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OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

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1. WORKING GROUP ON CENSUSES

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Workshops on mining and use of census information, focused on its potential for public policymaking		Around 60 people participated from 20 government agencies, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations	April to November 2014	Successfully carried out	Although it did not take place during the period under consideration, the seminar “Sharing experiences on developing the censuses for the 2020 round” was run in Santiago on 25 May 2015. It was organized by the National Institute of Statistics of Chile, in the framework of the working group, and was supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Organization of the second Latin American and Caribbean Course on Population Estimates and Projections	Preparatory activities relating to selection of the participants	A total of 33 government officials participated from the following entities: International: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina, National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile, University of Costa Rica, National Statistical Office (ONE) of the Dominican Republic, National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC) of Ecuador, General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses (DGEEC) of Paraguay National: high-level	August to November 2014	Successfully carried out	The goal was to provide an opportunity for countries preparing to conduct their censuses over the next few years to share experiences and hold technical discussions, thereby drawing on the region’s experiences of the 2010 census round The purpose of the course was to identify progress and outstanding tasks in relation to data sources available for estimating population components and learning about the use of population projections, as well as the tools generally used in the region to prepare population projections and the impact of demographic changes on the age structure of the population. The course was given by Professor Eduardo Arriaga of the National University of Córdoba, Argentina and Professor Timothy Miller, of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC

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		<p>departments of INE of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: demographic statistics, social and environmental statistics, economics statistics, and methodology and statistical standardization. Other Venezuelan institutions: Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado, Mayor's Office of Chacao, CORPOELEC, Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research, National Electoral Council, People's Ministry of Women's Affairs and Gender Equality, Superintendency of Insurers and Civil Family Planning Association (PLAFAM)</p>			
<p>Workshops to provide training and exchange experiences on technological solutions in the use of the REDATAM software in different statistical operations</p>			<p>August to November 2014</p>		<p>No resources were available for this activity</p>
<p>Workshop on the assessment of vital statistics and the correspondence with the 2010 round of censuses</p>			<p>April 2015 to July 2015</p>		<p>No resources were available for this activity</p>

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Preparation of a document that reflects the current situation in respect of the 2010 round of censuses		National Institute of Statistics of Chile Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC	August 2015 to November 2015		Report from the seminar "Sharing experiences on developing the censuses for the 2020 round" delivered on 25 May 2015
Organization of the third Latin American and Caribbean Course on Population Estimates and Projections, to be delivered in Caracas on 13-18 July 2015			December 2014 to March 2015		No resources were available for this activity
Survey on progress towards the 2020 censuses and identification of national needs	Design of questionnaire Distribution to national statistical offices Receipt of responses from the national statistics offices Processing and analysis Report and results	Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) National Institute of Statistics of Venezuela	1 September 2015 to 31 March 2016	The revised questionnaire is now available	

2. WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONIZATION OF POVERTY STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Concerning monetary policy					
Design of a system for the classification of income		ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	A system has been designed and will be circulated along with the initial analysis of questionnaires	
Analysis of more recent questionnaires using the scale		Uruguay and ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	A document was drafted on the treatment of income in household surveys	
Review by countries and modification		Uruguay and member countries	April 2014 to November 2015	A questionnaire was sent to the countries	To be carried out in November 2015
Report comprising a comparative analysis of questionnaires		Uruguay and ECLAC			
Exchange of experiences on challenges in improving the measurement of income (face-to-face meeting or videoconferencing, depending on available resources)		Member countries of the working group			Activity will not be carried out this biennium
Concerning multidimensional poverty					
Drawing up a proposal on the dimensions of well-being to be addressed by the group		Colombia	April 2014 to November 2015	A document was drawn up that will provide guidance in the selection of the dimensions of poverty to be addressed by the group	

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Selection of the dimensions to be addressed by the group (e-mail exchange)		Colombia, ECLAC and member countries of the working group	April 2014 to November 2015	A decision was taken to start with the dimensions of housing habitability, which are more commonly included by the countries in their measurements	
Collection and systematization of methods of measuring the selected dimensions in the countries of the region (based on contributions from the countries)		Colombia and ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	The methods for measuring the variables of housing habitability in the region's countries were revised	
First report summarizing the information collected and identifying similarities and differences		Colombia and ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	A document on indicators of deprivation in housing habitability in household surveys in Latin America (revision), available in Spanish only ("Indicadores de Privación en la Habitabilidad de la Vivienda en las Encuestas de Hogares de América Latina: Una Revisión")	Activity will not be carried out this biennium
Discussion on relevant considerations in the measurement of the dimensions: challenges, points for improvement, etc. (face-to-face meeting)		Colombia, ECLAC and member countries			Activity will not be carried out this biennium
Report on the discussion and conclusions drawn		Colombia and ECLAC			Activity will not be carried out this biennium

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<p>Concerning the post-2015 development agenda</p>	<p>Report on the post-2015 development agenda indicators concerning monetary and multidimensional poverty and their relationship with national measurement systems</p>	<p>Colombia, Uruguay and ECLAC</p>			<p>Activity will not be carried out this biennium</p>

3. WORKING GROUP ON THE MONITORING OF PROGRESS TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Hold regional meetings to encourage and create opportunities for debate on specific issues concerning monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	1.1 Organize a regional meeting to exchange experiences and challenges regarding the final stretch of the MDG initiative	ECLAC (technical secretariat) and member countries of the working group	August 2014 to November 2014	Eighth regional seminar on Millennium Development Goal indicators, "Beyond the MDGs: statistical challenges to monitoring the post-2015 development agenda" Seminar website [Spanish only]: http://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/viii-seminario-regional-de-los-indicadores-de-los-objetivos-de-desarrollo-del-milenio	
2. Support regional-level strategies for statistical conciliation processes		ECLAC (technical secretariat)	April 2015 to November 2015		
3. Promote the use of complementary indicators for the analysis of the position of countries within the regional context		ECLAC (technical secretariat)	April 2015 to November 2015		
4. Encourage and promote the use of the information platform for communication and virtual interaction between working group members	4.1 Incorporate the virtual platform into working group documentation and working materials 4.2 Regularly propose topics for work and discussion to maintain fluid contact between the members 4.3 Invite delegates from countries of the region that are not working group members to participate in the platform	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina and ECLAC (technical secretariat)	December 2013 to November 2015	Information and communications for the focal points on the working group's progress and developments, and facilitation of exchanges, debates and discussions among the focal points of the working group and with representatives of other countries in the region	It is not possible to measure compliance by percentages, but it would be 100%, as this platform is used all the time to maintain fluid communication with the focal points

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	<p>4.4 Compile and make available to member countries materials (reports, technical documents, presentations, etc.) of interest and relevant to the discussion on the post-2015 development agenda</p>				
	<p>4.5 Update the content on the virtual platform / MDG Forum with reports and documents from the eighth regional seminar on Millennium Development Goal indicators, “Beyond the MDGs: statistical challenges to monitoring the post-2015 development agenda”</p>				
<p>5. Ensure close coordination with the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) in order to carry out training and capacity-building activities</p>	<p>5.1 Disseminate the training and capacity-building activities, documents and news of the working group through KTN</p>	<p>INDEC (Argentina)</p>	<p>April 2015 to November 2015</p>		<p>May be carried out once the Sustainable Development Goals are adopted (this is also the reason why a compliance percentage is not given for this activity)</p>
<p>6. Reflect upon the post-2015 development agenda and the implications of the proposed Sustainable Development Goals for national statistical systems</p>	<p>6.1 Take the presentations given at the seventh regional seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Santiago, 4-5 November 2013) and the eighth regional seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Montevideo, 30 September-2 October 2014) as a basis for discussion</p>	<p>INDEC (Argentina) and member countries of the working group in collaboration with ECLAC (technical secretariat)</p>	<p>April 2014 to November 2015</p>		<p>This activity will be implemented once the Sustainable Development Goals are adopted</p>

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	6.2 Take receipt of and systematize the contributions and comments of ECLAC SCA working groups				
	6.3 Analyse the results of the technical consultations on the availability of statistics and technical capacities to meet information needs of the Sustainable Development Goals				
8. Ensure the financial sustainability of the working group so as to carry out the proposed activities	8.1 Identify and manage the necessary resources for activities to be carried out 8.2 Manage projects with donors	INDEC (Argentina), member countries of the working group and ECLAC (technical secretariat)	December 2014 to November 2015	It was possible to carry out the proposed activities	
9. Organize an annual face-to-face MDG working group meeting		INDEC (Argentina), member countries of the working group and ECLAC (technical secretariat)	August 2015 to November 2015		Group members communicate via e-mail and a face-to-face meeting could take place on the sidelines of the meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, to be held in Quito, in November 2015
11. Publish evaluations and overviews that set out achievements, lessons learned and remaining challenges related to the Millennium Development Goals, since their launch to date	11.1 Design the proposal 11.2 Send the proposal to the technical secretariat of the working group on Millennium Development Goals (ECLAC)	INDEC (Argentina), member countries of the working group and ECLAC (technical secretariat)	April 2014 to November 2015	Publication of evaluations and overviews that, based on the active and joint participation of member countries and the technical secretariat, compile and organize the achievements, lessons learned and remaining challenges related to the Millennium Development Goals as part of	The coordinating country has received, compiled and organized the contributions of participating member countries. The publication is currently in the last stage of development

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	11.3 Discuss technical aspects of the proposal with the technical secretariat of the working group on Millennium Development Goals (ECLAC)			the activities undertaken by the working group on the Millennium Development Goals, since their launch to date	
	11.4 Send the draft report and technical consultation on statistical availability and technical capacities to meet the information demands of the Sustainable Development Goals to member countries of the working group on Millennium Development Goals				
	11.5 Draft the report for member countries of the working group on Millennium Development Goals				
	11.6 Reports prepared by the member countries received by the coordinating country of the working group on Millennium Development Goals				
	11.7 Prepare the preliminary report based on the documents received				
	11.8 Send the preliminary report to member countries of the working group on Millennium Development Goals and the technical secretariat of the working group on Millennium Development Goals (ECLAC)				

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	<p>11.9 Final version of the report prepared by the member countries and technical secretariat of the working group on Millennium Development Goals and discussed with the coordinating country of the working group on Millennium Development Goals</p>				
	<p>11.10 Close the discussion and approve the final report</p>				
	<p>11.11 Edit and print the report</p>				
	<p>11.12 Present the final report to the plenary of the Statistical Conference for the Americas–ECLAC through the proper administrative channels</p>				

4. WORKING GROUP ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. International coordination	<p>1.1 Updating the survey of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean carried out by ECLAC</p> <p>1.2 Organization of the international seminar on national accounts for Latin America and the Caribbean</p>		December 2013 to November 2015	<p>1.1 Assessment of progress towards the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA)</p> <p>1.2 Seminar on national accounts for Latin America and the Caribbean</p>	<p>1.1 The most recent survey was conducted in 2014; the next one is due to be carried out in 2016</p> <p>1.2 The 2015 seminar on national accounts for Latin America and the Caribbean: regional implementation of the system of national accounts and satellite accounts will be held in Santiago, from 1 to 3 December 2015. Various issues will be addressed at the seminar, including the state of progress in implementing the 2008 SNA, satellite accounts, household accounts, quarterly accounts consistent with the 2008 SNA, and the 2008 SNA working groups</p>
2. Development of methodologies and standards	<p>2.1 Advanced course on national accounts</p> <p>2.2 Drafting a manual of best practices for national accounts</p>		April 2014 to November 2015		<p>2.1 The coordinating country and ECLAC intend to hold the advance course on national accounts in the framework of the Development Account</p> <p>2.2 The coordinating country has put forward a draft manual of best practices for national accounts, developing the “employment matrix” as a point of reference for the development of other topics by countries of the region</p>
3. Human resource development	<p>3.1 Horizontal cooperation</p> <p>3.2 Updating the project on improving basic economic statistics for incorporation into the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods, and organizing an advanced course on national accounts</p>		December 2013 to November 2015		<p>3.2 To date three proposals for the Regional Public Goods Project have been submitted to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which have yet to be approved</p>

5. WORKING GROUP ON MEASUREMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Survey on the process of creating harmonized statistics on ICTs, as adapted to ministries and governmental institutions responsible for the digital agenda, 2014 version		Supported by the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2015) of ECLAC and the working group members. Responses received from 20 Latin American countries	December 2014 to May 2015	Results uploaded to the website of the Statistical Conference	The responses were collected and disseminated
Survey on the process of creating harmonized statistics on ICTs in national statistical offices, 2014 version		Supported by the working group members. Responses received from 13 Latin American countries	December 2014 to September 2015	Results uploaded to the website of the Statistical Conference	In collaboration with eLAC2015, the responses were collected and circulated
Revising and updating the ICTs in education module, with UNESCO support. Task carried over to 2016					Task carried over to 2016 Preliminary discussions were held regarding this activity, aimed at seeking the necessary technical and financial support from national and international statistical organizations with experience in this area. The goal is to revise and update the module used at the regional level, which was last revised in 2007. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics responded positively, but proposed postponing the activity until 2016 so as to be able to include it into a training workshop that will focus on the Institute's new global survey to measure the use of ICTs in education
Preparation of an ICTs for e-government module Activity cancelled; to be reviewed					Activity cancelled; to be reviewed The follow-up process was launched, which took the form of meetings with various specialists and focused on measuring government institutions' adoption of ICTs. The goal of this activity was to provide countries with a tool to measure the level of preparedness of their public institutions to offer an e-government service. On reviewing the activity, several experts pointed out that this

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Preparation of the ICTs in the health sector module		The working group, with significant financial and technical support from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and World Health Organization (WHO); the Regional Centre for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (Cetic.br) of Brazil; the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2015) of ECLAC; various ministries of health and regional institutions with experience	Completed in September 2014	ICTs in the health sector module	measurement is implicit in the surveys prepared by institutions responsible for the digital agenda or the entities to which this duty has been assigned. It was therefore decided to remove this activity from the plan. However, at the request of one the member countries of the working group, more detailed discussions will be held with the experts to determine how statistical organizations can contribute to this measurement
Preparation of a methodological document for gender-based indicators in household surveys and administrative records. Activity modified and carried over to 2016		Working group, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), as coordinator of the Working Group on Gender Statistics, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, experts from partner institutions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Cetic.br			Activity modified and carried over to 2016 It was concluded that the methodological document was not needed, since another document (<i>Measuring ICT and Gender: An Assessment</i> [online] http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=924) had already dealt with the subject of gender and ICT indicators and contained the methodology and recommendations for the use of gender-based indicators in the surveys and in administrative records, meaning that work would be duplicated. UNCTAD and Cetic.br are currently discussing the possibility of translating the document into Spanish to make it more useful to the region's countries

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Programming of workshops to train the English-speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti on ICT measurement modules, as required. Task carried over to 2016					<p>The product to be delivered will therefore be a list of indicators for Latin America and the Caribbean, which is contained in the document prepared by the Task Group on Gender (TGG) of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development. This work will be carried out with the support of Cetic.br for the translation into Spanish and will be reviewed and approved by the Working Group on Gender Statistics and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC from a regional perspective. The deadline will depend on when the translation will be ready</p> <p>Task carried over to 2016</p> <p>Ad hoc meetings have been held with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Suriname and English-speaking Caribbean countries to make progress on this task. UNCTAD has expressed interest in providing financial and technical support for this activity, which will be based on a training module on ICTs already put together by that organization. The goal is to provide technical information on the measurement of ICTs and establish programmes of work that take account of the reality in the region, the multiplicity of actors and the different levels of capacity for measurement. Nevertheless, this activity is still pending and so it is looking likely that it will be carried out during the next biennium. Suriname and CARICOM have also requested that it be postponed until next year as they have a very full agenda for the last few months of this year</p>
Training workshop on implementing the ICTs in the health sector module		Financial and technical support provided by Cetic.br and PAHO/WHO, and collaboration with ECLAC as secretariat of eLAC	3 to 5 November 2015	14 officials from different countries were trained	<p>The main objective of this activity was for health ministries and national statistical organizations to work together with a view to becoming more familiar with the methodological document and the questionnaire relating to the module for measuring access to and use of ICTs in the health sector, and to using this tool in each country. PAHO/WHO was responsible for facilitation.</p>

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Fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (additional activity)					<p>Implementation of this useful tool will contribute to the availability of eHealth statistics in the region as input for public policymaking</p> <p>The delegations of the countries that attended this event unanimously adopted the inclusion in the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2018) of an objective proposed by the head of delegation of the Dominican Republic and coordinator of this working group, aimed at promoting the measurement of access to and use of ICTs in the region's countries. Objective 23 reads as follows: Promote the measurement of access to and use of ICT at the national and regional levels, by strengthening the institutional frameworks needed to coordinate, monitor, measure and promote digital policies, ensuring the regular production of data and statistics on ICTs, in conformity with international standards and fostering close collaboration between institutions responsible for national digital agendas and national statistical agencies”.</p> <p>This activity will be included in the working group's programme of activities for the next period (2016-2017)</p>
Ongoing activities Encourage countries to submit their databases to the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC)					

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eLAC to update the manual relating to the Compendium of statistical practices on information and communications technologies in Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish only)					Contribute, by requesting and following up, to the compilation of inputs from the countries needed for the update

6. WORKING GROUP ON LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Identify and systematize gaps in the harmonization of the measurement of informality using the assessment carried out, the review of countries' experiences and an analysis of the most recent international recommendations	1.1 Prepare a technical note (metadata) for each country that includes a description of the criteria, information sources and the methodology for the current indicators, as well as a questionnaire on the basic criteria that should be taken into account for each of the concepts involved in the measurement of informality, the relevance of each, the availability of data and how feasible it is to measure	1.1 All member countries	December 2013 to November 2015	1.1 Metadata updated with all methodological information on the measurement of indicators of informality	
2. Work towards identifying the main components for harmonizing the measurement of indicators of informality in the region	2.1 Draft a proposed set of basic reference questions for measuring informality in labour force surveys 2.2 Discuss the different possible methodologies for measuring informality, including their advantages and disadvantages 2.3 Prepare a document on the definition of the current informality indicators for each country, both official and preliminary, and the trends observed over time	2.1 All member countries of the working group 2.2 All member countries, but the coordinating country was responsible for systematizing the information	April 2014 to November 2015	2.1 A clearer picture has been gleaned of harmonization gaps in respect of the International Labour Organization (ILO) recommendations, however there is scope for further progress on regional harmonization. 2.2 Metadata with the technical note on measuring informality indicators, as well as a descriptive document with the evolution of the indicators	2.1 2.2 The questionnaire sent to the countries in 2014 had to be updated as some countries had made progress on the harmonization of indicators
3. Evaluate the measurement of decent work and identify the requirements for	3.1 Provide a forum for discussion with the institutions involved in the measurement and		August 2014 to November 2015		

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<p>incorporating the element in the national statistical systems</p>	<p>monitoring of decent work indicators in the region (statistical offices or information producers, labour ministries and ILO) and share national experiences in this connection</p>				
<p>4. Following the adoption of the resolution of the nineteenth ICLS, provide forums for dissemination and discussion in order to determine the impact of the new international standards on the measurement of labour force statistics at the regional level</p>	<p>4.1 Prepare a general assessment of the situation in the countries with respect to the changes 4.2 Follow up on the implementation of the new guidelines by the member countries 4.3 Evaluate the impact that the new guidelines adopted at the nineteenth ICLS will have on countries' measurements of labour force statistics 4.4 Discuss the conceptual operationalization of the new recommendations to promote harmonization among the countries in relation to the group's priority topics</p>	<p>4.1 Some member countries of the Working Group (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru) 4.2 All member countries of the working group 4.3 all member countries of the working group 4.4 Participation of ILO expert from Geneva (Elisa Benes)</p>	<p>December 2014 to November 2015</p>	<p>4.1 Presentation of gaps in harmonization with respect to new international ILO standards 4.2 Provide a regional forum for discussing the challenges countries face in the process of adapting to new recommendations 4.3 Some countries have begun to evaluate the possible impact, however, further progress must be made on implementing pilot tests to see what impact there will be on the main indicators of labour force surveys 4.4 The fourth on-site meeting of the working group will include a forum for discussing the conceptual challenges inherent in adapting to new recommendations</p>	<p>4.1 Within the region, countries have achieved different degrees of progress with respect to adapting to new international ILO recommendations. A group of countries has recently begun preparing cognitive tests and pilot tests to assess the effects of these recommendations on their labour force surveys 4.2 The fourth on-site meeting of the working group, to be held in November 2015, will present the ideal opportunity to discuss the progress being made in the region. Further progress is expected to be made on this topic in 2016-2017 4.3 Some countries have already begun to carry out impact assessments, including Ecuador, Mexico and Peru 4.4 Further progress is expected to be made on this topic in 2016-2017</p>

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5. Put forward other issues related to the measurement of labour-market indicators for future consideration by the working group, according to the current needs of countries or their national work plans	5.1 Include some topics for exploration on the agendas of upcoming on-site meetings, such as the International Classification by Status in Employment (ICSE), the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), measurement of branches of activity in household surveys, labour force flows, links or overlaps between series resulting from changes in concepts and in the measurement of labour force statistics, earnings and labour migration, as well as other issues involving synergies with other groups, such as household surveys, poverty and nomenclature	5.1 All member countries of the working group	August 2014 to November 2015	5.1 The post-2015 development agenda will be discussed at the fourth on-site meeting of the working group. Other possible topics include the regional position with respect to the updating of the International Classification by Status in Employment (ICSE-93)	5.1 Further progress is expected to be made on this topic in 2016-2017

7. WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTION-BUILDING

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Exchange best practices in the implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Face-to-face workshop to follow up on implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean by the region's countries (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay A representative of the technical secretariat of the working group	August to November 2014	A workshop was organized to follow up on implementation of the Code, in which 18 of the region's countries participated. The expert Pilar Martin Guzmán was hired as an international consultant on codes of good practice in statistics. The participants shared experiences and progress regarding compliance with the principles and good practice set forth in the Code.	
	Experience-sharing between countries in the framework of South-South cooperation as a feasible strategy for mobilizing technical assistance and facilitating the application of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	National statistical offices of Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Plurinational State of Bolivia	August to November 2014	Invitations were sent to the 33 countries in the region and the corresponding administrative tasks were performed to enable them to share their experiences within the framework of the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE). Technical assistance was exchanged between several countries in the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia provided technical assistance to Chile Colombia provided technical assistance to the Dominican Republic Colombia provided technical assistance to Ecuador Ecuador provided technical assistance to the Plurinational State of Bolivia 	

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Monitor and assess compliance with the principles of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Administration and completion of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, to follow up on the improvements that each office had set out to implement in 2013	The questionnaire was completed by 11 countries: Barbados, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay	August to November 2014	The questionnaire was implemented containing five questions regarding follow-up and evaluation of the improvements planned by each country in 2013	
Overall assessments of compliance with the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean to be conducted in five of the region's countries, with the corresponding improvement plans to be drawn up for each country (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	In July 2014 the following countries were assessed on their compliance with the Code: Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay	Two assessment teams took part, comprising: (i) International experts: Pilar Guzmán and Luis Beccaria Peer reviewer: a representative of Colombia and of Costa Rica (ii) International experts: Ernesto Azorin and Máximo Aguilera Peer reviewer: a representative of Colombia and of Peru	April to July 2014	Six overall assessments were carried out (one more than had been planned) of the national statistical offices in Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay. The areas assessed were the institutional environment and coordination component, and the principles of timeliness and punctuality, and accessibility and clarity	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) resources were programmed for five overall assessments in 2014. However, the project coordinators were able to arrange for the resources to be extended to carry out an additional assessment in 2014 and two further assessments in 2015 (Peru and Jamaica in April 2015)
Review of the self-assessment methodology, including a review of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Expert Pedro Fernández and DANE team	August to November 2014	Revision of the methodology of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean by an international expert, who proposed improvements to questions and to the methodology, including indicators for measurement of compliance with the Code		

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Promote statistical planning using the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a focus on results-based management	Study on the methodological and technical considerations relating to statistical planning and their relationship with results-based management (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Sample of seven countries as chosen by the consultant (Eduardo Pereira): Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and Uruguay	December 2013 to March 2014	Regional assessment performed of statistical planning and results-based management, looking into the following aspects: law on the national statistical system (NSS); statistical plan; NSS coordination; schedule for the dissemination of statistics; timeliness and punctuality; transparency and NSS strategic planning	Submission of the final documents related to the study performed by the expert
Regional training workshop on statistical planning with a focus on results-based management (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Regional training workshop on statistical planning with a focus on results-based management (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	DANE team; the experts Eduardo Pereira and Rafael Gómez; and the representatives of Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Suriname and Uruguay	December 2013 to March 2014	A training workshop was run on statistical planning and results-based management. The tasks carried out included preparation of the agenda, the working groups and the invitations to be sent to the countries in the region. The workshop was held on 12-14 May in Bogota, and a total of 18 of the region's countries participated as well as the two experts (Eduardo Pereira and Rafael Gómez – the latter of whom dealt with results-based management issues)	
Propose a formal structure in the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC for the implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Proposal for the creation of an agency (consortium) to ensure continuity in activities to implement the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	DANE team and the international consultant Pilar Guzmán	April to November 2015	A formal proposal was drafted for the creation and formation of a consortium to ensure continuity in the working group's activities to implement the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean for the next three years	Support and advice was provided by the international expert Pilar Guzmán, who formulated the proposal and ensured it conformed to international standards
Approach agencies that may be able to fund this proposal	Approach agencies that may be able to fund this proposal	DANE team	April to November 2015	Some contacts at international organizations were approached to provide information on the main aspects of the proposal	

8. WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Component 1: Diagnostic assessment of the current state of environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	As a result of the package of agreements adopted at the Bogota workshop, a number of activities were carried out to improve the consistency and integrity of the data provided by the countries via the self-assessment tool. This included reprocessing the data on the basis of the revision undertaken by the countries from February to May 2015. Tasks were also performed to capture and add Belize and Ecuador's data (as part of their incorporation)	Countries participating in the project, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) as executing agency, ECLAC, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Statistics Division	April to July 2015	Self-assessment database reprocessed	
Incorporation of Belize and Ecuador	As a result of the above action, the document on the current status of environmental statistics in the region was revised and amended in order to be able to provide the consultant who will be in charge of component 2 of the project with this important input	Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division	April to July 2015	Formal incorporation of Ecuador and Belize	
	In response to the interest expressed by the participants in increasing the impact of the project in the region, the requests from Belize and Ecuador to join the project were processed, through the Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development and the National Statistics and Census Institute, respectively. The project agreement was subsequently amended to formalize the incorporation of these two countries from 8 September 2015				

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Extension of the deadline for implementation and payment	In connection with the above-mentioned amendment to the agreement, the project's implementation and payment deadlines were extended	Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division	April to July 2015	Agreement amended	
Component 2: Drawing up a strategy and regional action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics	<p>Drawing up terms of reference for the consultant who will be in charge of component 2</p> <p>The consultancy was publicized to encourage applications from as many candidates as possible. The necessary contacts were therefore made to identify and attract individual consultants, supported by the representatives of the countries participating in the project</p>	Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division	August to September 2015	Consultant has been hired and has assumed their duties	
	Selection of a consultant to take charge of component 2. The Technical Committee and the Steering Committee, acting as peer reviewers, managed the selection process				

9. WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Identify and promote regional and subregional cooperation activities to boost the capacity of the member countries in the processes of adopting and adapting international classifications	1.1 Continue with the periodic application of the survey on international classification in Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to adopting or adapting the international classifications in the countries of the region. At its second meeting, the working group agreed to conduct an annual survey	ECLAC, the United Nations Statistics Division, the Steering Committee and the national statistical offices of the member countries of the working group	December 2013 to November 2015	1.1 Costa Rica and Chile undertook to submit the results of the analysis of the surveys carried out by ECLAC and the United Nations and the draft questionnaire in October. ECLAC is to conduct a new survey in May 2016 that will include questions regarding the plan for implementing the classifications in the national statistical offices	1.1 At the fourth meeting of the working group, held in Costa Rica on 24-28 August 2015, the national statistical offices of Costa Rica and Chile undertook to submit the results of the analysis of the surveys and the draft questionnaire in October 2015
	1.2 Prepare and submit to the working group a summary and analysis of the findings of the survey on international classification in Latin America	ECLAC and the United Nations Statistics Division		1.2 Results of the survey of national classifications conducted by the United Nations	1.2 The United Nations reported that further analysis had not been possible owing to a lack of resources
	1.3 Continue to identify the statistical offices of each country in the region and other organizations responsible for developing, maintaining, adopting or adapting the different classifications with the possibility of establishing horizontal cooperation	1.3 Steering Committee of the working group		1.3 The coordinator of the working group facilitated contact between the Director of Standardization of Classifications and Sociodemographic Content of INEGI, Mexico, and the representative of Ecuador, Patricia Elizabeth Vizuete. The goal was for Mexico to learn more about Ecuador's needs and formalize the collaboration in accordance with the proper protocol	1.3 Mexico is advising Ecuador on the implementation of the automated coding system applicable to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO); this assistance will, however, need to be formalized if it is to continue
	1.4 Continue to identify and consult international agencies that can provide technical cooperation for the adoption or adaptation of international classifications	1.4 Steering Committee of the working group and international organizations		1.4 The United Nations Statistics Division, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNESCO are providing ongoing technical cooperation for the adoption or adaptation of international classifications	1.4 UNESCO joined the Steering Committee at the working group's fourth meeting

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
	1.5 Rank the countries that require support for the adoption or adaptation of classifications by order of priority	1.5 Steering Committee of the working group		1.5 Horizontal cooperation was established between Peru and Paraguay with regard to implementation of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO). Mexico is advising Ecuador on implementation of the automated coding system applicable to ISCO. Mexico shared the webpage relating to the document <i>Sintesis metodológica del Sistema de Clasificación Industrial de América del Norte, México SCLAN 2013</i> . On page 103 of this document, there is a copy of the Official Gazette of the Federation regarding the agreement on the use of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for compiling, analysing and presenting economic statistics. Costa Rica shared the Executive Decree published in its Official Gazette on the adoption of the Classification of Economic Activities and the Classification of Occupations in the country	1.5 At the fourth meeting of the working group, it was reported that horizontal cooperation had been established between Paraguay and Peru with regard to ISCO implementation. Most national statistical offices are implementing the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), or their national equivalent based on the fourth revision of ISIC as a standard in their ministries. In some instances this is supported by an official standard and in others it is not, as is the case in Honduras. A request was therefore made for a national statistical office to share a guide on the formulation of a standard. Most national statistical offices are implementing ISCO. The representative of ILO will be providing a translation into Spanish of ISCO-08 shortly. Some national statistical offices are implementing the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED)

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1.6 Update the training programme on classifications	1.6 Subcommittee on Training, made up of Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador and Uruguay (coordinator)	1.6 Proposed training plans were prepared on: (i) the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), and (ii) the Central Product Classification (CPC). These proposals were evaluated and it was concluded that, while conceptually reasonable, they could not be implemented from a budgetary perspective			
1.7 Promote fulfilment of the training programme, evaluation of the courses and introduction of the necessary adjustments to the programme on the basis of the feedback received	1.7 Subcommittee on Training, made up of Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador and Uruguay (coordinator)	1.7 Presentations by the national statistical offices dealing (among other themes) with progress towards implementation of the classifications. Costa Rica shared its experience of the "Training Programme on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Central Framework for Latin America and the Caribbean". Mexico shared with the Subcommittee on Training and the Steering Committee the script it had prepared for the video on NAICS, hoping that it would provide inspiration for scripts and videos on ISIC and ISCO. The Subcommittee on Training will prepare a draft of the script on ISCO in November 2015. PowerPoint presentations have been put together on ISCO and ISCED, which address key points for implementation	1.7 Costa Rica suggested that other methodologies used in online training could be analysed to see if they could be applied to statistical classification. Costa Rica's training programme used the platform Global Campus 21 developed by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and the methodology included presentations by experts transmitted live at an agreed time; the participants were able to ask questions during the presentations, exercises were completed and the assigned, complementary documents were studied (by clicking on the links provided). During implementation of the classifications, some problems were discovered regarding their interpretation. The purpose of the working group is not to provide training on this,		

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
<p>2. Exchange and document experiences, knowledge and good practices in relation to the implementation of international classifications</p>	<p>2.1 Continue to promote the working group's electronic forum</p> <p>2.2 Designate an administrator of the electronic forum</p> <p>2.3 Continue to obtain international reference documents on best practices and guidelines for the adoption, adaptation and updating of classifications within the national statistical systems of the countries of the region</p> <p>2.4 Hold face-to-face meetings of the working group (third, fourth, fifth and sixth meetings)</p> <p>2.5 Hold fact-to-face meetings, subject to available funding, videoconferences or telephone conferences by the Steering Committee of the working group</p>	<p>1. All members of the working group</p> <p>2. Steering Committee of the working group</p>	<p>December 2013 to November 2015</p>	<p>2.1 Information was provided on themes that proved difficult to classify during the fourth revision of ISIC: (i) treatment of producers without production factors; (ii) the ISIC structure in terms of retail trade, particularly regarding establishments that sell in both a physical location and online; (iii) the treatment of corporations and shareholders; and (iv) the classification of activities carried out online, with or without a traditional equivalent, but in particular when there is no equivalent (Facebook was given as an example). A presentation has been prepared by the United Nations Statistics Division</p> <p>2.2 On 31 August 2015, the Subcommittee on Questions and Answers on Classification sent an Excel file entitled "PREGUNTAS CLASIFICADORES" to all national statistical offices for them to complete. The working group's</p>	<p>but rather to support national statistical offices in adopting or adapting the classifications. However, training is vital in order to be able to implement them correctly and hence prepare reliable statistics; hence, training on the classifications will continue to form part of the working group's agenda</p>

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	2.6 Prepare reports on meetings held and upload them to the electronic forum for the information of the members of the working group			coordinator resent the file on 15 September and a deadline of the first week of October was set. To date, responses have been received from Chile and Colombia. The file will be sent to the United Nations Statistics Division and ILO to obtain their responses and these will be uploaded to the working group's forum	
3. Provide regular updates on the progress made in terms of new revisions to international classifications	3.1 Continue to update regularly the United Nations site and those of the other custodians of international classifications 3.2 Share information each year on the overall plan for establishing classifications in the different statistical programmes of each country		December 2013 to November 2015		
4. Promote the creation of inter-agency platforms for collaboration in, and coordination and integration of, regional initiatives on international classifications among blocks of countries	4.1 Continue to communicate with the following international organizations, which are custodians of international classifications: United Nations, International Labour Organization (ILO) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and establish communication mechanisms with the following organizations: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), World Customs Organization (WCO) and World Health Organization (WHO)		December 2013 to November 2015		

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	<p>4.2 Continue to communicate and coordinate with bodies such as the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) or the Andean Community that have developed or are developing regional classifications</p>				
5. Prioritize the translation into Spanish of texts on international classifications to enable their timely adoption by the countries of the region	<p>5.1 Continue to contact the international organizations that are custodians of classifications and that have generated documents for the adoption, adaptation or update of classifications and ascertain whether the Spanish version already exists and if not offer to help with the translation</p> <p>5.2 Continue to coordinate the production of preliminary translations into Spanish of the documents published by the members of the working group and considered to be of interest</p> <p>5.3 Continue to coordinate the revision of previously translated international classifications or documents of interest</p>		December 2013 to November 2015		
6. Make the arrangements necessary to hold meetings of the working group, with a view to promoting the use and dissemination of economic and social classifications	<p>6.1 Continue to arrange for financing with international organizations that are willing to support activities under the working group's programme of work, such as IDB, the World Bank, United Nations and the national statistical offices that are members of the working group</p>		December 2013 to November 2015		

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
7. Promote the establishment of a network of experts on international classifications to provide countries with mechanisms for communication and updating classifications and nomenclature	<p>7.1 Identify experts in international classifications from the member countries of the working group, using the Knowledge Transfer Network</p> <p>7.2 Identify experts in international classifications from member countries of the working group that belong to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)</p> <p>7.3 Continue to link the work of the working group with that of the United Nations Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications</p> <p>7.4 Identify and contact international consultants and experts on economic classification issues</p> <p>7.5 Request the national statistical offices to present a report on the results of the consultants' work</p>		December 2013 to November 2015		

10. WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Establish the regional implementation structure (support offices)			December 2013 to March 2014		
2. First assessment of Latin American and Caribbean countries based on the standard questionnaire	2.1 Send reminder and receive completed standard questionnaires 2.2 Send reminder and monitor responses 2.3 Complete questionnaires 2.4 Analytical report on country assessments 2.5 Prepare standard questionnaire	2.3 Argentina, Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay 2.4 Consultant Miguel Galmés	December 2013 to March 2015	2.3 Sixteen completed as of October 2.4 The questionnaires sent by the countries by 1 October 2015 were analysed and there are some queries to be resolved	2.4 Progress report as of 1 October 2015
3. Carry out in-depth assessment (four countries per year) and determine technical assistance, training and research needs	3.1 Assess countries using questionnaires 3.2 Determine technical assistance, training and research needs	3.1 Consultant Miguel Galmés	December 2013 to November 2015	3.1 The working group has begun preparing a standardized methodology for the regional assessment	3.1 The consultant is evaluating the questionnaires received and is waiting for answers to his queries in order to finalize the analysis. A work plan and time frame have been presented 3.2 Pending completion of the previous stage
4. Subregional workshops on sampling models and frames	4.1 Create working group		April 2014 to November 2015	4.1 Invitation sent to countries	4.1 Participants to be determined
5. Subregional workshops on methodologies for integrating information from key respondents into probability-based surveys			December 2014 to March 2015		

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
6. Hold subregional workshops on common core content			August 2014 to November 2014		
7. Study electronic data-collection instruments			December 2013 to November 2015		
8. Develop generic systems to support statistical procedures			December 2013 to November 2015		
9. Develop training instruments			December 2013 to November 2015		
10. Prepare strategic sectoral plans as part of the strategic plans of national statistical systems in all countries in the region			December 2013 to November 2015		
11. Ensure that a minimum set of high-quality agricultural and rural statistics is generated			December 2013 to November 2015		
12. Engage in technical assistance, training and research efforts to support the operation of agricultural statistical systems			December 2013 to November 2015		
13. Ensure the sustainability of the agricultural survey system			December 2013 to November 2015		
14. Draft the proposal for the regional public goods initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), entitled “Developing a methodology for implementing agricultural statistics systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”			December 2013 to July 2014		

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15. Present the proposal for the IDB regional public goods initiative, entitled “Developing a methodology for implementing agricultural statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”			April 2014 to July 2014		
16 Prepare the plan of action for the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	16.1 Prepare the draft version 16.2 Prepare the final version		December 2013 to July 2015		16.1 16.2 Approval of the Global Steering Committee

11. WORKING GROUP ON GENDER STATISTICS

Activities	Lead entity	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Develop methodological tools for the economic valuation of unpaid work and for calculating the satellite account on unpaid work, share them with the national statistical offices of the region, and discuss them in specialized forums	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, National Women's Institute (INMUJERES) of Mexico and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico	April 2014 to November 2015	<p>Twelfth International Meeting of Experts on Time Use and Unpaid Work, held in Mexico City on 2-3 June 2014 and organized jointly by UN-Women, INEGI, INMUJERES and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC</p> <p>Thirteenth International Meeting of Experts on Time Use and Unpaid Work, held on 4-5 June 2015 and organized jointly by UN-Women, INEGI, INMUJERES and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC</p>	The documentation relating to the meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos_download/Usos_Tiempo_2014.pdf
			<p>Over 60 experts participated, in particular representatives of seven national statistical offices (Argentina, Dominican Republic, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Plurinational State of Bolivia), three representatives of the mechanisms for the advancement of women (Costa Rica, Mexico and Uruguay), civil society organizations and experts from national and international academic institutions, such as the Levy Economics Institute.</p> <p>Other participants included government officials and representatives of international organizations, such as the United Nations Statistics Division and the International Labour Organization (ILO). Experts and government officials from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States followed the proceedings remotely</p>	
			<p>Time-use classification for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAUTAL) 2014: With regard to the development of a methodology to assign a value to unpaid work, the Time-use classification for Latin</p>	

Activities	Lead entity	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Disseminate the Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence Against Women, prepared by the United Nations Statistical Commission Friends of the Chair Group, and the proposals drafted by the United Nations Statistics Division and UN-Women	UN-Women and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	April to November 2014	<p>America and the Caribbean (CAUTAL) is currently being revised, taking into account the ILO resolution on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization and progress in the revision of the International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics (ICATUS). This classification is an important benchmark for time-use surveys and for obtaining inputs for preparing the satellite accounts on unpaid work</p> <p>2015: At the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, a version of CAUTAL was presented that had been harmonized with the ILO resolution on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization</p>	The Guidelines are available at [online]: http://www.cepal.org/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/oig/noticias/noticias/4/54904/P54904.xml&xs=/oig/tpl-i/plf.xsl
Propose a set of indicators, based on gender-focused technical and methodological discussions, as an input to the debate on the post-2015 development agenda under preparation by the United Nations	UN-Women and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	April to November 2014	<p>As a contribution to the debate on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, discussions were held at the last two International Meetings on Gender Statistics in Aguascalientes (November 2014 and September 2015) on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators from a gender perspective</p> <p>UN-Women prepared the following document, available in Spanish only: <i>Monitoreo de la igualdad de género y el</i></p>	All the documentation relating to the sixteenth meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://www.inegi.org.mx/eventos/2015/genero/presentacion.aspx

Activities	Lead entity	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
<p>Prepare a document on the current status of poverty measurement from a gender perspective by late 2014, following technical and methodological discussions, to serve as a basis for developing proposals to mainstream the gender perspective in poverty measurement</p>	<p>UN-Women and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC</p>	<p>April to November 2014</p>	<p><i>empoderamiento de las mujeres y las niñas en la Agenda de Desarrollo Sostenible 2030: oportunidades y retos para América Latina y el Caribe</i>. This <i>cuaderno de trabajo</i> was presented and distributed at the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, in 2015</p>	<p>The <i>cuaderno</i> is available at [online][Spanish only]: http://mexico.unwomen.org/es/digiteca/publicaciones</p>
<p>Organize and hold international meetings on gender statistics</p>	<p>UN-Women, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, INMUJERES and INEGI</p>	<p>August 2014 to November 2015</p>	<p>Fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: overview and challenges in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda 5-7 November 2014</p> <p>Eighteen countries participated in the meeting (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, United States and Uruguay) and 228 people attended (172 women y 56 men). In total, 44 women and 10 men participated as speakers or moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themes: paid and unpaid work, agricultural and rural statistics, education and information technologies, health, violence against women, participation in decision-making and migration 	<p>All the documentation relating to the fifteenth meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://www.inegi.org.mx/ eventos/2014/Encuentro_gener o2014/presentacion.aspx</p>

Activities	Lead entity	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
			<p>Meeting with the focus points of the member countries of the working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of working groups of the Statistical Conference in the sessions • The organizing institutions recognized and hailed the outcomes of 15 years of unstinting work, of sharing experiences and progress, of strengthening communications between producers and users of gender-sensitive information, and of working to improve evidence geared towards women's empowerment and substantive equality 	
			<p>Sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: statistical challenges towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda 9-11 September 2015</p> <p>Twenty-four countries participated in the meeting (Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, United States and Uruguay), nine Mexican states (Aguascalientes, Coahuila, Durango, Guanajuato, Jalisco, Hidalgo, Mexico City, Morelos and Zacatecas) and 198 people (168 women and 30 men) attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themes: from the Beijing Platform to the 2030 Agenda, the inclusion of gender indicators in the framework of the sustainable development goals, progress and challenges in the measurement of poverty, time use and unpaid work, employment and social protection, women's access to 	<p>All the documentation relating to the sixteenth meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://www.inegi.org.mx/ eventos/2015/genero/presentacion.aspx</p>

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			<p>technological, productive and financial resources, health statistics, participation of women in decision-making and statistics on violence against women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organizing institutions hailed the strategic partnerships that had strengthened gender statistics projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. They also recognized the working group's inter-agency efforts, and discussed the matter of reviewing the sustainable development goals and mainstreaming a gender perspective in statistics in order to fulfil the commitments undertaken with regard to gender equality for sustainable development, peace and international security <p>The working group met during the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics to analyse CAUTAL 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and technical assistance to tackle the lack of transparency at national statistical offices with regard to mainstreaming a gender perspective in statistics and dialogue with the users of information <p>Technical assistance:</p> <p>The working group members, ECLAC and UN-Women provided technical assistance to Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Peru and Uruguay on time-use surveys, gender indicators and statistics on violence against women</p> <p>Training:</p> <p>The Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC delivered seven distance learning courses:</p>	

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		2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (fourth edition) (1 April to 24 May 2014) Public policies on care (7 October to 28 November 2014) Measurement of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean (20 October to 12 December 2014) 	
		2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (fifth edition) (30 March to 29 May 2015) http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/estadisticas-e-indicadores-de-genero-introduccion [Spanish only] Time-use surveys (third edition) (8 April to 16 June 2015). http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/encuestas-sobre-uso-del-tiempo-eut [Spanish only] Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (sixth edition) (7 June to 7 August 2015) http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/estadisticas-e-indicadores-de-genero-introduccion-vi-version [Spanish only] Measurement of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean (second edition) (13 August to 13 October 2015) http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/lamedicion-de-la-violencia-contra-las-mujeres-en-america-latina-y-el-caribe-ii-version [Spanish only] 	

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Systematically interconnect the work done in the region	UN-Women, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC and INEGI	December 2013 to November 2017	<p>The fifth Global Forum on Gender Statistics was held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on 3-5 November 2014. It was organized by INEGI and the United Nations Statistics Division.</p> <p>This event preceded the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, and therefore enjoyed a similar level of participation. In attendance were 18 countries (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, United States and Uruguay) and 228 people (172 women and 56 men). In total, 44 women and 10 men participated as speakers or moderators.</p> <p>ECLAC and two member countries of the working group (Mexico and Brazil) participated in the ninth meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics, held in Bangkok in October 2015, to discuss the indicators for Sustainable Development Goal 5. These will be presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2016.</p>	

12. WORKING GROUP ON HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Perform an assessment of the status of integrated household survey systems in member countries	1.1 Prepare a report on the basis of the self-assessment form for measuring the conceptual structure of the integrated household survey system	National Statistics and Census Institute (INEC) of Ecuador	December 2013 to March 2014	To help analyse the current situation of national statistical offices in the region, the working group agreed that the countries would draw up an assessment of the conceptual framework, administration and construction of the integrated household survey system. The purpose of the study is to evaluate progress in the design and implementation of integrated household survey systems in national statistical offices.	Document available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/EH_Informe_SIEH.docx
2. Keep up the level of interaction in the working group's e-forum	2.1 Continue to add member countries' technical documents to the group's virtual library 2.2 Continue to encourage working group members to participate in the online forum	2.1 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Peru, plus ECLAC and ILO.	December 2013 to November 2015	The most salient outcomes were described in the document, "Principales resultados sobre el formulario de autoaplicación para medición de la estructura conceptual del sistema integrado de encuestas de hogares".	2.1 Documents are available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/2.1.rar
3. Make progress on the methodology for devising the master sample of the integrated household survey system	3.1 Gather information from each member country on generating units of the frame, stratification of the frame, and constructing and continuously updating the master sample	3.1 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador and Mexico, plus ECLAC 3.2 Workshop organized jointly by ECLAC, ILO and INEC of Ecuador and	December 2013 to November 2014	3.1 Available information on the creation of the integrated household survey system, especially the sampling frame of each country 3.2 The event was attended by most of the countries of the region:	3.1 Documents are available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/SistemasIntegrados de Encuestas a Hogares.rar

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	<p>3.2 Organize a regional workshop to exchange experiences relating to the construction of Ecuador's integrated household survey system</p> <p>3.3 Prepare a report on the main elements for generating a master sample</p>	<p>held from 14 to 16 October 2015, for the national statistical offices of the region on the implementation of cross-sectional and longitudinal household surveys</p>		<p>Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay</p> <p>Information was shared on the status of various issues and specific lines of work were established for the working group</p>	<p>3.2 Documents are available at [online]: http://www.cepal.org/es/ventos/taller-regional-encuestas-hogares-america-latina-estado-situacion-prospectiva</p>
<p>4. Improve the use of methodologies for generating longitudinal and cross-sectional estimators from continuous survey data</p>	<p>4.1 Gather information on panel surveys in the member countries</p> <p>4.2 Organize a regional workshop to share experiences on cross-sectional and longitudinal estimators based on continuous surveys</p>	<p>4.1 Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru, plus ECLAC and ILO</p> <p>4.2 Workshop organized jointly by ECLAC, ILO and INEC of Ecuador and held from 14 to 16 October 2015, for the national statistical offices of the region, on the implementation of cross-sectional and longitudinal household surveys</p>	<p>December 2014 to November 2015</p>	<p>4.1 Available information on the design and use of longitudinal surveys in the context of the integrated household survey system of each country</p> <p>4.2 The event was attended by most of the countries of the region: Bolivian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Information was shared on the status of various issues and specific lines of work were established for the working group</p>	<p>4.1 Documents are available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/seguimientoCEA-war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/EncuestasLongitudinales.rar</p> <p>4.2 Documents are available at [online]: http://www.cepal.org/es/ventos/taller-regional-encuestas-hogares-america-latina-estado-situacion-prospectiva</p>

13. WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS ON CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Draft the working group's annual plan	<p>1.1 Hold meetings to agree on activities and tasks</p> <p>1.2 Submit the annual plan to the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas</p>	1.1 Member countries of the working group: Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Paraguay	December 2013 to July 2014	1.1 A progress assessment on the generation and use of harmonized and comparable statistical data on childhood and adolescence	
2. Detect information gaps with a view to establishing indicators on childhood and adolescence in SCA countries	<p>2.1 Send countries the document "Analysis of regional information gaps" prepared on the basis of the annual UNICEF report, <i>The State of the World's Children</i>, so that they may express an opinion on the subject</p> <p>2.2 Compile countries' views</p> <p>2.3 Organize a webinar for the region's statistical institutes to explain the objectives of the exercise and the potential benefits</p> <p>2.4 Prepare an assessment of the statistical situation concerning indicators on childhood and adolescence, which provides suggestions or outlines the steps to be taken and how these should be prioritized in order to solve the problems encountered</p> <p>2.5 Manage support from UNICEF offices in the region to follow up with statistical institutes</p>		August 2014 to November 2014	<p>2.3 A strategic planning meeting will be held in Panama on 11 and 12 November 2015</p> <p>2.4 Efforts have focused on identifying information gaps in promoting the rights of the child</p>	<p>2.3 At this meeting members will share experiences on how to make the most of opportunities created by new technology</p> <p>2.4 Regional workshops have been held to promote gathering disaggregated data on children</p>
3. Detect problems in respect of harmonizing indicators on childhood and adolescence among SCA member countries	3.1 Create a template to record possible discrepancies in key indicators for monitoring the rights of children and adolescents		December 2013 to November 2014		

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	<p>3.2 Discuss the content of the template with the member countries of the working group, and invite them to make suggestions for improvement</p> <p>3.3 Validate the indicators suggested for monitoring issues of childhood and adolescence</p> <p>3.4 Follow up by videoconference</p> <p>3.5 Prepare a report analysing the harmonization issues and the action that could be taken, together with guidelines for the harmonization process</p> <p>3.6 Hold a workshop to decide on strategy and begin taking action to harmonize statistics on childhood and adolescence</p>				
4. Disseminate information on indicators on childhood and adolescence	<p>4.1 Give countries access to the first version of the application for consulting indicators on childhood and adolescence</p> <p>4.2 Agree on a methodology for periodically updating the indicators</p> <p>4.3 Update the indicators periodically</p>		August 2014 to November 2014		
5. Implement strategy lines for harmonizing statistics on childhood and adolescence	<p>5.1 Hold video conferences, workshops and virtual meetings</p> <p>5.2 Strategic planning meeting</p>		December 2014 to November 2015	<p>5.1 The progress made by the group since it was established was assessed. The strategic priorities were agreed and a joint plan for the next period was developed.</p>	<p>5.1 It is hoped that members of the working group will share experiences and initiatives</p>

14. WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS ON PUBLIC SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
1. Propose a generic statistical system on crime and criminal justice with pillars defined for each component	1.1 Develop a concept paper for a statistical system on crime and criminal justice 1.2 Develop a draft of the generic statistical system on crime and criminal justice	1.1 All member countries of the working group contributed to the creation of the document	December 2013 to November 2014	1.1 Annexed PDF document	1.1 Activity concluded
2. Conduct an assessment of the status of crime and criminal justice statistics in the region's countries using a survey	2.1 Prepare a survey 2.2 Administer the survey 2.3 Send, receive and process the information received	Data from 11 countries have been received to date	December 2013 to November 2015		2.1 Two requests were made relating to the assessment and the deadline for sending data, which was 20 October 2015. A final request will be made for participants to send any remaining data
3. Generate recommendations for recording official data at each stage of the legal process	3.1 Prepare and circulate a draft 3.2 Prepare a final version of the document		April 2014 to November 2015		3.1 The preparation of this document is subject to the outcomes of the assessment carried out under activity 2. This activity will have to be considered in the new programme of work
4. Participate in the design of training courses on data use and analysis and georeferencing	4.1 Identify available resources 4.2 Review bibliography 4.3 Assemble the group that will be responsible 4.4 Develop the course	4.1 This activity will be postponed until after the publication of the recommendations for improving administrative records, since it is linked to the generation and analysis of data deriving from that document	December 2013 to November 2015	4.1 This activity will be postponed until after the publication of the recommendations for improving administrative records, since it is linked to the generation and analysis of data deriving from that document	4. This activity will be postponed until after the publication of the recommendations for improving administrative records, since it is linked to the generation and analysis of data deriving from that document. This activity will have to be considered in the new programme of work

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5. Promote the inclusion and generation of statistical information on crime and criminal justice in national statistics programmes	5.1 Promote the inclusion of statistical information in international, regional and national forums 5.2 International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics	5.1 Ongoing activity, related products annexed	December 2013 to November 2015		5.1 The products are loaded in the system
6. Foster inter-agency cooperation in the framework of statistical systems on crime and criminal justice	6.1 Promote and participate in inter-agency efforts to create statistical systems on crime and criminal justice	Ongoing activity, related outputs attached.	December 2013 to November 2015		Outputs are loaded onto the system
7. Share knowledge and strengthen the technical capacities of the national statistics offices in the framework of the Knowledge Transfer Network of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	7.1 Disseminate materials, manuals, studies and methodology papers		December 2013 to November 2015	A draft was prepared to include members of the group in the Knowledge Transfer Network	Observations were captured in the system
8. Participate in the discussion on the data revolution in the framework of the global partnership on improving the quality of statistics, in connection with the objectives and goals of the post-2015 development agenda	8.1 Attend meetings to discuss the data revolution in the framework of the new international initiative on improving the quality of statistics	8.1 From 26 to 28 November, Ecuador and Mexico attended a discussion on the indicators of the new post-2015 development agenda	December 2013 to November 2015	8.1 The United Nations Statistical Commission and the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC are responsible for convening the activity	8.1 From 26 to 28 November, Ecuador and Mexico attended a discussion on the indicators of the new post-2015 development agenda
9. Conduct a methodology-concept test of the framework of international crime classification for statistical purposes, to be promoted by the United Nations Statistical	9.1 Conduct the methodology test	Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru participated in the test	December 2013 to March 2015		The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime

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Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and coordinated in the region by the Centre of Excellence in Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice					Prevention and Criminal Justice at their respective sessions in 2015
10. Collaborate on the preparation of a manual on international crime classification for statistical purposes	10.1 Send comments on the manual on international crime classification for statistical purposes		December 2013 to November 2015	10.1 Preparation of the manual is subject to the approval of the Classification by the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and was due to commence in the second half of 2015	It is expected that members of the working group will send recommendations as inputs to the methodological documents for the implementation of the classification, which are currently being prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in its capacity as custodian of the Classification. This activity will have to be considered in the new programme of work
11. Promote the creation of crime classifications in each country in the framework of the statistical systems on crime and criminal justice	11.1 Promote the inclusion of statistical information in international, regional and national forums	11.1 Ecuador and Mexico participated	April 2015 to November 2015	11.1 The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes will be promoted once it is approved and training and other methodological tools are available	11.1 A preliminary meeting was held to discuss the implementation plan of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes
12. Participate in on-site and online training activities on victim surveys	12.1 Attend the regional meeting on victim surveys	Participation in online courses: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia: one participant National Institute of	December 2013 to March 2015		

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<p>13. Generate recommendations to strengthen the methodological-conceptual and statistical design of existing victim surveys in the region with the support of the initiative committee for the creation of this working group, for the purpose of generating and promoting the use of good practices in victim surveys (statistical design, questionnaires, processing and dissemination)</p>	<p>13.1 Select thematic areas 13.2 Propose content 13.3 Review papers and send comments 13.4 Edit and publish thematic methodology papers</p>	<p>Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico: four participants National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) of Peru: nine participants National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Uruguay: seven participants</p>	<p>December 2013 to November 2015</p>	<p>13.1 A methodological guide for victim surveys in the region will be prepared, with publication envisaged for October 2015</p>	
		<p>In face-to-face courses: Ecuador and Panama</p>			
<p>14. Prepare and present reports on the activities of the working group</p>	<p>14.1 Prepare annual reports</p>	<p>14.1 Technical secretariat of the working group</p>	<p>December 2013 to November 2015</p>	<p>14.1 The present report was prepared in compliance with this point</p>	<p>14.1 This requirement was met in due form and on time</p>

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15. Generate a new programme of work	15.1 Prepare programme of work 15.2 Distribute draft 15.3 Receive comments and adjust document 15.4 Publish and send programme of work	15.1 The technical secretariat will develop a proposal for the discussion of the working group in the first quarter of 2016	December 2014 to November 2015	15.1 The technical secretariat will develop a proposal for the discussion of the working group in the first quarter of 2016	15.1 The technical secretariat will develop a proposal for the discussion of the working group in the first quarter of 2016

15. TASK FORCE ON QUANTIFICATION OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Period	Outcomes	Observations
Approve the first version of the task force's objectives and work programme	Presentation of the task force's objectives and work programme at the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC		August 2014 to November 2014	Objectives and work programme approved by the Executive Committee	
Adopt the task force's objectives and work programme	Virtual meeting of the task force (videoconference). Exchange of e-mails to validate comments on the objectives and work programme	Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru Participating entities • Statistical institutes • Entities responsible for coordinating international cooperation	August 2014 to November 2014	Objectives and work programme adopted by the members of the task force	
Prepare a glossary of statistical terms	Virtual forum for commenting on the draft glossary prepared by the coordinator of the task force Virtual meeting to discuss topics related to the glossary Panel session at face-to-face meeting to discuss and adopt the glossary	Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru Participating entities • Statistical institutes • Entities responsible for coordinating international cooperation	August 2014 to November 2014	It emerged from the discussions that the glossary of statistical terms relating to South-South cooperation goes beyond the task force's mandate A decision was taken to postpone further discussions until the face-to-face meeting in April 2015	
Define the elements of South-South cooperation that should be quantified in monetary terms	Panel session at face-to-face meeting to hold a first discussion on the elements that should be quantified in monetary terms. Discussion focusing on the measurement experiences of the member countries of the task force Virtual forum to discuss the elements that should be quantified in monetary terms	Sixteen participants from: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and the technical secretariat (ECLAC) Participating entities • Statistical institutes • Entities responsible for coordinating international cooperation	April 2015 to July 2015	Face-to-face workshop in Bogotá, 28-30 April 2015 The first face-to-face workshop of the Task Force on Quantification of South-South Cooperation was held to discuss the development of a methodology to measure South-South cooperation	Commitments undertaken at the workshop: • <i>Agreement reached to prepare minimum definitions. Argentina tasked with preparing them</i> Argentina submitted the definitions, which were validated by the countries

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Virtual meeting to define the elements of South-South cooperation that should be quantified in monetary terms				<p>The main conclusions of the workshop were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is necessary to establish common definitions in order to standardize the measurement of South-South cooperation in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean • An annual report should be produced using standardized annual data • Create a database on South-South cooperation • Establish indicators for measuring South-South cooperation between the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and ensure the availability of official information from the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Define a standard measurement of expert-hours. Mexico</i> <p>Work ongoing with the delegation of Mexico to establish a standard measurement of expert-hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consolidate data-capture formats for measuring South-South cooperation. Colombia</i> <p>A list was consolidated of the different formats in which countries receive data and an analysis is being carried out. The findings will be shared with the countries in the coming months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Define a standard unit for measuring grants. Colombia and ECLAC</i> <p>Work ongoing on the analysis and a progress report will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee</p>
Define the basic common information on cooperation that the countries should have available	Panel session at face-to-face meeting to hold a first discussion on the basic common statistics on cooperation that the countries should have available				
Virtual forum to discuss the basic common information on cooperation that the countries should have available					

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Period	Outcomes	Observations
	Virtual meeting to define the basic common information on cooperation that the countries should have available				
Prepare a first draft of a methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms	Panel session at face-to-face meeting to hold a first discussion on the design of a methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms				
	Prepare a document setting out the methodology for quantifying South-South cooperation in monetary terms				
	Virtual forum to discuss the first draft of the methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms				
	Virtual meeting to define the first draft of the methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms				

16. TASK FORCE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks	Progress
Approve the restructuring of the task force on disability statistics		Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference for the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	August 2014	Endorsement of the composition of the task force with Mexico as coordinator and Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador as members	At the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC the restructuring of the task force was approved in order to undertake the tasks set out in resolution 8(VII) adopted by the Conference: to liaise with the member countries of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics and with the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization to look into avenues for collaboration and into the possibility of holding two subregional training workshops at national statistical offices in Latin America and the Caribbean in preparation for the next round of censuses	100%
Compile a directory of focal points of member countries to coordinate the task force	Establish contact with member countries of the task force to designate their focal points	Social Development Division of ECLAC; Directorate General of Public Liaison and Information Service of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI); Directorate General of Sociodemographic Statistics of INEGI, Mexico	September 2014 to February 2015	The directory was completed with the data of the focal points of member countries of the task force (Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador)		100%
Prepare a work project proposal for the task force that includes holding two regional workshops on the next census round		Coordinator, Mexico, Directorate General of Sociodemographic Statistics of INEGI	January to April 2015	Proposal to be distributed to the focal points of the task force		100%

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Compile a directory of those in charge of producing statistics on disability in the region	Draw up a preliminary list of possible participants in regional workshops (those in charge of producing statistical information on disability, including statistical offices and other Ministries)	Coordinator, Mexico, Directorate General of Sociodemographic Statistics of INEGI	29 January to 25 April 2015		19 countries were chosen for a first exploratory phase (Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay) of the 33 Latin American and Caribbean States that are members of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	100%
	Prepare a questionnaire to gather data from those in charge of collecting statistical information on disability in the region		2 to 17 February 2015	Form and instructions for collecting information	The remaining 14 member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC were included in a second phase (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago)	
Explore possible sources of financing for the task force's activities	Review the conditions for financing set by international bodies such as the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Coordinator, Mexico, Directorate General of Sociodemographic Statistics of INEGI	9 January 2015 to date	The requirements for accessing financing established by the World Bank and IDB were identified	The Banks ask for a budget proposal in order to evaluate opportunities for financial support. The request appears to be more attainable if it is not made by Mexico	10%
Prepare a budget for the first workshop and seek international financing		Focal points and ECLAC	January to March 2016		The budget cannot be prepared until the second exploratory phase with the Caribbean countries is complete	0%