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**PROGRAMME OF REGIONAL STATISTICAL WORK FOR LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN, JULY 2005-JUNE 2007, AND ECLAC ACTIVITIES:
A CONSOLIDATED PRESENTATION**

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INTRODUCTION

This document was prepared by the Secretariat, at the request of the Third Statistical Conference of the Americas. It presents the correspondence between the *Work Programme June 2005-July 2007* defined by the delegations during the third SCA in June 2005, and the relevant activities included in the *Programme of work of the ECLAC system for the biennium 2006-2007*.¹

The programme of work of ECLAC is organized in subprogrammes, following its administrative structuration in substantive divisions. The first three subprogrammes relate to ECLAC activities in the field of economic development (subprogrammes 1-3); these are followed by social development activities (subprogrammes 4-6); planning of public administration (subprogramme 7); activities relating to the environment and human settlements, and natural resources and infrastructure (subprogrammes 8 and 9); the statistics and economic projections subprogramme (10) , and last the activities specially devoted to Mexico and Central America and the Caribbean (subprogramme 11-12).

This consolidated document is organized as a table, the first column shows the main items of the *Programme of Regional Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2005 - June 2007*². The second column display, in front of each section of the SCA programme, a selection of the relevant ECLAC activities that are directly related with the SCA objectives and may support the work of the Conference and its Working Groups.

A complete review of the regular ECLAC interdisciplinary activities in the field of statistics and data base management and dissemination was presented to the delegates at the Third SCA with the document entitled *Draft programme of statistical work of the ECLAC system, 2006-2007*³.

¹ Document LC/G.2238(SES.30/6)

² Document LC/L.2294(CEA.2005/4)

³ Document LC/L.2316(CEA.2005/6)

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Latin America and the Caribbean,
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SUBPROGRAMMES

A.

Subprogramme 1: Institution-building

Institution-building for the national statistical offices includes areas of work involving legal and institutional issues, such as financing, budgeting and coordination of the national statistical offices. The main activities are:

- a) Strategic management of national statistical systems
- b) Modernization of the management of national statistical offices

B.

Subprogramme 2: Human resources and training

The purpose of this subprogramme is to prepare a regional strategy for the training and management of human resources taking account of technical and management issues. The proposed activities are intended to support the countries of the region in the development of specific technical skills in the personnel of the national statistical offices.

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SUBPROGRAMMES

A.

Subprogrammes that could support or complement the programme of activities of the SCA

Subprogramme 10: Statistics and economic projections

The subprogramme acts as the Technical Secretariat of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, providing substantive and institutional support to the Conference and its Executive Committee, including the preparation of substantive documentation to present at the Conference and the submission of progress reports on the advances and outputs of the programme of work defined by the Conference.

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Cooperation with member States and regional statistical bodies includes the coordination and monitoring of technical cooperation agreements in different areas and the preparation of reports on the activities of the ECLAC secretariat and the outputs and advances made in statistical development and international cooperation.

B.

Subprogrammes that offer training and advisory services

Subprogramme 7: Planning of public administration

Training services regarding programming, budgeting, management of current and capital expenditure and local development.

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Subprogramme 10: Statistics and economic projections

This subprogramme includes cooperation with government entities, universities, non-governmental organizations and regional and subregional bodies in support of training activities on topics relating to the estimation and use of social indicators linked to the development goals set out in

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the Millennium Declaration, income distribution and relevant aspects of social vulnerability. It also offers technical cooperation services in the harmonization of basic economic statistics and use of international nomenclature, as well as in the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 and its satellite accounts; development of systems for monitoring and modelling current economic conditions and the construction of analytical indicators.

Subprogramme 6: Population and development

This subprogramme includes cooperation with government entities, universities, non-governmental organizations and regional and subregional bodies aimed at the development of training activities on emerging issues linked to population and development. The group training activities are oriented to: data collection, demographic analysis and methodologies for the preparation of population projections and estimates; use of REDATAM computer software applications and the creation of related databases; the incorporation of sociodemographic variables into development policies, programmes and projects.

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Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean

The subprogramme provides training service to countries of the subregion, upon request, on information management and the organization of statistical services.

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Subprogramme 3: Development of statistical capacity

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Subprogrammes that provide technical cooperation and advisory services linked to the activities of the subprogramme 3 of the SCA

This subprogramme includes activities that are very varied, in both institutional and technical terms. All of these activities, however, are based on the shared need of national and regional statistical agencies to strengthen their technical capacity and to modernize and adapt themselves to the technological and methodological developments that guide the production and dissemination of statistics, as well as changes in information demands from users. Also includes activities oriented to incorporating technological innovations in the processing and dissemination of data and metadata.

During the biennium 2005-2007, each of the technical working groups established by the Statistical Conference of the Americas is to fix a long-term target in terms of production, quality and dissemination of statistics, as well as stages and methods for achieving them in a gradual manner.

The working groups will cover the following subjects:

a) Statistical information systems:

National accounts and basic economic statistics
 Poverty and social statistics
 Gender
 Environment
 Science and technology
 Others

b) Methods and programmes:

Population censuses
 Agricultural censuses
 Economic censuses
 Household surveys
 Opinion surveys
 Administrative directories and records
 Others

Subprogramme 10: Statistics and economic projections

Besides the training and advisory services of this subprogramme indicated in **B** concerning *human resources and training*, it also includes the organization and substantive servicing of expert groups meetings regarding economic statistics and the System of National Accounts; Modelling and the prospective analysis of the development process in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Training activities include also the production and analysis of social statistics and the quantitative analysis of social trends in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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In coordination with the *Subprogramme 2 on Production and Innovation*, the subprogramme will assist the National Statistical Organizations to collect indicators about Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the region.

Subprogramme 6: Population and development

Besides the training and advisory services of this subprogramme indicated in **B** concerning *human resources and training*, the activities considered in this subprogramme also includes the organization and substantive servicing of expert groups meetings regarding demographic analysis and population projections and the demographic aspects of poverty.

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Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean

Considers the organization and substantive servicing of meetings of expert groups regarding statistics and information management for development.

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Other subprogrammes that could support or complement subprogramme 3 of the SCA are:

Subprogramme 4: Social development and equity

Within the subject area "*Diagnostic assessment of the social situation of the population as a whole and of vulnerable groups with emphasis on poverty and social equity*" the publication *Social Panorama of Latin America* is issued once year. This publication adopting both a short- and medium-term perspective, it addresses such key issues as employment, income distribution, poverty and social expenditure; it also includes measurements of inequality between socio-economic strata by gender and by urban or rural area of residence, with respect to living conditions as well as opportunities for social mobility. The analysis of the social agenda focuses on issues at the centre of public and political debate in a number of countries of Latin America in order to highlight the key problems and how they are perceived. Efforts will be made to gradually increase the number of considered countries as well as incorporate new issues.

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Subprogramme 5: Mainstreaming the gender perspective into the regional development process

This subprogramme considers the preparation of four studies on specific issues which contribute to the incorporation of the gender perspective in the work of the ECLAC system. Topics to be covered include the development of gender indicators in the area of poverty and the measurement of paid and unpaid work; the participation of women in rural development; the contribution of gender institutions to regional decentralization; and the progress made in incorporating the gender perspective in state budgets in the region. It also includes updating of the site on gender statistics of the ECLAC Internet portal with data from the 2006 household surveys and other sources.

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Subprogramme 8: Environment and human settlements

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Within the subject area of the “*Status of sustainable development in the region*” it is considered to update and improve the database on economic, social and environmental variables and indicators for assessing the advance of sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

D.
Subprogramme 4: International coordination and regional harmonization

The activities of this subprogramme are:

- a) Regional and inter-agency coordination

- b) Regional harmonization and convergence (Progress in implementing SNA International Standard (ISIC, CPC), CPC); Millennium Development Goals

D.
Subprogramme 10: Statistics and economic projections

The activities linked to subprogramme 4 of the SCA-ECLAC are:

- a) Technical cooperation with member States and regional statistical bodies that materializes in organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings.

- b) It offers advisory services regarding harmonization on basic economic statistics and use of international nomenclature, as well as in the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 and its satellite accounts; household surveys, social indicators and statistics and in the quantification and analysis of situations of poverty as part of the follow-up to the development goals set out in the Millennium Declaration.

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In addition to the above mentioned activities that bear a direct relationship with the four subprogrammes of work defined by the Statistical Conference for the period July 2005-June 2007, ECLAC will continue to collect, harmonize and disseminate a series of key statistical indicators related with national accounts, basic economic statistics, trade and balance of payments, demography, social conditions and welfare, as well as fostering the production and the diffusion of statistics on transversal issues related to gender, environment and information society. Dissemination of regional data is primarily done through the *Statistical Year Book for Latin America and the Caribbean*, as well as the various ECLAC specialized periodic institutional publications. Increasingly, data dissemination at ECLAC is done through data base portals.