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

Santiago, 14-16 June 2016

# ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### A. INTRODUCTION

The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is a subsidiary body of the Commission, established pursuant to resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which defined as follows the objectives of the Conference: to promote the development and improvement of national statistics and work to ensure that they are comparable internationally, bearing in mind the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations; to promote international, regional and bilateral cooperation among national offices and international and regional agencies; and 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.

The biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC is framed within the Strategic Plan 2015-2025, which established as the pillars of action of the Conference the achievement of more robust institutionality and a stronger governing role for national statistical offices; the development of human resources and statistical production in order to ensure quality; and regional and international coordination and cooperation.

The agenda of the fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee includes a review of the proposed activities of the working groups, and the adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Conference for 2016-2017. A seminar will also be held on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### B. CHAIR

In accordance with resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Mexico, in its capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, will preside over the Committee's fifteenth meeting.

## C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will have before it the following agenda for adoption or amendment:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 2. Report by the Chair on activities conducted since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
- 3. Seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of activities of the working groups for the period 2016-2017 of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

- 5. Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities.
- 6. Other matters.
- 7. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

# 2. Report by the Chair on activities conducted since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

The Chair will report on matters addressed by the Executive Committee since the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, and matters to bear in mind for discussion of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017.

#### **Reference documents:**

- Updated report on the implementation of the 2014-2015 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities (LC/L.4180 (CE.15/4))
- Resolutions adopted at the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC which are of interest for the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (DDR/1)

# 3. Seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals

The substantive seminar will cover a number of recent initiatives relating to follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals, such as the creation of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the consolidation of regional and national statistical coordination mechanisms for Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the development of statistical planning tools.<sup>1</sup>

# **Working documents**:

- Proposed terms of reference of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.4179(CE.15/3))
- Draft plan of work for the biennium 2016-2017 of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.4184(CE.15/6))

## Reference documents:

- Preliminary programme of the seminar on the follow-up framework of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Resolutions adopted at the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC which are of interest for the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (DDR/1)

See, for example, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-First Century (PARIS21), "Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT)" [online] http://www.paris21.org/Advanced\_Data\_Planning\_Tool-ADAPT.

# 4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of activities for the period 2016-2017 of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

At its eighth meeting, the Statistical Conference of the Americas agreed to extend the term of the working groups until the fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee and mandated the Committee to adopt the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities 2016-2017 of the Conference at that meeting. Accordingly, under this agenda item, the Committee will consider the programmes of activities and expected outputs for 2016-2017, which will be submitted by the countries serving as coordinators of the respective working groups. The activities proposed by the Knowledge Transfer Network will also be presented.

# **Working documents:**

 Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.4181(CE.15/5))

## **Reference documents:**

- Strategic Plan, 2015-2025 (LC/L.4070/Rev.1)
- Operational guidelines for the working groups (LC/L.4156)

# 5. Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities

Under this agenda item, the various coordination agencies in the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Community and MERCOSUR will report on their programmes of work and their contribution to the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. The various international agencies engaged in statistical cooperation efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean will also report on activities or projects under way that may contribute to the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities.

## 6. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the representatives will have the opportunity to discuss matters of importance for the region not addressed under the preceding items. On this occasion, there will be a presentation on the use of administrative records for statistical purposes and a slot to consider the implementation of the International Comparison Programme in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## 7. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will adopt the agreements it deems appropriate.