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**DRAFT PLAN OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2016-2017 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. Establishment of a governance scheme for the Group

The purpose of this activity is to establish a scheme for managing and coordinating communications and working dynamics with the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and with the technical secretariat of the Group, to facilitate the achievement of its objective.

Activity	Responsible party
(a) Election of a country to serve as coordinator	All the countries in the Group
(b) Establishment of the coordination period	All the countries in the Group
(c) Communication with the Executive Committee of the Conference	Coordinating country
(d) Proposed definition of roles of the member countries of the Group, the coordinating country and the technical secretariat	Technical secretariat
(e) Approval of the roles defined for the countries in the Group, the coordinating country and the technical secretariat	All the countries in the Group

2. Preparation of an inventory of national capacities for producing the indicators proposed in the Sustainable Development Goals

This activity has a dual purpose. First, to identify relevant themes and indicators for preparing the regional follow-up framework and, second, to identify technical capacity-building needs in relation to the different topics covered in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The first step will be to design a questionnaire which, following approval by the Group, will be sent to the countries of the region. This tool will be used to collect information on the countries' capacities to produce the 231 indicators adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2015.¹

Activity	Responsible party
(a) Proposal of a questionnaire prototype for consideration by the members of the Group	Ecuador and Mexico
(b) Comments, opinions and proposals on the prototype	All the countries in the Group
(c) Systematization of the observations made by the members of the Group	Technical secretariat
(d) Design and implementation of an e-platform for compiling the information in the questionnaire	Brazil
(e) Remission of the questionnaire to the countries of the region	Technical secretariat
(f) Return of the completed questionnaire	All the countries in the region
(g) Compilation of the data collected	Technical secretariat
(h) Analysis of the data collected	Technical secretariat
(i) Presentation of the results to the members of the Group	Technical secretariat
(j) Presentation of the results to the Executive Committee of the Conference	Coordinating country
(k) Liaison with organizations and specialized agencies to define technical cooperation activities	All the countries in the Group and the technical secretariat

3. Preparation of an inventory of specialized human resources in the region and of training activities for improving the technical capacities of national statistical systems to produce the indicators proposed in the Sustainable Development Goals (in coordination with the Knowledge Transfer Network)

The Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) has compiled a list of courses and training arrangements that should now be complemented with specific activities relating to the indicators proposed for following up the Sustainable Development Goals. To this end, the list prepared by KTN will need to be updated.

¹ See Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators Note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2016/2/Rev.1).

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4. Design of training programmes and regional cooperation strategies

Follow-up to the indicators requires a programme of work that includes regular updating of information. Accordingly, it is proposed to design technical capacity-building programmes to ensure that information systems are kept updated.

- Activities to be determined by the Group.

5. Support for the preparation of a framework of indicators for regional follow-up to the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Implementing the 2030 Agenda will require a follow-up mechanism for the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in the framework of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and its link with the Statistical Conference of the Americas—as subsidiary bodies of ECLAC—and with the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In this regard, the Group will contribute to preparing a proposed framework of statistical indicators for measuring the region’s progress towards achievement of the targets, taking into account the realities, priorities and common challenges of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as national and subregional differences.

- Activities to be determined by the Group.