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**DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE
OF THE AMERICAS OF ECLAC, 2009-2011**

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I. INTRODUCTION

As stated in resolution 2000/7 of 25 July 2000 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, one of the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is “to draw up a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources”.

At its fourth meeting, The Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC adopted the final version of the Strategic Plan 2005-2015, which defines the mission, vision, strategic goals, specific goals and principal lines of action on which the Conference should focus its work during the period ending in 2015.

The Strategic Plan 2005-2015 of the Conference is intended to serve, now and in the future, as a frame of reference for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation. This long-term vision will enable the Conference to optimize the contribution of this programme to the effective fulfilment of the four strategic goals of the plan. The programme will sum up the specific aims for a two-year period, which should be consistent with one or more of the four strategic goals of the plan and facilitate progress towards its implementation. Furthermore, in keeping with the goals of the plan, the biennial programme should contain clear guidelines to provide direction and stimulate concrete action by countries, international and subregional organizations and the different coordination and cooperation bodies created for these purposes (for example, the working groups and committees of experts).

The strategic plan outlines four major goals, which, in turn, are broken down into specific goals and translated into different lines of action:

- Goal 1:** To strengthen the strategic and operational management practices and organization of the national statistical offices and national statistical systems in order to ensure the quality of their outputs and the satisfaction of users
- Goal 2:** To promote the training of staff in producing high-quality statistical information, managing national statistical systems and carrying out research into statistical methodology
- Goal 3:** To promote the development of technical and methodological capacities in order to generate high-quality statistical information in the region
- Goal 4:** To promote coordination and cooperation between the member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and international agencies

This document contains a draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities which covers the period from the fifth meeting of the Conference until its sixth meeting, scheduled for mid-2011. The programme consists of a series of specific measures in line with the goals referred to, beginning with a definition of priorities and programme components and a reference to the role and functioning of the working groups, which will contribute to clarifying the proposed tasks.

II. DEFINITION OF PRIORITIES AND COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

This biennial programme includes lines of action whereby progress can be made towards achieving each of the four strategic goals set out above through regional, subregional and international cooperation projects and activities. Nevertheless, given the magnitude and complexity of the challenges outlined, it is necessary to select an optimum number of central lines of action—from the 28 included in the strategic plan—as priorities for the period 2009-2011, in order to avoid dispersal of efforts.

In identifying priorities for the biennium, account was taken of the commitments, mandates and recommendations that the international statistical community has deemed essential for the period 2009-2011. The progress made by the working groups and international entities towards achieving their goals in each area, as well as the challenges and demands of the countries, have also been borne in mind. The specific activities that will allow the objectives of the biennial programme to be met are for the Conference to identify.

This programme does not describe all the activities carried out by the different international entities working in the area of statistics and cooperation in the region that are committed to undertaking activities and complying with responsibilities that help achieve the goals of the Conference. A complete list of activities can be found in the integrated programme of statistical activities database, the first version of which will be available on the ECLAC website as of the fifth meeting of the Conference.

At the third meeting of the Conference, held in June 2005 in Santiago, it was agreed that six working groups would be formed and at the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee, held in November 2005 in Mexico City, the terms of reference for these groups were defined.¹ By virtue of the resolution which resulted from the fourth meeting of the Conference, held in July 2007 in Santiago, two additional working groups were subsequently formed.² At its fifth meeting, the Conference will report on their functioning and on the results of the tasks carried out by the various groups, establish guidelines for those working groups which will continue their activities in 2009-2010, and may create new ones.

The first part of the biennial programme contains a description of the specific objectives and lines of work according to the four strategic objectives in the 2005-2015 strategic plan. The second part includes the concrete activities which will be undertaken, grouped according to the specific objective they relate to. Naturally, several activities simultaneously contribute to achieving more than one objective.

¹ Institution-building, human resources and training, censuses, monitoring of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, national accounts, information and communications technologies

² Working Group on Gender Statistics and the Working Group on Migration and Trends in Remittances

**III. BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE
OF THE AMERICAS OF ECLAC, 2009-2011**

**A. INSTITUTION-BUILDING ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL
STATISTICAL SYSTEMS**

Programme for the development and adoption of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean. Institutional improvements in statistical offices and their output increases the use of official statistics as a public asset for formulating, monitoring and assessing public policies by governments, the private sector, social actors, academics, and decision-makers. Delegations will have before them a document prepared by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) and ECLAC on the activities undertaken to understand and disseminate the European Code of Good Practice in Statistics in the region, including a proposal to create a working group to carry forward tasks with a view to preparing a draft Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be presented for discussion and approval at the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference in 2011.

B. ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING

Implementation of the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN). The Knowledge Transfer Network initiated its activities in the period 2007-2009, its first training programme was conducted and funding was obtained from the World Bank for the basic coordination unit. The Council of the KTN therefore invites the Conference to:

- Suspend the activities of the Working Group on Human Resource Education and Training, given that its work has been subsumed into the KTN
- Approve the proposed KTN training programme for 2009-2011 set out in Annex 1
- Renew the positions of the members and secretariat of the Council of the KTN, and appoint the World Bank as a member of the Council

Activities for 2009-2011 will include the implementation and funding of the Knowledge Transfer Network and working in the following areas in order to achieve its objectives:

- Promoting fundraising, to enable the KTN to carry out its work
- Supporting the coordination of training activities for all the working groups of the Conference through the KTN
- Prioritizing activities in the KTN programme aimed at developing a distance-learning platform
- Promoting, within the framework of the KTN, the implementation of a network made up of the focal points of the member countries of ECLAC to facilitate the exchange of information, documentation and good practices in the region.

Training in demography. The Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC will develop three lines of work: (i) continue designing and developing a strategy for training on demography, population and development in the region, with support from the Latin America and the Caribbean Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); (ii) support

national initiatives on training in demography, population and development and (iii) address the shortage of experts in census information management by conducting three intensive regional courses on demographic analysis for development (CRIADD) starting in 2010 or 2011. Since these activities are subject to the availability of funding, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and other possible donors have been approached. Training will be ongoing in the use of REDATAM for handling census information which has been disaggregated by ethnic groups, with a view to promoting its use as an input for local and regional public policy and decision-making with an ethnic perspective.

C. ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL CAPACITIES TO GENERATE HIGH-QUALITY STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN THE REGION

1. Millennium Development Goals

Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. The Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals will continue its activities aimed at building and enhancing statistical capacities for the production of indicators for the Goals and at strengthening the process of inter-institutional coordination at the national level, as well as between countries and international entities, with a view to advancing the regional agenda of statistical reconciliation. To this end, the following types of activities must be carried out:

- Strengthening national coordination mechanisms for developing statistics in relation to the Goals and their inclusion in national reports
- Implementing the regional agenda for reconciliation of statistics for the indicators related to the Goals
- Identifying and channelling financial resources to develop statistical capacities in this area
- Promoting an inter-institutional network of producers and users of indicators related to the Goals in the region

2. Gender statistics

Working Group on Gender Statistics. For the biennial 2009-2011, the Working Group on Gender Statistics will continue with the 2007-2009 work programme, aimed generally at promoting the production, development and systematization of gender statistics and indicators, as well as their dissemination and use in public policies in all countries of the region. As such, activities will be undertaken in the following areas:

- Promoting the development of technical and methodological capacities in order to produce and disseminate gender statistics through activities related to time use and unpaid work; carry out activities related to violence against women and assess the status of gender statistics and indicators in the countries of the region
- Strengthening the relationship between producers and users of statistical information
- Promoting international cooperation to develop and disseminate gender statistics

With a view to achieving these goals, the Working Group will continue to pursue close collaboration and coordination between member countries and the following organizations: National

Women's Institute (INMUJERES), the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) of Mexico, (which coordinates the Working Group), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, which acts as secretariat of the Working Group.

3. Social statistics

Project to update the methodology used to measure poverty. In the framework of the regional public goods initiative of IDB, a project is under way to update poverty measurement methodology in the region, conducted by ECLAC in collaboration with interested countries.³ Given the need for close collaboration with the countries, a working group on poverty has been proposed, to focus on advancing the harmonization of methodology for measuring poverty by income in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Group will propose a set of recommendations to improve interregional comparability of measurements based on a new methodological proposal that ECLAC will have completed in early 2010 and on the methodology used by several countries to produce national estimates.

Harmonization of social statistics. The project for the integration and harmonization of social statistics (INAES), which worked in the framework of the Working Group on Institution-building, concluded its activities. It produced a database and a critical assessment of the current state of social statistics in the region in the areas of labour, health and education, as well as in the production of indicators, identifying gaps between countries in terms of specific statistical standards and establishing levels of concordance between national practices and international recommendations expressed as standards. On the basis of these results, it is planned that harmonization efforts will continue in the aforementioned fields of social statistics. A proposal has been made to refocus the activities of the Working Group on Institution-building by transforming it into a Working Group on Harmonization of Social Statistics. It is suggested that the group should base its work on the activities conducted by the respective international organizations operating in this field (the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in health statistics, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in educational statistics and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in labour statistics), with the support of ECLAC and the participation of interested countries.

Project for social cohesion indicators. With support from the European Commission, ECLAC is implementing a project on measuring social cohesion in Latin America, aimed at strengthening the capacity to monitor and assess social cohesion in the countries of the region and at raising awareness among public policymakers of the importance of social cohesion.

4. Preparation and conduct of the 2010 round of population censuses

Working Group on Censuses. This Working Group will continue its activities, its main objective being the promotion and development of initiatives to support countries in the planning and conduct of the 2010 round of population and housing census, by means such as the sharing of experiences in workshops. Issues to be addressed will include management of census operations, conceptual design and content, technology for capturing and processing census data and information analysis and dissemination. With a view to meeting these goals, the working group will continue receiving support from CELADE-

³ See Report on activities related to the project to update the poverty measurement methodology in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2947(CE.8/17)).

Population Division of ECLAC, as the group's technical secretariat, and from the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA).

CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC will continue to support the methodological definition of censuses by drafting documents and organizing workshops to enable countries to share their experiences. It will continue perfecting the REDATAM program and making use of microdata for public policy and social research,⁴ and working to update and enhance regional systems of indicators based on census data and other sources. Development of a new system for projections to replace the demographic projections program (PRODEM) will be ongoing. By virtue of the agreement with PAHO/WHO, it will continue supporting the development of a plan of action to improve vital statistics and health and, with support from UNPFA and PAHO/WHO, the incorporation of an ethnic focus on vital statistics and other sources of information.

5. Implementation of the 1993 system of national accounts (1993 SNA) in the countries of the region and development of economic statistics

Working Group on National Accounts. This Working Group will continue its activities aimed at facilitating the adoption of the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) in the region, promoting the programme on industrial and services statistics, making progress on assessing statistical needs, designing a three-level training programme and identifying countries' needs in terms of organizing meetings, workshops and horizontal cooperation activities.

On the basis of the document to be presented by the Working Group on National Accounts, it is proposed that the members of the Group and ECLAC (as acting secretariat) should develop a programme of activities aimed at improving the production of basic economic statistics and the implementation of the national accounts recommendations. In an effort to better coordinate other initiatives already underway, the Working Group should maintain close contact with agencies that conduct and fund activities related to economic statistics and national accounts in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Group's activities should also be coordinated with other activities carried out internationally within the framework of the Luxembourg Recommendations, and seek to facilitate the adoption of new recommendations on national accounts in the 1993 SNA and the improvement of the basic economic statistics that support them.

6. Statistics on information and communications technologies (ICT)

Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies. This Group will continue contributing to the development and dissemination of statistics and indicators related to information and communications technologies, as well as to their comparability region-wide by exchanging national experiences and harmonizing methodologies. Continued support from the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC) will be critical for achieving these goals. In order to meet its objectives, the Group will focus on the following areas:

- Contributing to the discussion and dissemination of new indicators on access to and use of ICTs by individuals, households, businesses, governments and key sectors such as education and health, as proposed by OSILAC.

⁴ See Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC, "REDATAM informa" [online] <http://www.eclac.org/redatam/default.asp?idioma=IN>.

- Updating the compendium of practices on the inclusion of questions on ICT statistics in household or business surveys by national statistical institutes, as well as statistics on access to and use of ICTs in the public, education and health sectors.
- Promoting the enhancement of the OSILAC regional database and encouraging countries to forward the results of the corresponding measurements.
- Helping to define quantifiable goals and indicators for the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2010).

7. Environmental statistics

Working Group on Environmental Statistics. The report of the initiative group for the creation of the working group on environmental statistics, the working group's terms of reference and its work programme received preliminary approval at the eighth meeting of the Executive Committee, and recommendations were made for their final approval at the fifth meeting of the Conference.⁵ The general objective of the working group on environmental statistics is to promote the development of relevant statistics on natural resources and the environment and their integration into the national statistics systems of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The initiative committee invites the Conference to consider the approval of the working group on environmental statistics and to appoint Mexico as the coordinating country for the group.

8. Statistics on migration and remittances

Working Group on Migration and Trends in Remittances. This Working Group, which grew out of the Project on migration and trends in remittances in the countries of Central America and the Caribbean, will continue its activities and broaden its scope of action to include all countries that make up the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. Its objective is to promote the production of harmonized information on migration and international remittances in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, with a view to assessing the impact of these phenomena on the population's living conditions. In order to achieve this goal, the Working Group must conduct activities in the following areas:

- Measuring the incidence of international migratory movements and remittances in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Producing harmonized indicators which permit comparability between countries and facilitate decision-making and public policy implementation.

Given the nature of its work, particularly as it relates to measuring migratory movements, it is recommended that this Working Group coordinate its activities closely with the Working Group on Censuses and receive support from CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC.

⁵ See Activities report of the initiative group of the working group on environmental statistics (LC/L.2948(CE.8/18)), October 2008.

**D. ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE
AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES**

Activities on subregional coordination and cooperation. The delegates will have before them the reports on the different mechanisms for subregional coordination in the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Community and MERCOSUR.

2010 round of the International Comparison Programme (ICP). ECLAC has expressed its willingness to coordinate the next ICP round in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and will provide funding for the central coordination unit. In addition, other funding sources are being actively sought to support the tasks to be completed by the countries within the framework of the project, bearing in mind that the countries will have to broaden coverage with respect to the previous round (2005). To this end, a project profile and corresponding preliminary budget have been prepared and submitted to potential donors. ECLAC will have the immediate tasks of seeking continued financial support for the project, handling the technical organization of the team and inviting countries to participate in the 2011 round.

Integrated presentation of cooperation activities between international organizations and agencies and the member countries of the Conference. ECLAC will report to delegations on the results of the initiative on integrated presentation, which includes the creation of a database of statistical activities conducted by international agencies in the region. Delegations will be invited to decide on the proposal for the continued maintenance of the database, which would be the responsibility of ECLAC (in collaboration with international agencies and organizations) and the proposal for the Executive Committee to produce an annual report on statistical activities conducted by international agencies and organizations in order to strengthen their coordination and contribute to the development of statistics in the region.

Project carried out under the regional public goods programme of the Inter-American Development Bank on statistics on establishments. The delegates will receive information from the Executive Committee and IDB regarding the project on statistics on establishments (in which 11 countries of the region participate), which is funded by the IDB regional public goods programme and receives technical support from ECLAC. This Project is aimed at preparing a strategy that has been agreed to region-wide for the preparation, implementation and management of a directory of businesses and establishments (the regional public good) and complements it with a set of tools for implementing the strategy in the region. The objective of the project is to improve the quality of statistical information on economic establishments in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to increase the international comparability and sustainability of this category of statistics, thus helping to close the gaps between countries in terms of methodologies, experiences and progress.

Annex 1

**PLAN OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE
STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF ECLAC⁶**

Specific strategic goals of the Strategic plan 2005-2015	Activities proposed for 2009-2011	Responsible entity
Goal 1: Institution-building		
<i>Specific goal 1:</i> Promote awareness and application of best practices in terms of legal frameworks, strategic planning, assessment of national statistical systems and financing.	Draft a proposal for a Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean for the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.	The Working Group on European code of good practice in statistics (ECLAC/EUROSTAT and participating countries).
<i>Specific goal 2:</i> Strengthen the relationship with users through permanent monitoring of their needs and assessment of their levels of satisfaction, and the establishment of accessible and timely mechanisms of dissemination.	Gather and disseminate information on the legal frameworks for national statistical systems and offices.	The Working Group on European code of good practice in statistics (ECLAC/EUROSTAT and participating countries).
<i>Specific goal 3:</i> Promote the development of official statistics as a public good among governments, economic stakeholders, social actors and other decision makers, and their use in the design, follow-up and assessment of public policies.	Gather and disseminate information on best practices in strategic organization and management.	The Working Group on European code of good practice in statistics (ECLAC/EUROSTAT and participating countries).
<i>Specific goal 4:</i> Encourage awareness and sharing of experiences among countries in order to make the best use of information and communications technologies.		

⁶ In most cases it was possible to group the activities according to the specific goal which they are most directly related to, but many activities contribute simultaneously to the achievement of multiple goals.

Objective 2: Human resource development

<i>Specific goal 1:</i> Promote awareness and identification of institutional needs and the work skills required for producing statistical information and for management.	Update the assessment to identify and document the institutional needs and labour competencies required for the production of statistical information and strategic management.	KTN
<i>Specific goal 2:</i> Encourage awareness of and sharing of experiences in relation to human resources management, as part of work towards defining a human resources management model that is relevant to the difference stages of statistical development in the region.	Adopt and develop distance education mechanisms to train human resources in managing and producing statistical information. Design a three-level training programme on national accounts: initial training using KANGARE; advanced training in SNAs through classes and workshops such as those organized by ECLAC and IMF; practical training on statistical production with support from the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of France.	KTN The Working Group on National Accounts and KTN.
<i>Specific goal 3:</i> Support cooperation and coordination of countries' human resources training efforts in the region.	Implement the KTN training programme for 2009-2011. Coordinate and support the training activities conducted by the working groups. Continue in the design and development of a training strategy for demography, population and development in the region; approach IDB and other possible donors. Support national training initiatives on demography, population and development. Design and execute a distance learning course on gender statistics (virtual and limited-presence).	KTN KTN and all working groups. CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC, UNFPA and KTN. CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and KTN. UNIFEM and KTN.
<i>Specific goal 4:</i> Develop cooperation on lines of statistical research relevant for the region.	Create a virtual network comprised of country focal points for the Conference and ECLAC to foster the exchange of information, documentation and good practices in the region.	KTN
<i>Specific goal 5:</i> Strengthen the region's networks of statistical information experts in various spheres.	Maintain an up-to-date list of official statistical experts in various fields.	KTN

Objective 3: Develop statistical and methodological capacities

<i>Specific goal 1:</i> Promote cooperation and the exchange of experiences on worldwide best practices and methodological documents useful for the region in the production of statistical information.	Produce documents on the Millennium Development Goals focused on specific topics, in the form of a manual of best practices.	ECLAC
	Conduct a minimum of two thematic workshops to support countries in the region in developing statistics related to Millennium Development Goal indicators.	ECLAC, UNDP, CEPAL, other pertinent agencies and participating countries.
	Participate in a minimum of two technical assistance missions to collaborate with officials from national statistical offices and sectoral ministries on statistical topics related to the Millennium Development Goals.	ECLAC, UNDP, CEPAL, other pertinent agencies and participating countries.
	Conduct a minimum of one workshop and one technical assistance mission aimed at enhancing the production of statistics related to the seventh Millennium Development Goal.	ECLAC
	Develop a regional agenda for statistical reconciliation and improve the participation of national statistical offices in the production of national reports.	the Working Group on Monitoring Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and ECLAC.
	Conclude the implementation of the project to update methodology for poverty measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean.	ECLAC
<i>Specific goal 2:</i> Support and promote the implementation of the 2010 round of censuses in the countries of the region.	Conduct a seminar on censuses and health in the fourth quarter of 2009 with the corresponding reference documents and produce a document on the inclusion of a gender focus in population censuses.	CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and the Working Group on Censuses.
	Conduct workshops and promote different forms of cooperation which allow for the exchange of experiences on the preparation on population and housing censuses in the region.	The Working Group on Censuses, CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and UNFPA.
	Conduct a workshop on census management in the fourth quarter of 2009 in the Dominican Republic and seek the support necessary to replicate the workshop in 2010 and 2011 in other countries of the region.	CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and the Working Group on Censuses.
	Improve the internal processing modules for the REDATAM program in order to create databases using population and housing censuses and agricultural censuses, and update the computer modules to improve regional indicator systems that are processed online with REDATAM Web Server.	CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC.
	Conduct three Intensive Regional Course on Demographic Analysis for Development (CRIADD) beginning in 2010 or 2011, subject to the availability of financial resources.	CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and KTN.

	Update and enhance regional systems for indicators based on census data and other sources in the System of Sociodemographic Indicators for Indigenous Peoples and Populations of Latin America (SISPPPI), and for indicators for monitoring international conferences (SISE, IMILA, MIALC and DEPUALC).	CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC.
	By virtue of the agreement with PAHO/WHO, continue supporting the development of a plan of action to improve vital and health statistics, incorporating an ethnic approach in vital statistics and other information sources.	CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and PAHO/WHO.
<i>Specific goal 3:</i> Support and promote the implementation of the 2010 round of censuses in the countries of the region.	Implement the plan on regional public goods on statistics on establishments.	Participating countries, IDB and ECLAC.
<i>Specific goal 4:</i> Produce a document on alternative and complementary methods incorporating censuses, surveys and administrative records to improve the production of sociodemographic statistics.		
<i>Specific goal 5:</i> Promote and develop gender statistics in all the countries of the region.	Implement the project on time-use and unpaid work “Guidelines to harmonize time-use surveys in Latin America and the Caribbean”.	The Working Group on Gender Statistics, UNIFEM and ECLAC.
	Implement the project “Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities”(2008-2010) related to measuring and collecting the set of indicators recommended by the Statistical Commission of the United Nations.	The Working Group on Gender Statistics, UNIFEM and ECLAC.
	Implement the project “Developing gender indicators: capacities for statistical institutions and offices of women”.	The Working Group on Gender Statistics, UNIFEM and ECLAC.
	Conduct international meetings on gender statistics in 2009, 2010 and 2011.	The Working Group on Gender Statistics, UNIFEM and ECLAC.
	Develop a proposal for an activities-classification system for time-use surveys.	The Working Group on Gender Statistics, UNIFEM and ECLAC.
<i>Specific goal 6:</i> Support and promote the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (1993 SNA) in all the countries of the region and the revision process up to 2008, in accordance with a regional schedule of stages.	Conduct Latin American seminars on national accounts.	ECLAC
	Consider countries’ needs when organizing round-table meetings and define methodological options, training workshops, and horizontal coordination activities through two possibilities: internships and technical assistance.	The Working Group on National Accounts.

	Create a website to facilitate technical cooperation.	The Working Group on National Accounts.
	Continue promoting the programme on industrial and services statistics.	The Working Group on National Accounts.
	Advance in the assessment of statistical needs, making use of annual meetings organized by ECLAC.	The Working Group on National Accounts.
<i>Specific goal 7:</i> Ensure that all countries, according to their circumstances, have relevant statistics on their natural resources and environment, in addition to a minimum set of common sustainability indicators for the region as a whole.	Create a working group and carry out activities to mobilize the human resources of national statistical offices, as well as financial resources to implement the group's programme.	The Working group on environmental statistics.
	Create a programme to implement a set of minimum indicators on sustainability.	The Working group on environmental statistics.
	Conduct an expert meeting on water accounts and statistics.	ECLAC
<i>Specific goal 8:</i> Ensure that all countries, according to their circumstances, have relevant statistics on science and technology, in addition to a minimum set of common indicators for the region as a whole.	Update the compendium of practices on the inclusion of questions on ICT statistics in household and business surveys by national statistical institutes, as well as of statistics on the access to and use of ICTs in the public, education and health sectors.	The Working group on ICTs and OSILAC.
	Promote the improvement of the OSILAC regional database, encouraging countries to submit the corresponding measurements.	The Working group on ICTs and OSILAC.
	Help define the quantifiable targets and indicators of eLac 2010.	The Working group on ICTs and OSILAC.

Objective 4: Encourage coordination and cooperation between countries and international organizations

<i>Specific goal 1:</i> Develop a framework for the regional, subregional, multilateral and bilateral cooperation activities aimed at achieving the goals of the Conference as defined in this strategic plan and the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission.	Maintain an updated version of the inventory of projects and activities conducted by international agencies in the region and create an updated database of international statistical activities..	ECLAC
	Monitor the implementation of the Biennial Programme.	The Chair and secretariat of the Statistical Conference.
<i>Specific goal 2:</i> Support and strengthen bilateral cooperation between the member countries of the Conference in an effective and efficient manner, especially for the countries that are relatively less developed in terms of statistics.	Design a programme to mobilize resources for funding horizontal cooperation.	RTC
<i>Specific goal 3:</i> Promote the development of a regional programme to harmonize statistical information in key areas.	Draft a proposal for indicators on migration and remittances in Latin America from information available from statistical offices.	The Working Group on Migration and Trends in Remittances.
	Create a working group on the harmonization of statistics in health, employment and education.	PAHO, UNESCO, WLO and ECLAC.
	Draft terms of reference and work programme for the Working group on methodology used to measure poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean.	The Working group on poverty and ECLAC.
	Implement the project on social cohesion indicators.	ECLAC
<i>Specific goal 4:</i> Ensure that international, technical and financial cooperation on statistical matters is designed to strengthen the institutions of the countries and addresses the priority requirements of the beneficiary countries in the region.	Have the Executive Committee prepare an annual report to facilitate and monitor the progress made towards the goals and objectives of inter-institutional coordination in the region.	The Chair and secretariat of the Statistical Conference.
	Participate in the Friends of the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission on the indicators on violence against women and work together to prepare a methodological guide; request that agencies responsible for different statistical areas present an advance report.	

Specific goal 5: Urge international agencies to improve the coverage, transparency, and reporting on all indicators of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, avoiding imputation unless specific country data are available for reliable imputations following consultations with concerned countries and through transparent methodologies.

Conduct at least one regional seminar per year on the Millennium Development Goals, inviting national statistical offices, agencies responsible for national reporting and corresponding regional agencies.

Represent regional interests at the annual meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) on Millennium Development Goals indicators I.

Implement a strategy for reconciliation of national and international databases on the Millennium Development Goals.

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