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**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK
AND PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE 2009-2011 BIENNIUM***

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A. INTRODUCTION

The report on the activities conducted within the scope of the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN), and the proposed training programme for 2009-2011, are hereby submitted to the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) at its fifth meeting.

At its fourth meeting, held in July 2007, the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC approved the creation of a KTN for training in official statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Executive Committee of the Conference at its seventh meeting, held on 28-29 November 2007, approved the KTN training programme for 2008-2009 and urged international bodies and the member countries of the Conference to help finance the programme as a regional public good. The Executive Committee instructed the working groups to coordinate their training activities with the KTN and requested that ECLAC give it space on the Conference website.

The activities of the KTN and its training programme in particular adhere to the guidelines set out in the Strategic Plan 2005-2015 of the Conference, in particular Goal 2, which is intended to “promote the training of staff in producing high-quality statistical information, managing national statistical systems and carrying out research into statistical methodology.”

B. SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK IN 2007-2009

The following were among the most noteworthy activities carried out in connection with the KTN between 2007 and the date of this report:

1. Reports from the secretariat of the Council of the KTN to the Executive Committee of the Conference

The secretariat of the Council has reported in a timely manner, at the seventh and eighth meetings of the Executive Committee of the Conference, on the activities conducted in connection with the KTN. The KTN received the full support of the Executive Committee at both meetings.

2. KTN training programme for 2008-2009

An evaluation of the execution of this first training programme, which was approved at the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference, held in late November 2007, is submitted in section D.

3. Coordination of training activities

The Council of the KTN has gathered information on the training activities of other working groups of the Conference, of international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) and Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), among others, as well as of national statistical offices.

4. Seeking funding for training activities

The secretariat and the countries represented on the Council of the KTN have worked assiduously to obtain the support of international organizations and agencies in order to obtain financing for the basic coordinating unit of the Network and the training programme, because a lack of financing could jeopardize the Network's future.

The organizations consulted include the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), PARIS21, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Spanish International Cooperation Agency for Development (AECID). At its eighth meeting, the Executive Committee of the Conference asked the Chair of the Executive Committee, with the support of the secretariat and international organizations, to take the necessary measures to obtain funds for executing the KTN programme.

5. Creation of a basic KTN coordination unit

The search for funding has also focused on obtaining sufficient resources to provide the KTN with a basic coordination unit, staffed by at least two people, to administer the Network and ensure its sustainability over time.

A formal request for funding for the KTN was submitted to the World Bank in late April 2008, stressing the urgent need for funding to create a basic coordinating unit and to support the execution of the training programme, which contains activities that have not been funded. The World Bank called for an institution to be designated to administer the funds, and it was agreed that the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) of Mexico would provide support. Funds are expected to be allocated before the August 2009 meeting of the Conference. Once the funds are released by the World Bank, they will be used to create the basic coordination unit and to defray part of the costs of the three courses in the 2009-2011 training programme.

6. Creation of an expert panel

The secretariat of the Council of the KTN sent a letter to the Chairs and directors-general of the statistical offices of ECLAC member countries in March 2008 requesting their collaboration in establishing a panel of experts in official statistics able to meet the countries' needs through the KTN. This panel is now available to provide the required experts to KTN members through its secretariat.

7. KTN web page on the Conference website

ECLAC has collaborated with the secretariat of the Council to create a KTN web page, located at <http://www.eclac.cl/scaeciac/rtc.htm>. The page contains information on how the KTN works, the training programme approved by the Executive Committee of the Conference, statistics courses organized by IMF, CEMLA and PARIS21, training activities for statisticians from ECLAC member countries planned by the Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques (INSEE) of France and the working groups of the Conference. ECLAC expects to complete the English version of the web page in the near future.

8. Logo of the KTN

The secretariat of the Council proposed a logo for the KTN and it was approved by the other members of the Council. The logo was presented at the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference and currently appears on the website of the KTN and in the documentation related to its training activities. The drawing on the logo consists of a mosaic that represents an iconic synthesis of the colours found in flags around the world, together with a series of intersecting lines that allude to the crossing paths formed at data transmission networks.



9. Participation in the fifty-seventh session of the International Statistical Institute (ISI)

A brief document related to the main activities of the KTN will be presented as an integral part of a session on statistical training and education at the next session of ISI, in Durban, South Africa, 16-22 August 2009, at the request of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT).

C. STRUCTURE OF THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK

Item 50 of the proposal to create a KTN for training on official statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (presented at the fourth meeting of the Conference, Santiago, Chile, July 2007) states that the KTN will be administered by a Council consisting of the incoming and outgoing Chairs of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and representatives of three countries appointed by the Conference.¹ One of the Council members will serve as secretary. The Council of the KTN will be replaced every two years, at the plenary session of the Conference.

This meeting of the Conference is therefore required to replace the members of the Council of the KTN and determine which country will serve as secretary for the coming two years. In addition, given that the contribution from the World Bank allows the KTN to have a basic coordination unit and to fund some training activities, it is requested that the World Bank be appointed as a member of the new Council.

The Working Group on Human Resource Education and Training was created at the third meeting of the Conference, for the purpose of collecting information on the statistical education and training needs of ECLAC member countries and on the availability of human, technical and financial resources with which to manage and organize training activities. The group worked assiduously to present the findings of the analyses conducted and the proposed creation of the KTN at the fourth meeting of the Conference, so as help meet training needs in the region and take on the role of coordinator of all training activity. Following the creation of the KTN, the working group's mandate lapsed, given that the prior analyses had

¹ DDR/1, 7 June 2007.

been concluded and the tasks related to organizing and updating the training courses to be offered had been subsumed into the activities of the KTN.

Based on the foregoing, and given the need to avoid duplication of efforts, the Conference is requested to deem the activities of the Working Group on Human Resource Education and Training suspended.

A seminar-workshop on international relations in the area of official statistics, held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 16 to 19 June 2009, was attended by 24 representatives from 17 countries of the region. It was agreed that a virtual forum composed of the senior officials responsible for international relations would be created, to promote the sharing of information, documentation and good practices in the region. The KTN considers that this initiative should be supported and included in its activities.

D. EVALUATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 2008-2009

As of May 2009, the secretariat of the Council of the KTN was aware that the 11 activities listed below had been conducted:

- A seminar-workshop on the institutional strengthening of national statistical offices, organized by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Spain (at the headquarters of the National Office of Statistics of the Dominican Republic, 28 January-1 February 2008).
- Seminar on classification and records, organized by INE of Spain (Madrid, 24-28 March 2008).
- Seminar on industrial indicators and statistics, organized by INE of Spain (Madrid, 7-11 April 2008).
- Online course on surveys of enterprises and establishments, organized by INE of Spain (Madrid, 25 March-25 May 2008).
- Third international workshop on sample designs for surveys, organized by INEGI of Mexico (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 18-29 August 2008).
- Eleventh international workshop on spatial management of economic and sociodemographic information, organized by INEGI of Mexico (Puebla, Mexico, 1-12 September 2008).
- Distance-learning courses on the basis of and practices used in household surveys, organized by INE of Spain (29 September-30 November 2008).
- Course on national accounts, organized by INE of Spain (Madrid, 27 October-7 November 2008).
- International course on the quality of census data in the framework of the 2010 census round, organized by the Andean Centre for Higher Studies (CANDANE) of Colombia with UNFPA support (Bogota, 10-22 November 2008).
- International seminar on census information in the construction of gender statistics and indicators, organized by CANDANE of Colombia with UNFPA funding (Bogota, 20-21 November 2008).
- Seminar on consumer price indices, organized by INE of Spain (Madrid, 23-27 March 2009).

The success of these activities resulted in the training of 270 experts from institutions in 25 countries of the region and two international organizations.²

² Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico,

Information is available from the secretariat on other courses organized by international and regional agencies in the framework of the working groups of the Conference.

E. KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 2009-2011

Pursuant to item 52 of document DDR/1 from the fourth meeting of the Conference, the secretariat is submitting, in this section, the training activities to be conducted in 2009-2011.

The design of the programme is based on:

- The principles set out in the document on the creation of the KTN presented to the fourth meeting of the Conference
- Evaluation of the execution of the KTN training programme for 2008-2009
- The guidelines of the strategic plan 2005-2015 of the Conference
- Available financing
- The needs stated by the member countries of the Conference
- Thematic coordination
- The offering country's strength in the thematic proposals.

In the design of the programme for 2009-2011, an attempt has been made to combine, to the extent possible, face-to-face and distance training keyed to the needs of the beneficiaries of each activity, its curricular objective, course content, and the availability of experts and instructors and of infrastructure and resources.

The activities of the KTN training programme for 2009-2011 will be executed primarily to the extent financial resources are available for them. In all, 20 courses are offered. In nearly every case, the required funding is available from the organizing institution. Seventeen courses are fully funded (with the costs of 15 defrayed by INE of Spain, and 2 by INEGI of Mexico). In addition, as noted in item 5, the World Bank will provide the KTN with the resources to create the basic coordination unit and to hold an additional three —partially funded— courses, to be organized by INEGI of Mexico, and CANDANE of Colombia.

Five other courses are listed that could take place if sufficient funding is received from international agencies or donor countries. Countries that wish to organize and hold any of these courses should notify the secretariat of the Council well in advance.

Along with the activities proposed in the programme for 2009-2011 to foster training in the region, additional courses have been organized by other international bodies and institutions, including IMF, CEMLA and PARIS21.

The Conference is requested to:

- Deem the activities of the working group on human resource education and training suspended, as its responsibilities have been subsumed into those of the KTN;
- Approve the KTN training programme for 2009-2011, described in the annex to this document;
- Help ensure that the KTN, as a regional public good, receive sufficient funding to conduct the activities entrusted to it;
- Promote the coordination of training activities in the region through the KTN;
- Replace the members of the Council and secretariat of the KTN and appoint the World Bank to serve as a member of the Council;
- Support the initiative to create a networked virtual forum composed of the focal points of the member countries of ECLAC so as to promote the sharing of information, documentation and good practices in the region.

Annex

DRAFT KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 2009-2011**A. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WHICH FUNDING IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

2009			2010			2011		
Name	Place	Country and institution	Name	Place	Country and institution	Name	Place	Country and institution
Online course on national accounts	Distance	Spain-INE ^a	Online course on national accounts	Distance	Spain-INE	Online course on surveys of enterprises	Distance	Spain-INE
Online course on surveys of enterprises	Distance	Spain-INE	Online course on surveys of enterprises	Distance	Spain-INE	Course on mathematical demography	Aguascalientes	Mexico-INEGI/World Bank
Online course on household surveys	Distance	Spain-INE	Online course on household surveys	Distance	Spain-INE	Seminar on science and technology indicators	Madrid	Spain-INE
Course on gender statistics and indicators	Aguascalientes	Mexico-INEGI ^b World Bank	Course on quality of statistical data ^c	Bogota	Colombia-CANDANE ^d World Bank	Seminar on environmental statistics and sustainable development	Madrid	Spain-INE
Seminar on surveys of enterprises	Madrid	Spain-INE	Course on sample designs	Aguascalientes	Mexico-INEGI	Seminar on consumer price indices	Madrid	Spain-INE

Annex (continued)

2009			2010			2011		
Name	Place	Country and institution	Name	Place	Country and institution	Name	Place	Country and institution
Workshop on population projections	Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic-ONE ^e	Spatial management of economic and sociodemographic information	Aguascalientes	Mexico-INEGI			
Workshop on population projections	Santiago, Chile	CELADE ^f -ECLAC	Seminar on classification and records	Madrid	Spain-INE			
Workshop on census management	Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic-ONE-CELADE-ECLAC	Seminar on electronic distribution of data	Madrid	Spain-INE			
			Seminar on indicators of the services sector	Madrid	Spain-INE			
			Seminar on data collection	Madrid	Spain-INE			

^a National Institute of Statistics of Spain.

^b National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics of Mexico.

^c Subject to full funding of participants' expenses.

^d Andean Centre for Higher Studies.

^e National Statistical Office.

^f Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre.

**B. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMME THAT
CURRENTLY LACK FUNDING**

NAME
Course on screening and allocation of data
Course on employment statistics
Course on indicators for measuring progress towards the Millennium Development Goals
Course on the 2010 census round ³
Course on measuring poverty levels
Regional intensive course on census demographic analysis
Workshop on census management

³ This course may be taught in 2009 by the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina with funding from UNFPA.