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**PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STATISTICAL COORDINATION GROUP  
FOR THE 2030 AGENDA IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN OF THE  
STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF ECLAC**

1. The aim of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean will be to coordinate the process of preparing and implementing regional indicators and to build relevant capacities, as part of the follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Group will be established within the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and will carry out its activities in coordination with the work performed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the activities and decisions of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2. The Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean will be composed of representatives of the national statistical systems of the countries comprising the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ensuring the representation of subregional groupings. Currently, these countries are Argentina, the Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico and Saint Lucia. The Statistical Coordination Group will conduct its work in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, and will invite experts from civil society, academia and the private sector, as appropriate, to contribute their experiences on indicators and innovative data collection methods. Responsibility for coordinating the Group will rotate among the member countries. The first activities of the Group will include electing the coordinator and defining the duration of the mandate. The Statistics Division of ECLAC will serve as the technical secretariat.

3. In order to achieve its aims, the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean will:

- (a) Provide strategic leadership in the process of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in the region with regard to the development and calculation of indicators, statistical monitoring and reporting.
- (b) Promote national ownership of the regional statistical monitoring framework for the 2030 Agenda; and foster capacity-building, cooperation and coordination, including by ensuring coherence between regional and global follow-up.
- (c) Ensure compliance with the provisions of resolution 70/1<sup>1</sup> (paragraphs 73, 75, 80 and 81) and the decisions of the forty-seventh session of the United Nations Statistical Commission<sup>2</sup> regarding the need to complement global indicators with indicators at the regional level, with a view to supporting the development of a regional statistical monitoring framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the realities, priorities and common challenges of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, while bearing in mind national and subregional differences.
- (d) Provide technical support for follow-up, ensuring harmonized use of definitions and classifications for the agreed indicators.
- (e) Promote the use of international statistical standards and methodologies and explore new methodological developments and issues relating to indicators and metadata.
- (f) Work jointly with the countries and in coordination with the technical secretariat on preparing the regional report on the progress of the countries towards achieving the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.
- (g) Address issues related to statistical capacity-building in the region and promote coordination with existing initiatives on the development and strengthening of statistical capacity and technical assistance at the global, regional and subregional levels, such as the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, the memorandum of understanding between the development banks and the United Nations on cooperation in statistical activities, and other coordination and cooperation agreements, with a view to avoiding duplication of work.

4. The Group shall meet in-person or virtually twice a year, taking advantage of other regional or international statistical encounters on the calendars of the countries of the region. Between meetings, the Group will carry out its work using an electronic platform that will be set up for this purpose. Each country will be responsible for arranging financing to attend meetings. The technical secretariat will facilitate coordination with international organizations or multilateral cooperation bodies to help any country facing budgetary constraints to secure financing to ensure the attendance of its representatives.

5. The Group shall submit an annual report to the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, which will in turn report to the Conference. The Group shall subsequently apply the recommendations of the Conference on its activities.

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1, “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

<sup>2</sup> See the Report on the forty-seventh session [online] <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/Report-on-the-47th-session-of-the-statistical-commission-E.pdf>.