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Thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Statistical Conference of the Americas of the
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 12-14 August 2014

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is a subsidiary body of the Commission, established pursuant to resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which defined as follows the objectives of the Conference: to promote the development and improvement of national statistics and work to ensure that they are comparable internationally, bearing in mind the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations; to promote international, regional and bilateral cooperation among national offices and international and regional agencies; and to draw up a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources.

At the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, held in Santiago in November 2013, it was decided that during the period 2014-2015, Ecuador would serve as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Conference and Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba and Spain would serve as members. The duties of the Executive Committee are, among others, to carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference and monitor implementation thereof and to implement the agreements adopted by the Conference.

At its thirteenth meeting, the Executive Committee will review the status of implementation of the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities 2014-2015, adopted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its seventh meeting by virtue of resolution 8(VII), and the agreements adopted at the twelfth meeting of the Executive Committee. The Committee will review the status of the plans of action drawn up by the working groups and will assess the possibility of improving their operations; it will also initiate discussions on the criteria for determining the new strategic plan of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. The agenda of the meeting contemplates the holding of a seminar on strategies for the use of administrative records for statistical purposes.

B. CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Ecuador, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee, will preside over the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Committee will have before it the following provisional agenda for adoption or amendment:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation and discussion of the substantive issue: strategies for use of administrative records for statistical purposes.

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2014-2015, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 - (a) Report of the Chair.
 - (b) Report of the working groups of the Conference.
4. Other matters
 - (a) Criteria for determining the new strategic plan of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 - (b) Proposed regional strategy for implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012
 - (c) Report on the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean
5. Adoption of agreements.

2. Presentation and discussion of the substantive issue: strategies for use of administrative records for statistical purposes

The aim of this seminar is to consider some of the strategies implemented by countries in order to use administrative records for statistical purposes. The analysis will seek to cover the main records, namely, population, employment and business records. Presentations will be made by the representatives of Canada, Mexico and Spain.

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2014-2015, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

- (a) Report of the Chair

The Chair will present a report on the activities carried out by the working groups in the first half of 2014. This will serve as an input for analysing the functioning of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and for assessing the possibilities of improving their functioning, bearing in mind the proposals put forward in the Proposed operational guidelines for the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3694(CEA.7/4)).

The delegations will have the following documents before them for their consideration and for adoption of the recommendations as appropriate:

Working document:

- Report of the Chair of the Statistical Conference of the Americas on the status of the working groups (LC/L.3862(CE.13/5))

Reference documents:

- Proposed operational guidelines for the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3694(CEA.7/4))

- 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))

(b) Report of the working groups of the Conference

Under this agenda item, the coordinators of the working groups will report to delegations on the progress in implementing their programmes of activities and on the fulfilment of the targets and outputs pledged for the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference.

In addition, the regional report will be presented on the statistical information available in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and the difficulties in measuring the situation of persons with disabilities, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 8(VII) of the Statistical Conference.

- (i) Report of the Working Group on Censuses
- (ii) Report of the Working Group on Harmonization of Statistics on Income Poverty and Public Transfers
- (iii) Report of the Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals
- (iv) Report of the Working Group on National Accounts
- (v) Report of the Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies
- (vi) Report of the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators
- (vii) Report of the Working Group on Institution-building
- (viii) Report of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics
- (ix) Report of the Working Group on International Classifications
- (x) Report of the Working Group on Agricultural Statistics
- (xi) Report of the Working Group on Gender Statistics
- (xii) Report of the Working Group on Household Surveys
- (xiii) Report of the Working Group on Statistics on Childhood and Adolescence
- (xiv) Report of the Working Group on Public Safety and Justice Statistics
- (xv) Report of the task force on the quantification of South-South cooperation
- (xvi) Report of the task force on disability statistics

For the consideration of this agenda item, the participants will have before them the following documents:

Working documents:

- Report on the activities of the working groups in the first half of 2014 (LC/L.3861(CE.13/4))
- Regional report on measuring disability: overview of the disability measurement procedures in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3860(CE.13/3))

Reference documents:

- Report on the implementation of the 2012-2013 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities and draft 2014-2015 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3664(CEA.7/3))

- Proposed operational guidelines for the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3694(CEA.7/4))

4. Other matters

- (a) Criteria for determining the new strategic plan of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

The Strategic Plan 2005-2015 is the central pillar of coordination of the regional programme of activities conducted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas. This Plan encompasses the priorities identified by the member countries and defines the main lines of action of the Conference. Under this agenda item, participants will exchange views on the criteria for determining a new strategic plan, which will be submitted for approval at the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, to be held in 2015.

For the consideration of this item, the delegations will have before them the following documents:

Reference documents:

- Strategic Plan 2005-2015 (LC/L.2715/Rev.1)
- Proposed updating of the Strategic Plan 2005-2015 (LC/L.3375(CEA.6/3))
- (b) Proposed regional strategy for implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012

In fulfilment of the recommendation made by the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC at its seventh meeting, a proposed regional strategy for implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 will be presented to the Executive Committee.

Reference document:

- “Una propuesta regional de estrategia de implementación del Sistema de Cuentas Ambientales Económicas (SCAE) 2012 en América Latina”, *Economic Studies series*, No. 86 (LC/L.3786)
- (c) Report on the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

Under this agenda item, a presentation will be given on progress and challenges regarding the development of indicators on women’s economic autonomy.

5. Adoption of agreements

The Executive Committee will adopt the agreements it deems appropriate.