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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTION-BUILDING*

* Report prepared by the Working Group on Institution-building, coordinated by Mexico.

1. Name of working group and coordinator

- Institution-building
- National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) of Mexico

2. Member countries and other participants

- Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama
- Andean Community countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Plurinational State of Bolivia
- Countries of the expanded MERCOSUR: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay
- Guest countries: Cuba and Spain
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), United Nations Statistics Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United States Census Bureau

3. Programme for the period 2007-2009

Brief description of activities whose results will be presented to the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC at its fifth meeting:

- Report on the project for the integration and harmonization of social statistics (INAES), directed and presented by the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia¹
- Seminar on development of national statistical systems: recent experiences, lessons and assessment, 11 August 2009

4. Programme for the period 2009-2011

(a) Description of goals

- Carry out activities to strengthen national statistical organizations and systems

¹ See project for the integration and harmonization of social statistics (INAES) [online] <http://www.dane.gov.co/inaes/>.

(b) Principal activities proposed

- As expressed in the goals contained in the Strategic Plan 2005-2015, and considering the countries' needs for and interest in achieving better quality, harmonization and comparability in the region's statistical data, the group will continue promoting harmonization and will take advantage of the experience and results of the INAES project.
- Within the framework of the knowledge transfer network, Mexico—in its role as new secretariat— will promote the organization of activities for human resource training in the region, such as the seminar on measuring the business cycle.