regional, subregional or national level (ii) Number of positive assessments of the technical proposals presented under the subprogramme on the basis of reports of ministerial and expert meetings

This subprogramme of work does not include specific statistical activities, but its implementation requires the maintenance of internal databases for analytical purposes.

SUBPROGRAMME 10: STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

Presentation

Demands for statistical information and economic projections have increased in number and complexity. This trend is expected to continue in light of the ongoing advance of economic and social development processes in the region in the context of globalising international economic relations. The combination of these factors together with the increasing calls made by the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean for more equitable and sustainable development gives rise to specific needs in this area.

Although the quality and completeness of the region's statistical output has improved significantly with respect to its economic, demographic and social dimensions, it is important to continue moving forward and to put forth the effort needed in order to face future challenges from a better position. To this end, the subprogramme proposes to improve the capacity of member States of ECLAC to compile and disseminate statistical information and indicators vital to the design and timely monitoring of economic and social development policies, in keeping with internationally accepted standards and guided by the best practices established for this field.

Such considerations underpin the conceptual and methodological content of the programme of work for the 2006-2007 biennium. Implementation of the subprogramme is the responsibility of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division, although close collaboration with the other subprogrammes of ECLAC will be needed to effectively execute the subprogramme due to its interdisciplinary nature. The subprogramme encompasses four subject areas considered essential to Latin America and the Caribbean's current stage of statistical development in economic and social spheres. Such areas span the full range, from national accounts and economic statistics, through social indicators and statistics, economic projections and prospects, to information dissemination. Each area includes both statistical development activities that are more conventional—which continue to prove relevant and underpin national statistical systems—and issues emerging from new demands voiced by Governments and civil society reflecting their concerns in light of economic, social and environmental vulnerabilities caused by growth patterns in the region. Lastly, the activities are aimed at responding to the institutional and technical challenges faced by national statistical bodies to continue modernizing their management by incorporating the concepts of quality and transparency in the production and dissemination of information.

In order to support these efforts, the subprogramme envisages strengthening the role of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (SCA/ECLAC), which is the governing intergovernmental body that sets cooperation priorities for statistical development in the region. Within this framework, the subprogramme will continue supporting efforts to harmonize and coordinate statistics in regional integration schemes and will maintain close ties with bilateral and multilateral agencies, particularly those in the United Nations system. In addition, the periodic examination and assessment of advances in the programme of statistical work conducted by SCA/ECLAC and its Executive Committee will be used to measure the impact of the subprogramme in the countries of the region.

The aforementioned activities are intended to help meet the general objective of the subprogramme in the medium term and achieve the expected accomplishments of a more specific nature over the course of the biennium, which will be shown by the indicators of achievement described below.

Objective: To enhance the production and timely dissemination of statistical information and indicators to design and monitor economic and social policies in the region

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Modernization of the national accounts of the countries of the region through the incorporation of the new methodological recommendations adopted at the international level in the framework of the System of National Accounts 1993 and their adaptation to the special needs arising from structural changes in the economies	1. Number of countries in the region regarded by the Statistical Conference of the Americas as having made satisfactory progress in implementing the System of National Accounts 1993 and incorporated satellite accounts, in accordance with international recommendations and their own requirements
2. Increased utilization of the economic indicators and projections compiled and produced by the subprogramme	2.(i) Increase in the number of downloads of the economic indicators and projections made available online by ECLAC (ii) Number of citations and references to ECLAC indicators and projections in the media and external publications
3. Strengthened capacity on the part of the countries of the region to monitor the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals relating to poverty and social well-being and better policies for disseminating harmonized indicators, both at the national level and within the United Nations system	3. Increase in the number of countries in the region regarded by the Statistical Conference of the Americas as having made satisfactory progress in incorporating ECLAC methodological recommendations into the design and compilation of poverty and social well-being indicators

1. Activities

Subject area 10.1: Technical cooperation with member States and regional statistical bodies

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

(i) Fourth Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. This activity includes the coordination and monitoring of technical cooperation agreements in different areas and the preparation of reports on the activities of the ECLAC secretariat and the outputs and advances made in statistical development and international cooperation, as well as the preparation of substantive documentation for presentation at the Conference (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 3).

(ii) Two meetings of the Executive Committee of the Conference, including the preparation of progress reports on advances and outputs of the programme of work defined by the Conference (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 3).

(b) Operational activities

Advisory services

(i) Provision of technical cooperation services to member States and regional bodies that request them in the harmonization of basic economic statistics and use of international nomenclature, as well as in the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 and its satellite accounts (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(ii) Provision of technical cooperation services to member States and regional bodies that request them in the development of systems for monitoring and modelling current economic conditions and the construction of analytical indicators (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(iii) Provision of technical cooperation services to member States and regional bodies that request them in areas relating to household surveys, social indicators and statistics and in the quantification and analysis of situations of poverty as part of the follow-up to the development goals set out in the Millennium Declaration (high correlation with expected accomplishment 3).

The execution of operational activities is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Subject area 10.2: Statistical data banks on Latin America and the Caribbean, and dissemination of regional statistics and indicators

(a) Recurrent publications

(i) *Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean* (two issues during the biennium) (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1, 2 and 3).

(ii) Preparation of the statistical annex and economic projections for the *Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean* (2005-2006 and 2006-2007 editions) (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

(iii) Preparation of the statistical summary and economic projections for the *Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean* (2006 and 2007 editions) (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

(iv) Preparation of statistical indicators for the annual editions of the *Social Panorama of Latin America* (2005-2006 and 2006-2007 editions), in conjunction with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division and the Social Development Division (high correlation with expected accomplishment 3).

(b) Technical material

(i) Maintenance, updating and expansion of existing databases, incorporating new economic, social and environmental topics and short-term indicators. Improving support for internal and external and interconnection services, particularly with respect to the economic and social information system of the United Nations (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1, 2 and 3).

(ii) Updating and expanding historical databases (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(iii) Maintenance and updating of databases on input-output matrices and stocks of factors of production (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(c) Intermediate activities

(i) Statistical support and modelling for ECLAC studies and projects in the economic, social and sustainable development spheres (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1, 2 and 3).

(ii) Statistical support for inter-agency work, particularly in the context of follow-up to the development goals set out in the Millennium Declaration (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

The execution of operational activities is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Subject area 10.3: Economic statistics and the System of National Accounts(a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

(i) Two meetings of experts to evaluate the implementation of the System of National Accounts and its adjustment to the new demands of the economies in the region, within the framework provided by the Latin American Network of Experts on National Accounts (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(ii) Two meetings of experts to analyse the advance of the satellite accounts with respect to the priorities set for sustainable development in the region (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(iii) A meeting of experts to consider the integration of issues relating to science and technology into national accounting practices (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(iv) A meeting of experts to analyse the incorporation of the new international recommendations on nomenclature in national and foreign trade basic statistics practices. This meeting will be held in cooperation with the United Nations Statistics Division (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(b) Recurrent publications

Cuadernos estadísticos de la CEPAL. Two issues during the biennium, both on analysing and disseminating the most recent changes in the main international classifications relating to basic national and foreign trade statistics (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(c) Non-recurrent publications

A study on the incorporation of issues relating to science and technology into national accounting methods (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(d) Intermediate activities

Support for the Latin American Network of Experts on National Accounts (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

Subject area 10.4: Modelling and prospective analysis of the development process in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

(i) Two meetings of experts to consider the improvement and harmonization of short-term indicator systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(ii) A meeting of experts to assess the scenarios for growth in the medium and long term and to provide recommendations for economic policy (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(b) Non-recurrent publications

(i) Two studies on the macroeconomic projections and the trends of production sectors in Latin America and the Caribbean based on the main scenarios for the international economy (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

(ii) Two studies on the modelling of economic policy options and their quantitative effects on medium and long-term trends in growth and employment, with special emphasis on the impact of structural changes and the transfer of technological advances to productive processes (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2) and low correlation with expected accomplishment 3).

(c) Intermediate activities

Mid-year analysis of the trends and projections of the economic situation of the region for publication in the annual editions of the *Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean* (2006 and 2007 editions) and the *Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean* (2005-2006 and 2006-2007 editions), in conjunction with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division and the Economic Development Division (high correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

Subject area 10.5: Statistics and quantitative analysis of social trends in Latin America and the Caribbean

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

(i) Two meetings of experts to make recommendations on promoting the improvement of techniques and methodologies used in household surveys and social information systems, in addition to broadening the subject matter and geographical areas covered (high correlation with expected accomplishment 3).

(ii) Two meetings of experts to make recommendations on further harmonizing and standardizing national indicators and incorporating them into a regional system of follow-up to the development goals set out in the Millennium Declaration in Latin America and the Caribbean (high correlation with expected accomplishment 1).

(b) Non-recurrent publications

Two studies on aspects of income equity and distribution, and the dimensions of social well-being in selected countries of the region.

(c) Operational activitiesGroup training

Cooperation with government entities, universities, non-governmental organizations and regional and subregional bodies in support of training activities on topics relating to the estimation and use of social indicators linked to the development goals set out in the Millennium Declaration, income distribution and relevant aspects of social vulnerability (high correlation with expected accomplishment 3).

(d) Intermediate activities

Periodic analysis of the trends in and situations of poverty, social vulnerability and income distribution in the region for the annual editions of the *Social Panorama of Latin America* (2005-2006 and 2006-2007 editions), in conjunction with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division and the Social Development Division (high correlation with expected accomplishment 3).

The execution of operational activities is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

1. Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Activities under this subprogramme will be carried out in coordination and close collaboration with the United Nations Statistical Commission, the United Nations regional economic commissions and the secretariats of regional integration organizations. Cooperation ties and liaison will also be maintained with statistical offices in member States. Work on economic statistics, national accounts and economic development indicators will be coordinated with that of the World Bank, IMF, IDB, FAO, WTO, the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) and UNCTAD.

Technical cooperation and training activities in the field of statistics will be carried out in close collaboration with UNDP, the Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat, the IDB/World Bank/ECLAC Programme for the Improvement of Surveys and the Measurement of Living Conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean (MECOVI), United Nations specialized agencies and their regional offices and OECD. Some of these activities will be carried out in collaboration with the organizations for regional integration, particularly CEMLA and OAS.

Economic projections will be produced in close collaboration with the Development Policy Analysis Division in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations and with the Project Link Research Centre. Regular contact will also be maintained with other centres, specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system and government institutions in the countries of the region.

2. Users and anticipated uses of outputs

The main users of the outputs of this subprogramme will be government agencies of member States, particularly national statistical offices, central banks and ministries with responsibility for economic and social affairs. Other users will be business associations, labour organizations, and technical and professional institutions linked to production sectors, universities, research centres, regional and subregional integration organizations and other public and private entities which require comparable

information on the countries of the region, as well as experts with UNDP or other United Nations bodies who are responsible for drafting reports and implementing technical cooperation projects.

The main users of the economic projections will be public and private agents responsible for designing policies that take into account the outlook for the countries of the region.

Users are expected to have direct access via computer to on-line data banks. Studies or abridged versions thereof will be disseminated through traditional means as well as through the most up-to-date electronic means, including the full range of options provided by the Internet technologies. Users will also be reached through consultations and periodic contacts and participation in intergovernmental meetings and meetings of experts.

SUBPROGRAMME 11: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Presentation

Over the next few years, the countries served by the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico will be facing a development agenda which requires them to tackle unresolved past difficulties as well as new challenges in the economic, social and environmental areas, in connection with the international context and the need to adopt a more long-term vision.

These include the need to generate dynamic and sustained economic growth in order to create sufficient sources of quality employment to absorb the expansion of the labour force and reduce poverty. This implies extending further the changes in the production structure in order to improve the linkages of national economies with the global economy, through a valuation of their productive resources, the strengthening of technological innovation and systemic competitiveness.

<i>Objective:</i> To achieve dynamic, sustainable and qualitatively sound economic development, together with inclusive and equitable social development within a solid democratic institutional framework, to enable the subregion to progress towards fulfilling the goals set forth in the Millennium Declaration	
<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Strengthened understanding and analytical knowledge of Member State stakeholders in formulating and implementing policies and programmes regarding the issues indicated in the objective	1.(i) Increased number of Member State stakeholders accessing services and products of ECLAC subprogrammes aimed at strengthening understanding and analytical capacity to formulate and implement policies and programmes (ii) Number of Member State stakeholders trained in and/or using services and products of ECLAC subprogrammes aimed at strengthening understanding and analytical capacity to formulate and implement policies and programmes
2. Increased awareness among Member States of the development agenda facing the subregion, including its integration process and the global framework	2. Number of Member State stakeholders that consider ECLAC subregional analysis services and products useful in increasing awareness of the development agenda facing the subregion

1. Activities

Subject area 11.1: Economic development

(d) Technical material

(ii) Updating and expansion of the database on economic statistics and national accounts of the countries in the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

Subject area 11.2: Social development

(c) Technical material

Updating and expansion of the social indicators database of the countries in the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

Subject area 11.3: International trade

(d) Technical material

Updating and expansion of the trade database for the countries in the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

Subject area 11.4: Agricultural and rural development

(d) Technical material

Updating and expansion of the database for the agricultural sector of the countries in the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

Subject area 11.5: Productive development

(d) Technical material

Updating and expansion of the database on the industrial sector of the countries in the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

Subject area 11.6: Energy and natural resources

(c) Technical material

Updating and expansion of the database on the energy sector and natural resources of countries in the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

Subject area 11.7: Indicators and disaster assessment

(c) Technical material

Updating and expansion of the database on indicators for assessment of the socio-economic and environmental effects of natural disasters (high correlation with expected accomplishments 1 and 2).

SUBPROGRAMME 12: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

Presentation

This subprogramme is the responsibility of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, which also serves as the secretariat for the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC). This office will continue to provide technical support to the Governments of the subregion to facilitate public policy-making and decision-making to address the main challenges posed by sustainable development in the economic and social spheres.

Objective: To achieve dynamic, sustainable and equitable economic and social development, while improving the Caribbean's linkages with the global economy and consolidating its integration to enable the subregion to fulfil the goals set forth in the Millennium Declaration

Expected accomplishments

Indicators of achievement

1. Better understanding, among member States, of how to formulate and implement social policies and programmes, integrating gender analysis in the formulation, implementation and evaluation phases

1.(i) Number of public administrative staff trained in the use of the social statistics database and the social vulnerability index (SVI) for formulating evidence-based social policy for Caribbean small island developing States
(ii) Increased number of policies and programmes using gender mainstreaming methodology formulated by member countries in the subregion receiving technical cooperation services from ECLAC in terms of analytical inputs and policy advice

2. Increased awareness of new development concepts and new regional and global structures, and of their potential impact on the sustainable development process in the small island developing States of the subregion

2. Number of government policy changes influenced by analytical inputs and policy advice provided by ECLAC to Caribbean countries receiving technical cooperation services

3. Strengthened technical capacities in the Caribbean countries for implementing new trade-related commitments and deriving benefit from new market-access opportunities in the context of integration schemes

3. Number of strategies to improve linkages with global markets designed by beneficiaries of the policy advice and training activities offered under the subprogramme

1. Activities

Subject area 12.1: Macroeconomic policies and economic development

(d) Technical material

Contribution to the statistical summary and text of the *Preliminary Overview of the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean*, 2006 and 2007 editions. Notes on the economies of the countries of the subregion (high correlation with expected accomplishments 2 and 3).

Subject area 12.3: Statistics and information management for development

It is anticipated that the activities listed under this subject area will have a medium correlation with all expected accomplishments.

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

(i) A meeting of senior statisticians and specialized personnel of data-producing government agencies to discuss the ownership and sharing of information.

(ii) A meeting of information specialists to examine the new challenges for the Caribbean in this field.

(b) Recurrent publications

Selected Statistical Indicators of Caribbean Countries (two issues in the biennium and electronic publication of material).

(c) Non-recurrent publications

(i) *Major Statistical Publications: Abstracts* (one issue).

(ii) A study on the information structure of service sectors in the Caribbean.

(iii) Report on the development of the information society in the Caribbean.

(d) Information materials and services

Bimonthly electronic publication of the *Current Awareness Bulletin*.

(e) Technical material

(i) Regular updating and maintenance of the searchable online database of economic statistics.

(ii) Regular updating and maintenance of the full-text database of substantive Caribbean development documents disseminated via the Caribbean Digital Library.

(f) Operational activities

(i) Advisory services

Provision of advisory services to countries of the subregion, upon request, on information management and the organization of statistical services.

(ii) Group training

Three subregional workshops for public-sector officials on the use of the databases of economic statistics.

Organization and implementation of a data management workshop for public- and private-sector officials.

(g) Intermediate activities

Statistical support for activities and projects executed under the subprogramme and supply of inputs for activities conducted at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago.

The execution of operational activities is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Subject area 12.4: Sustainable development in the Caribbean

(d) Technical material

Improvement and updating of the databases on sustainable development of the Caribbean small island developing States (medium correlation with expected accomplishment 2).

Subject area 12.6: Social development in the Caribbean

(f) Technical material

(i) Updating and improvement of the bibliographic database on women and development in the Caribbean to include information on gender equity.

(ii) Updating and maintenance of the electronic databases of sociodemographic and social statistics for the subregion.