

ECLAC
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Second meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Statistical Conference of the Americas of the
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Panama City, Panama, 11-12 December 2002

AGREEMENTS ADOPTED

At its second meeting, held in Panama City on 11 and 12 December 2002, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the following agreements:

1. To take note with interest of the International Comparison Programme project, being coordinated at the international level by the World Bank and at the regional level by ECLAC, and to instruct the ECLAC secretariat to keep it duly informed of any developments relating to this initiative.

2. To adopt the guidelines for the preparation of the programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2003-June 2005 and to request the ECLAC secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, to prepare the proposed programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2003-June 2005 for presentation at the second meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, in the light of the observations formulated at the current meeting and those transmitted through the electronic forum, which would be open until March 2003 on the ECLAC web site.

3. To hold the second meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC in Santiago, Chile, at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) from 18 to 20 of June 2003.

4. To approve the proposed provisional agenda for the second meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, which appears as an appendix to the present agreements.

5. To thank the Government of Panama and, in particular, the Directorate of Statistics and Census for the hospitality extended to participants and for its excellent organization of the meeting.

APPENDIX

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF ECLAC

- 1.- Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the second meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC
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 - 2.- Progress report on the Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, June 2001-June 2003
 - 3.- Presentation of the Proposed Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, July 2003-June 2005
 - (a) Presentation of subprogramme 1: Adaptation and production of basic statistics within the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (1993 SNA)
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 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (b) Presentation of subprogramme 2: Improvement of the production and use of statistics on social variables and well-being
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (c) Presentation of subprogramme 3: Improvement and extension of the production of statistics on specific issues
 - (i) Environmental statistics
 - (ii) Statistics on science, technology and innovation
 - (iii) Statistics on gender equity
 - (d) Presentation of subprogramme 4: Modernization of statistical systems and dissemination of statistical information
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
4. Presentation and discussion of substantive issues
 - (a) Public credibility of national statistical institutes

- (b) Preparation of directories and use of administrative registers as a primary information source and as a framework for surveys and other statistical research
- (c) Management geared to ensuring the quality of data produced by national statistical institutes

5. Report of the Rapporteur

6. Adoption of agreements

7. Election of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas for the period 2003-2005