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WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

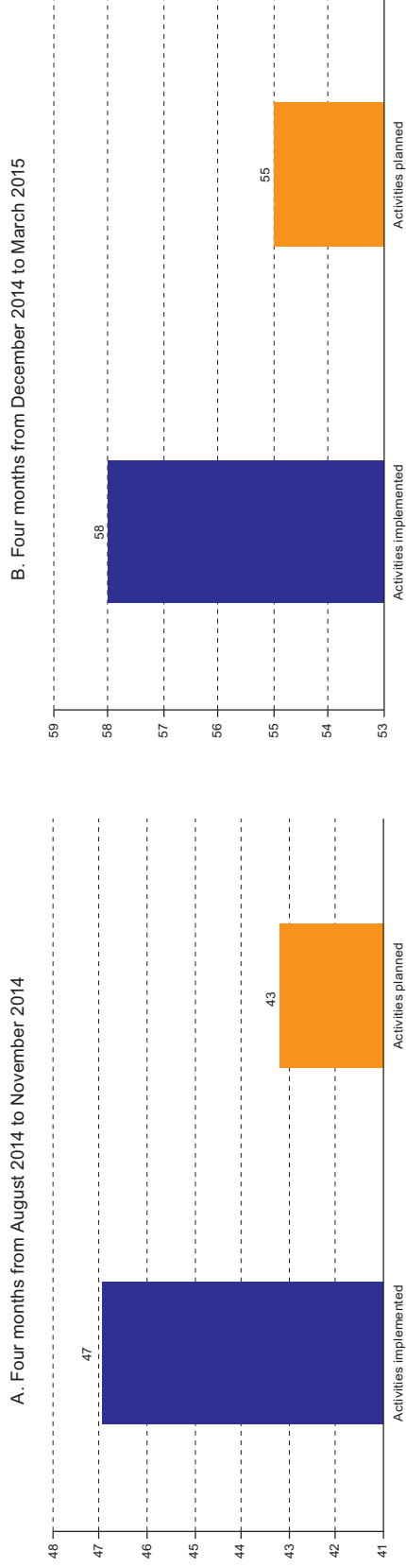
Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Identify and promote regional and subregional cooperation activities to boost the capacity of the member countries in the processes of adopting and adapting international classifications	ECLAC, United Nations Statistics Division, the Steering Committee and the national statistical offices of the member countries of the working group	The main challenges facing the countries of the region in adopting or adapting the classifications were identified ECLAC conducted the survey on international classification in Latin America and the Caribbean with all of the national statistical offices of the member countries of the working group in 2011 The United Nations Statistics Division conducted a survey of national classifications in 2012, with a view to obtaining an overview of the classifications used	December 2013 to November 2015	On a voluntary basis, Chile and Costa Rica conducted a comparison of the questions of the two surveys, and are currently analysing their findings with a view to reducing the number of open questions and drafting a proposal for a set of questions whose answers are easy to tabulate. This proposal will be presented to the Steering Committee at the fourth meeting of the working group. Chile and Costa Rica prepared a draft questionnaire on the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), which was submitted to the Steering Committee of the working group at the third meeting, held in Bogota from 4 to 7 August 2014; the draft will be further revised on the basis of comments made at that meeting.
	ECLAC and the United Nations Statistics Division	Diagnostic assessment carried out to determine how much support is required by the countries of the region and identify whether they need help from the custodians of the classifications or horizontal cooperation with other national statistical offices		ECLAC submitted its diagnostic assessment of the findings of the survey conducted in 2011 to the working group. The United Nations Statistics Division presented some of the findings of its survey of national classifications at the third meeting of the working group, held in 2014, and reported that it was conducting further analysis.
	Steering Committee of the working group	Prospective horizontal collaborations formalized between national statistical offices Prospective horizontal collaborations between national statistical offices identified and support provided in implementing assisted and automated classification systems		Horizontal collaborations formalized between Colombia and Uruguay in 2012. In early 2015, Mexico began advising Ecuador on the automated coding system applied to the classification of occupations.
	Steering Committee of the working group and international agencies	Support provided by international agencies (such as the United Nations Statistics Division and the International Labour Organization (ILO)) to respond to questions relating to the classification of activities, products or occupations The countries that require priority support for the adoption or adaptation of classifications identified		The United Nations Statistics Division and ILO are members of the Steering Committee of the working group and provide continuous technical cooperation for the adoption or adaptation of international classifications. On the basis of the results of the 2011 survey and the discussions at the working group's meetings, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Peru were identified as the countries requesting assistance for the implementation of some classifications.

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Exchange and document experiences, knowledge and good practices in relation to the implementation of international classifications	Steering Committee of the working group Subcommittee on Training, made up of Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador and Uruguay (coordinator)	Establishing a programme that includes the country or organization that provides the training, the countries that will receive it and the topics and dates Training activities coordinated between the working group and international agencies Training material used by the international agencies obtained The quality of classifications improved through better knowledge of the classifications	December de 2013 to November 2015	Proposed training plans have been prepared on: (i) ISIC and (ii) Central Product Classification (CPC). These proposals are being evaluated. The coordinator of the working group has acted as a liaison between the custodians of ISIC, CPC and the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), with respect to training materials Training materials on ISCO are available in Spanish and English. Owing to a lack of available funds, the training courses will be carried out by the members of the working group; that way the training can be extended not only to those participating in person in the group, but also to other staff of national statistical offices, for example, by videolink.
Exchange and document experiences, knowledge and good practices in relation to the implementation of international classifications	All of the members of the working group	Communication between the members of the working group facilitated in order to share experiences with classifications Members kept abreast of revisions to the international classifications	December de 2013 to November 2015	The forum of working group is being actively used by the members; ECLAC keeps statistics on the questions asked and presents them at the working group's meetings. Questions in Spanish are translated into English by ECLAC, and vice versa. Members were informed of the changes between CPC Ver. 2 and CPC Ver. 2.1. Members were informed of the impact on ISCO of the resolutions adopted at the nineteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Up-to-date information was shared on the process of revising de la International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics (ICATUS), carried out in conjunction with the United Nations Statistics Division. Members were informed of issues encountered in ISIC Rev. 4.
Exchange and document experiences, knowledge and good practices in relation to the implementation of international classifications	Steering Committee of the working group	At the third meeting of the working group, held in Bogota from 4 to 7 August 2014, the following forum administrators were designated: the representatives of the United Nations Statistics Division for questions on ISIC and CPC; and the representative of the ILO for questions on ISCO. Their role is to endorse or provide correct answers to queries. Support provided to national statistical offices in the processes of adopting and adapting classifications		At the third meeting of the working group (August 2014), a subcommittee was created for recording questions and answers on classification. The preliminary translation into Spanish of the implementation guide to ISIC Rev.4, (parts 0, 1, 2, 4 and 5) has been done and is being revised by the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division.

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		Assessing the advances, identifying the challenges and coming up with alternative solutions in the tasks assigned to the subcommittees, sharing experiences, taking note of the outcome of horizontal collaborations and best practices for classifications		The third meeting of the working group was held in Bogota from 4 to 7 August 2014. At that meeting, the members assessed advances, identified challenges and proposed alternative solutions; they evaluated the statistics on questions asked in the forum, the usefulness of the documents and the frequently asked questions. A report was subsequently prepared and circulated among all members of the working group in order to facilitate the follow-up to the discussions and assigned tasks.
	Steering Committee of the working group (as organizer and coordinator of face-to-face meetings) and all of the member countries of the working group	Assessing the functioning of the electronic forum, the working meetings and the usefulness of the documents; identifying frequently asked questions, common problems, support provided to the countries for the adoption or adaptation of classifications and advances in the tasks entrusted to the subcommittees	December 2013 to November 2015	The third meeting of the Steering Committee of the working group was held in Bogota from 4 to 7 August 2014. A report was subsequently prepared and circulated among all members of the working group. At that meeting, they evaluated the statistics on questions asked in the forum, the usefulness of the documents and the frequently asked questions, and a strategy was outlined for the next meeting.
	Steering Committee of the working group and Mexico, as coordinator of the working group	Reports that highlight the main agreements and the specific tasks established at the meetings of the working group		The report on the third meeting of the working group, held in Bogota from 4 to 7 August 2014, was prepared and was circulated among the members of the working group by e-mail and uploaded to the forum.
Provide regular updates on the progress made in terms of new revisions to international classifications	Steering Committee of the working group	Monitor the documents, recommendations and announcements relating to international classifications and bring them to the attention of the members of the working group through the electronic forum	December 2013 to November 2015	Members were informed that an unofficial Spanish translation for information purposes of CPC Ver.2 was published on the website of the United Nations Statistics Division: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cr/registry/regist.asp?cl=25&Lg=3 .
	National statistical offices of the member countries of the working group	Find out the status of the classifications in the countries and identify the scope for horizontal cooperation		At the third meeting of the working group, representatives reported on the progress made by national statistical offices on adopting and adapting ISIC, CPC and ISCO. The members identified strengths and weaknesses, problems and solutions.
Promote the creation of inter-agency platforms for collaboration in, and coordination and integration of, regional initiatives on international classifications among blocks of countries	Steering Committee of the working group and international organizations that are custodians of international classifications	Timely information provided to national statistical offices on the updating of international classifications with a view to supporting them in introducing the updated versions	December 2013 to November 2015	Updates to ISIC and ISCO were reported on at the third meeting of the working group, held in Bogota from 4 to 7 August 2014.
	Steering Committee of the working group and Argentina	Reporting on completed and ongoing work of other organizations that can be shared		In February 2015 contact was made with Argentina, in its capacity as a MERCOSUR member State, which had expressed the interest of MERCOSUR in participating in the fourth meeting of the working group.

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Prioritize the translation into Spanish of texts on international classifications to enable their timely adoption by the countries of the region	Mexico, as coordinator of the working group, and international organizations	Continued support provided by the United Nations Statistics Division, ILO and other agencies, and contact formalized with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the custodian of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED)	December 2013 to November 2015	Ongoing e-mail correspondence was carried out with the custodians of ISIC and with ILO. UNESCO joined the working group in March 2015.
	Translation subcommittees	Identifying documents that would be of use to the national statistics offices if translated		Work has been undertaken on a translation of the implementation guide, a preliminary translation of CPC 2.0, and English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English translations of questions asked on the forum of the working group.
		Revising translations of classifications such as ISCED		The need to revise the translations will be raised at the next working group meeting.
Make the arrangements necessary to hold meetings of the Working Group on International Classifications, with a view to promoting the use and dissemination of economic and social classifications	ECLAC, Steering Committee and member countries of the working group	Providing resources for necessary activities, such as meetings, training and technical assistance	December 2013 to November 2015	In February 2015, the working group submitted the project "Latin American cluster for promoting uniform systems of information and classification (CLASIC)", under the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods, with a view to obtaining operational support for the group. In March 2015 letters of intent were requested from the national statistical offices.
Promote the establishment of a network of experts on international classifications to provide countries with mechanisms for communication and updating classifications and nomenclature	ECLAC and Mexico, as coordinator of the working group Steering Committee of the working group, with support from Saint Lucia United Nations Statistics Division and Mexico, as coordinator of the working group ECLAC and la United Nations Statistics Division Steering Committee of the working group and national statistical offices that have requested the support of consultants on international classifications	Establishing a network of experts to respond to requests from the region's countries Promoting the activities of the working group in the Caribbean countries to encourage them to join Raising Latin American and Caribbean countries' concerns and proposals on classifications with the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications Responding to requests made by the region's countries Drawing up a list of consultants whose performance had been deemed satisfactory for the purposes of the group	December 2013 to November 2015	Two experts in international classifications were identified: Mara Riestra and Roberto Barrtola González de Artaza. At the third meeting it was agreed that Saint Lucia would liaise with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to promote the working group's activities in the countries of the subregion. Relevant concerns and proposals from the working group will be raised at the meeting of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications in May 2015. The United Nations Statistics Division has identified international experts on economic classifications, but the national statistical offices have yet to set out their requirements. Mara Riestra, who developed the online course on nomenclatures for statistical use for directories of businesses and establishments, was identified.

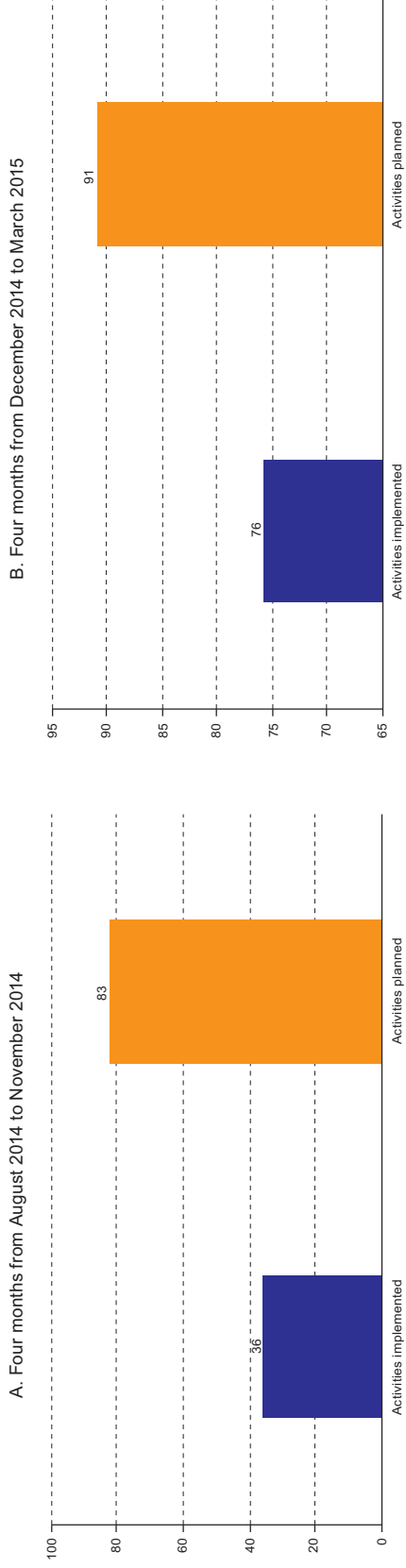
Figure 1
Working Group on International Classifications: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)



WORKING GROUP ON HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Draw up an assessment of the state of member countries' integrated household survey systems (IHSS)	Members of the working group and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC) of Ecuador (coordinator of the working group)	Report prepared	December 2013 to March 2014	The country reports arrived in mid-February 2014. The report was e-mailed to the members of the working group on 8 August 2014.
Keep up level of interaction in the working group's e-forum	INEC of Ecuador (coordinator of the working group)	Documents for Ecuador uploaded to the group's digital library. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the basis of the self-assessment form for measuring the conceptual structure of IHSS • Self-assessment form for measuring the conceptual structure of IHSS • Design of the IHSS and implementation of the master sample framework 	December 2013 to November 2015	Three technical documents were prepared by the group. There has been no interaction in the e-forum; rather, it was decided to use e-mail for communications between the members. Participation in the forum started up again in March 2015.
Make progress on methodology for devising the IHSS master sample.	Members of the working group, (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) INEC of Ecuador and ECLAC.	Information collected Agenda prepared	December 2013 to November 2014	Reports were collected by e-mail. Now waiting for end of four-month period to compile reports on the master sample. There have been difficulties in finding financing to hold the workshop for exchange of experiences on Integrated Household Survey Systems. The self-assessment form needed for the activity was created.
Improve the use of methodologies for generating longitudinal and cross-sectional estimators from continuous survey data.	Members of the working group	Information collected	December 2014 to November 2015	The information was compiled simultaneously with the master sample information.

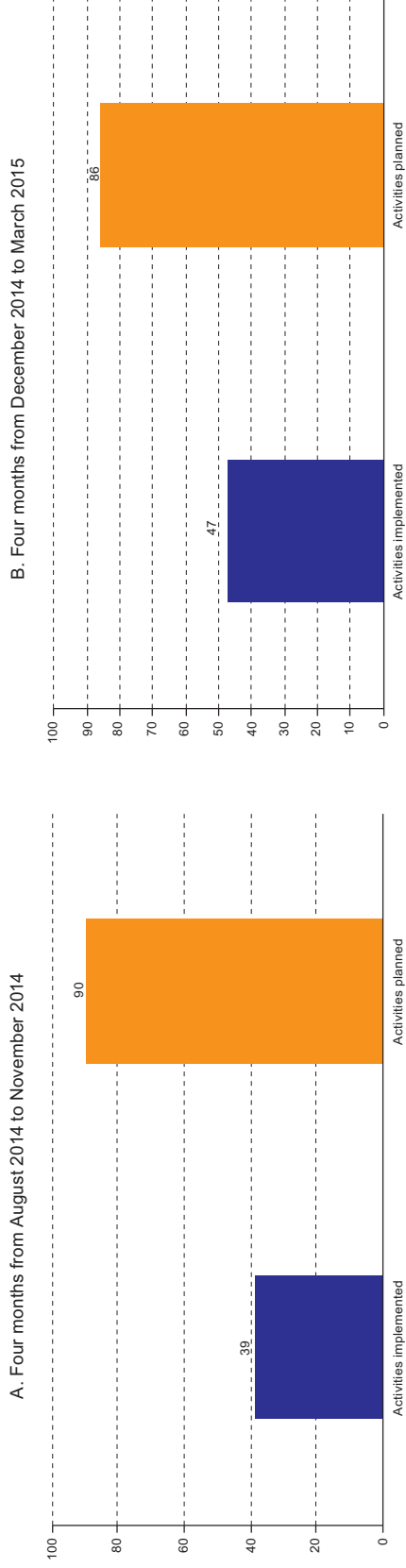
Figure 2
Working Group on Household Surveys: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)



WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Consultancy for preparation and application of the self-diagnosis tool and support with workshops	Component 1 coordinating countries, executing agency, countries participating in the project and the individual consultant for component 1	Self-diagnosis tool to establish current state of environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (component 1 of the project), data capture. Workshop to validate diagnostic assessment of the current state of environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (component 1 of the project)	December 2013 to July 2014	
Consultancy for preparation of the report on the outcomes of the self-diagnosis	Component 1 coordinating countries, executing agency, countries participating in the project and the individual consultant for component 1	Document containing a diagnostic assessment of the state of environmental statistics in the countries participating in the project	December 2013 to July 2014	
Participation by the countries in the preparation, review and validation of the diagnostic	Executive Committee, technical committee, executing agency, advisory agencies and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Validation of the diagnostic assessment of the state of environmental statistics in the countries participating in the project Presentation of the document containing the assessment during the workshop	December 2013 to July 2014	
Consultancy for establishing scope and preparing the ground lines and main components of an action plan	Countries participating in the project and the executing agency	Document with the terms of reference for project component 2: preparation of a strategy and action plan for developing and strengthening environmental statistics in the countries of the region.	April 2014 to March 2015	

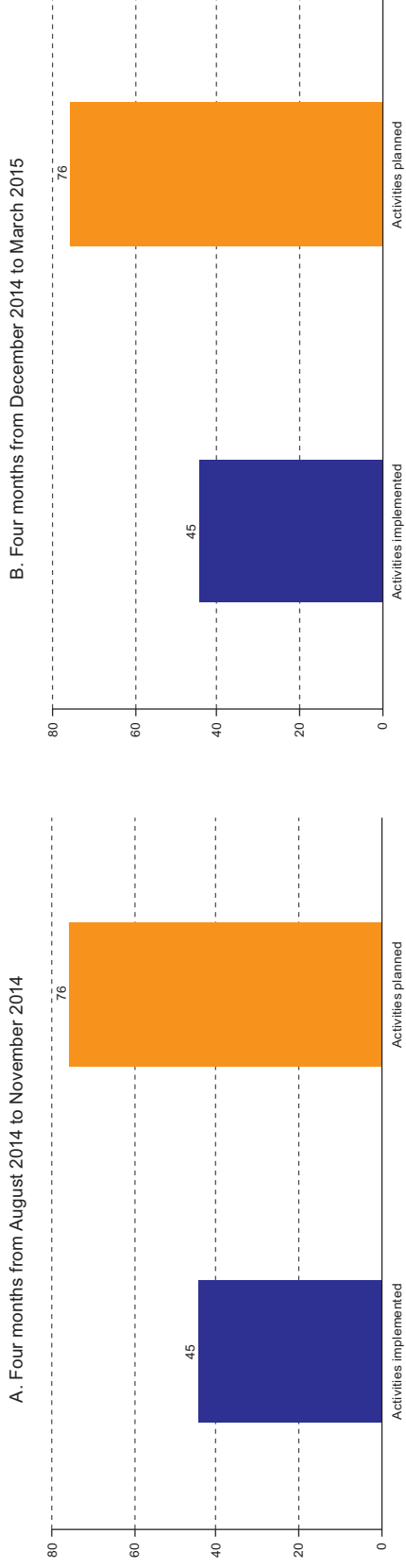
Figure 3
Working Group on Environmental Statistics: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)



WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS ON CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Detect information gaps with a view to establishing indicators on childhood and adolescence in member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay	<p>An analysis was conducted of information gaps. Remarks have been received and others are expected</p> <p>The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) organized a workshop on analysis and dissemination of data on childhood in Santo Domingo, in November 2014</p> <p>UNICEF offices have provided support for national statistical offices in coordinating the working group's actions.</p>	August 2014 to November 2014	<p>Information was requested from the countries on the document sent, and this will be used as an input.</p> <p>The countries' evaluation and validation of the document sent is now awaited.</p> <p>The workshop was attended by statistical offices from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Guyana.</p>
Detect problems in respect of harmonizing indicators on childhood and adolescence among Statistical Conference member countries		<p>A template for compiling information, with a list of indicators for harmonization of statistics on childhood and adolescence.</p> <p>With support from UNICEF, the working group co-organized a workshop in Panama in October 2014, on design of household surveys targeting children, using the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) methodology.</p> <p>Indicators were obtained on childhood and adolescence which could be harmonized.</p> <p>Effective harmonization guidelines were established.</p>	December 2013 to November 2014	<p>The template was sent to the working group countries.</p> <p>The workshop was attended by government agencies and statistical institutes from eight countries: Aruba, Belize, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay and Sint Maarten and, four of which were working group members (Belize, Costa Rica, Panama and Paraguay).</p>
Dissemination of information on indicators on childhood and adolescence		<p>Work is under way on a database using DevInfo technology to show indicators on childhood and adolescence</p> <p>Indicators are regularly updated</p>	August 2014 to November 2014	The indicators are taken from the respective editions of the UNICEF publication <i>The State of World's Children</i>
Implement strategic guidelines for harmonizing statistics on childhood and adolescence		To arrive at harmonized statistics on childhood and adolescence.	December 2014 to July 2015	

Working Group on Statistics on Childhood and Adolescence: implementation of planned activities
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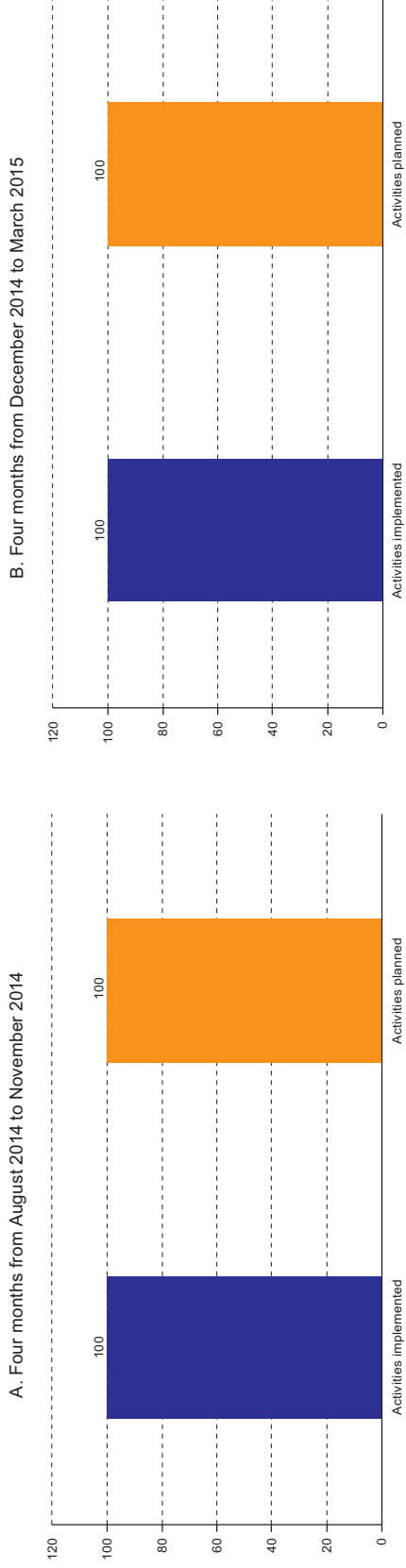


WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTION-BUILDING

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Share best practices regarding implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	<p>Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).</p> <p>A representative of the technical secretariat of the working group, and the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia.</p> <p>The countries requesting and receiving technical assistance were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecuador requested technical assistance from Colombia • The Dominican Republic requested technical assistance from Colombia • Chile requested technical assistance from Colombia • The Plurinational State of Bolivia requested technical assistance from Ecuador. 	<p>A workshop was held to follow up on implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean: 18 countries from the Latin American and Caribbean region attended.</p> <p>The expert Pilar Martín Guzmán was hired as an international consultant on codes of good practice in statistics.</p> <p>The participants presented and discussed their experiences and progress in compliance with the principles and good practices set forth in the Code.</p> <p>The 33 countries of the region were invited and DANE the exchanges of experiences.</p> <p>Technical assistance exchanges were carried out in four countries of the region.</p>	April 2014 to November 2014	
Monitor and assess compliance with the principles of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	<p>The questionnaire was returned by 11 countries: Barbados, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).</p> <p>In July 2014 assessments were conducted for Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay with respect to compliance with the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>	<p>The questionnaire was applied with five questions aimed at evaluation and follow-up on the improvement steps planned by each country in 2013.</p> <p>The questions assessed the component institutional environmental and coordination, and the principles of timeliness and punctuality, and accessibility and clarity.</p> <p>List of documents requested by the experts.</p> <p>Visit schedule for each of the six countries.</p> <p>Guide on the performance of the overall assessments.</p>		<p>Thanks to funds secured, two overall assessments were carried out in addition the six initially programmed, so eight overall assessment exercises were completed in total.</p> <p>The IDB resources were programmed for six overall assessments. However, the project coordinators were able to arrange for the resources to be extended to complete two more assessments in 2015. These were conducted in Peru and Jamaica in April 2015.</p>

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	<p>Two assessment teams took part, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International experts: Pilar Guzmán and Luis Beccaria; peer reviewer: a representative of Colombia and of Costa Rica; International experts: Ernesto Azorin and Máximo Aguilera; peer reviewer: a representative of Colombia and of Peru; <p>For the review of the methodology of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice, expert Pedro Fernández and DANE staff.</p>	<p>Report for each of the countries assessed. Proposed actions for each country.</p> <p>The overall assessments were completed and documents prepared by the experts.</p> <p>The methodology of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean was reviewed by an international expert, who proposed improvements to questions and to the methodology, including indicators for measurement of compliance with the Code.</p>		
<p>Promote efforts towards statistical planning in the framework of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean with a focus on results-based planning</p>	<p>Sample of seven countries chosen by the consultant (Eduardo Pereira, expert): Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and Uruguay; DANE staff; 37 delegates from different areas of DANE and Rafael Gómez, expert; delegates from Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).</p>	<p>Preparation of a regional diagnostic on statistical planning and results-based management.</p> <p>Delivery of the outcome documents of the study performed by the expert.</p> <p>Organization of a workshop (Bogota, 12-14 May) on results-based management.</p> <p>Organization of a workshop on statistical planning and results-based management within DANE (18-20 March 2015).</p>	<p>December 2013 to March 2014</p>	<p>The workshop on statistical planning and results-based management within DANE was not planned but was possible thanks to efficient use of initial resources.</p>

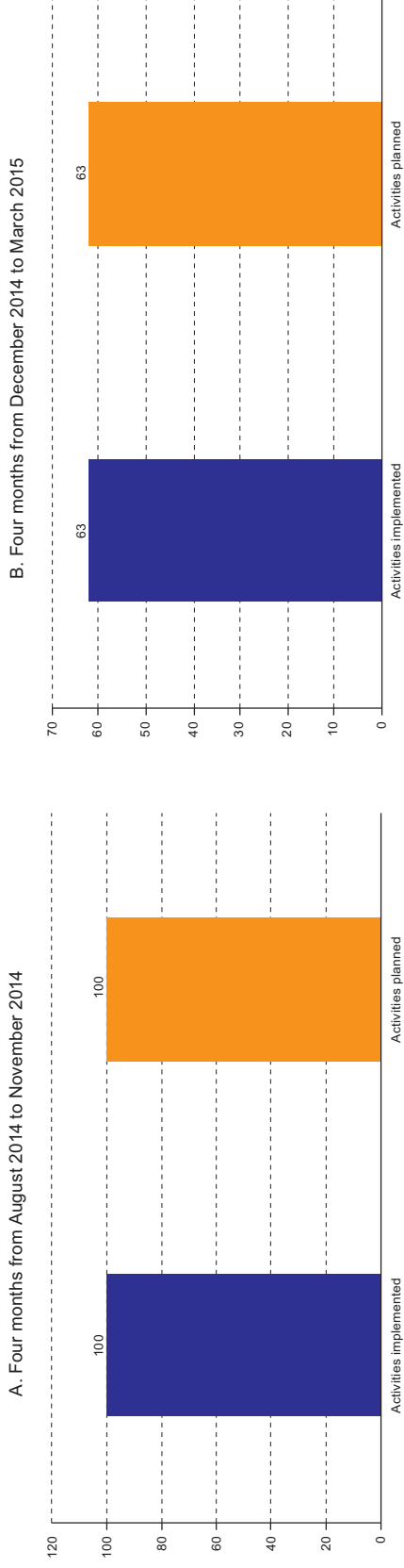
Figure 5
Working Group on Institution-Building: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)



WORKING GROUP ON CENSUSES

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Workshops on mining and use of census information, focused on its potential for public policymaking		Not carried out	April 2014 to November 2014	Financial resources were not available for this activity.
Organization of the second Latin American and Caribbean Course on Population Estimates and Projections	International: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina, National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile, University of Costa Rica, National Statistical Office (ONE) of the Dominican Republic, National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC) of Ecuador, General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses (DGEEC) of Paraguay; high-level departments of INE of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; demographic statistics, social and environmental statistics, economics statistics, and methodology and statistical standardization. Other Venezuelan institutions: Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado, Mayor's Office of Chacao, CORPOLEC, Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research, National Electoral Council, People's Ministry of Women's Affairs and Gender Equality, Superintendency of Insurers and Civil Family Planning Association (PLAFAM)	The course was held on 8-13 September in Caracas.	August 2014 to November 2014	The purpose was to identify progress and outstanding tasks in relation to data sources available for estimating population components and learning about the use of population projections, as well as the tools generally used in the region to prepare population projections and the impact of demographic changes on the age structure of the population. The course was given by Professor Eduardo Arriaga of the National University of Cordoba, Argentina and Professor Timothy Miller, of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC.
Workshops to provide training and exchange experiences on technological solutions in the use of the Redatam software in different statistical operations.		Not carried out	August 2014 to November 2014	Financial resources were not available for this activity.
Start of preparations for the third Latin American and Caribbean Course on Population Estimates and Projections, to be held on 13-18 July 2015			December 2014 to March 2015	Preparations begun for the course.

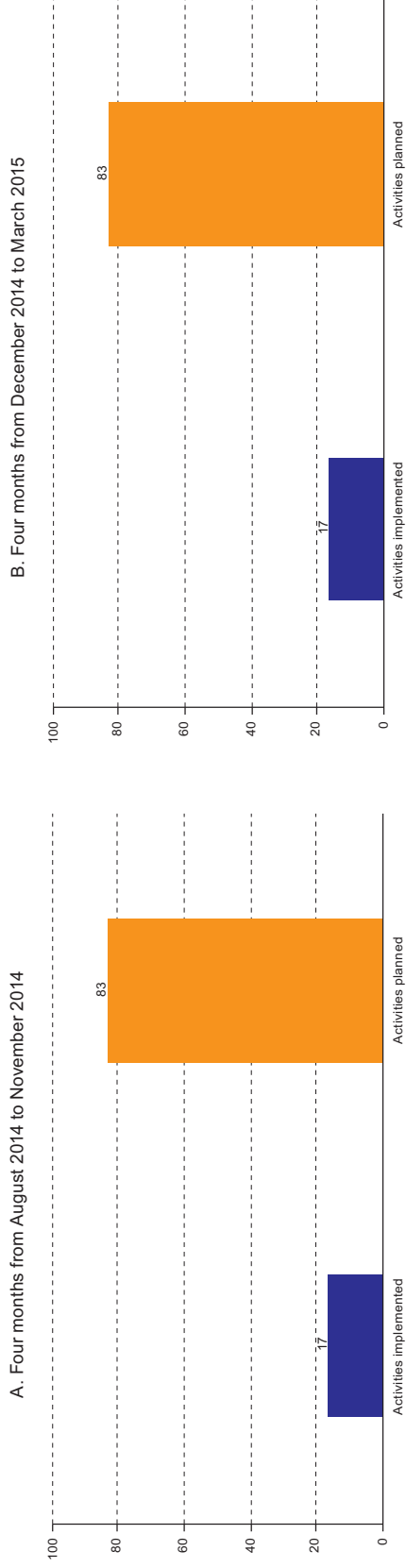
Figure 6
Working Group on Censuses: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)



WORKING GROUP ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
In relation to international coordination	<p>Coordinating country and ECLAC. United Nations Statistics Divisions, ECLAC, Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) of Brazil, Central Bank of Ecuador, Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia, Central Bank of Uruguay, Central Bank of Honduras, National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile, National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) of Peru, Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, consultants and international experts.</p>	<p>Evaluation of progress in implementing SNA 2008 in Latin America and the Caribbean. National accounts seminar 2014.</p>	<p>December 2013 to November 2015</p>	<p>Survey of the countries on the situation of their national accounts: ECLAC sent the 2014 survey on implementation of SNA 2008 in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The Seminar on National Accounts in Latin America and the Caribbean: Regional implementation of the system of national accounts and satellite accounts was held in Santiago on 4-6 August 2014. Several specialized national accounts topics were analysed at the seminar, and will contribute to the implementation of SNA.</p>
In relation to the development of methodologies and standards			<p>April 2014 to November 2015</p>	<p>The organization of the third Seminar on National Accounts is subject to financing.</p>

Figure 7
Working Group on National Accounts: implementation of planned activities
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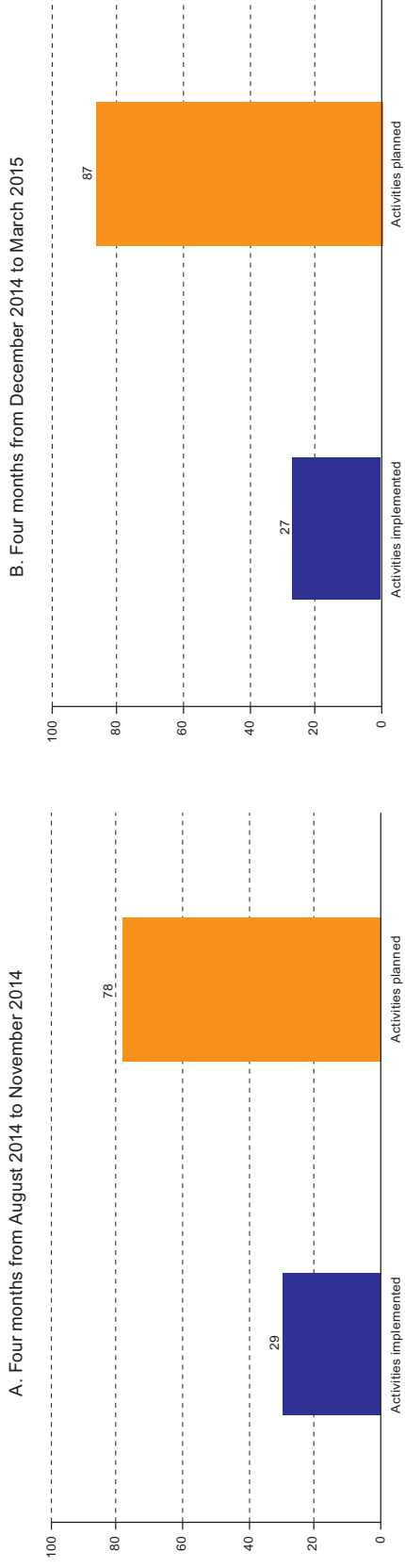


WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
First assessment of the Latin American and Caribbean countries on the basis of the standard questionnaire		14 countries sent completed questionnaires: Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, México, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Uruguay and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The results have not been presented as a deliverable, because they contain data which have not been discussed with the respective countries.	December 2013 to March 2015	
In-depth assessment (four countries per year) and determination of technical assistance needs, training and research		No outcomes	December 2013 to November 2015	No resources were available for this task.
Subregional workshops on methodologies for integrating methodologies for integrating information from key respondents into probability-based surveys			December 2013 to March 2015	
Subregional workshops on common core content			August 2014 to November 2014	
Study on electronic data-collection instruments		Knowledge of the World Bank's "Survey Solution" system	December 2013 to November 2015	The system serves the purposes envisaged in the project and is open-source
Development of generic systems to support statistical procedures			December 2013 to November 2015	
Development of training instruments			December 2013 to November 2015	
Preparation of strategic sectoral plans as part of the strategic plans of national statistical systems in all countries in the region			December 2013 to November 2015	
Ensuring that a minimum set of high-quality agricultural and rural statistics is generated			December 2013 to November 2015	
Engagement in technical assistance, training and research efforts to support the operation of agricultural statistical systems			December 2013 to November 2015	
Ensuring the sustainability of the agricultural survey system			December 2013 to November 2015	

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Presentation of the project "Developing a methodology for implementing agricultural statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean" in the framework of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Regional Public Goods program		Project approved in July 2014	April 2014 to July 2014	
Preparation of the plan of action for the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean			December 2013 to July 2015	Finalization depends on the organization of the workshop to approve the final version and secure the approval of the Global Steering Committee.

Figure 8
Working Group on Agricultural Statistics: implementation of planned activities
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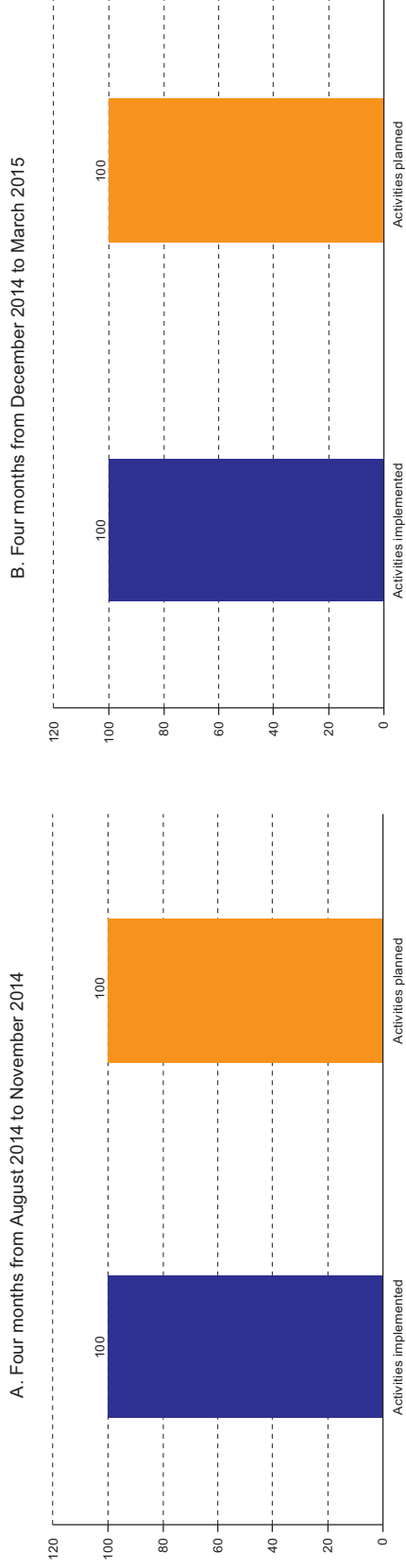


WORKING GROUP ON GENDER STATISTICS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Develop methodological tools for the economic valuation of unpaid work and for calculating the satellite account on unpaid work, share them with the national statistical offices of the region, and discuss them in specialized forums.	National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) of Mexico, UN-Women, Institute of Women (INMUJERES) of Mexico, Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	The organizing institutions agreed upon the date of the thirteenth international meeting of experts on time-use surveys and unpaid work, for 4-5 June 2015. The materials of the twelfth meeting of experts on generation and analysis of information on time use (agenda, presentations and rapporteur's report), were uploaded to the portal: http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos_do wnload/Usos_Tiempo_2014.pdf	April 2014 to November 2015	Regarding the development of methodological tools for the economic valuation of unpaid work, the time-use classification for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAUTAL) is currently under revision, taking into account the ILO resolution on Statistics of Work, Employment and Labour Underutilization, and progress in the revision of ICATUS. This classifier is an important benchmark for time-use surveys and for obtaining inputs for preparing satellite accounts on unpaid work. The revised of CAUTAL is expected in the first half of 2015.
Disseminate the Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence Against Women, prepared by the United Nations Statistical Commission Friends of the Chair Group, and the proposals drafted by the United Nations Statistics Division and UN-Women			April 2014 to November 2014	
Propose a set of indicators, based on gender-focused technical and methodological discussions, as an input to the debate on the post-2015 development agenda under preparation by the United Nations			April 2014 to November 2014	
Prepare a document on the current status of poverty measurement from a gender perspective by late 2014, following technical and methodological discussions, to serve as a basis for developing proposals to mainstream the gender perspective in poverty measurement			April 2014 to November 2014	
Organize and hold international meetings on gender statistics	INEGI, UN-Women, INMUJERES, Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	The organizing institutions agreed on the date and structure of each event, as follows: The situation 20 years on from the Fourth World Conference on Women and the context of the SDGs, Aguascalientes (Mexico), 2-4 September. The main issues are:	April 2014 to November 2015	As part of the activities carried out to strengthen the capacities of national statistical offices to build the gender perspective into the statistical process and facilitate dialogue with users of information, the Division for Gender

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state of gender statistics 20 years after the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing • Sustainable development goal (SDG) indicators • Challenges in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda <p>Fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: overview and challenges in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda, Aguascalientes (Mexico), 5-7 November 2014. Attended by 18 countries and 228 individuals: 172 women and 56 men; 36% from international agencies.</p> <p>The international organizers hailed the outcomes of 15 years of unstinting work, of sharing experiences and progress, of strengthening communications between producers and users of gender-sensitive information; of working to improve evidence for public policymaking geared towards women's empowerment and substantive equality. Attention was drawn to the benefits of inter-agency partnerships and technical cooperation. Themes discussed: paid and unpaid work, agricultural and rural statistics, education and ICTs, health, violence against women, participation in decision-making and migration.</p>		<p>Affairs of ECLAC and UN-Women provided ad hoc technical assistance to Chile, Uruguay, Colombia and Panama. The ECLAC Division for Gender Affairs also conducted two distance-learning courses: public policies on care and measurement of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>The Fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics was preceded by the Fifth Global Forum on Gender Statistics, which was held in Aguascalientes (Mexico) on 3-5 November 2014. It was organized by INEGI and the United Nations Statistics Division.</p>
Systematically interconnect the work done in the region with the activities carried out at global level and with other working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas			December 2013 to November 2015	

Figure 9
Working Group on Gender Statistics: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)

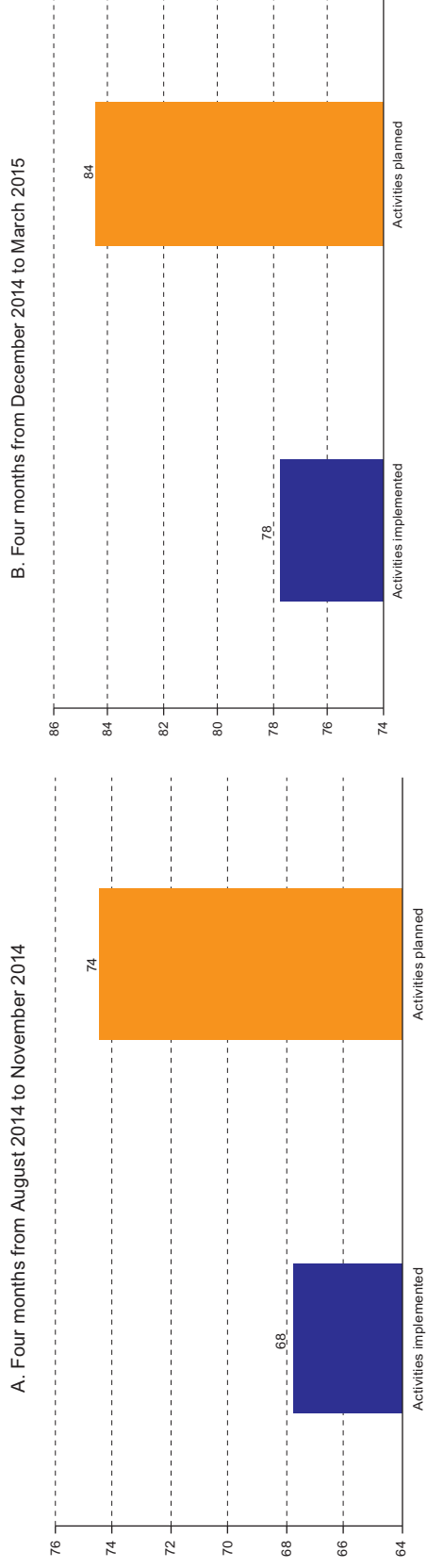


WORKING GROUP ON LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
<p>Identify and systematize harmonization gaps in the measurement of informality using the assessment carried out, the review of countries' experiences and an analysis of the most recent international recommendations.</p>	<p>The preparation work was done by the coordinating countries with the assistance of the technical secretariat.</p> <p>All the member countries of the group plus the Plurinational State of Bolivia.</p> <p>The presentation was given by the coordinating countries.</p>	<p>Preparation of a questionnaire to compile information on the current situation in the countries with regard to the preparation and publication of indicators on employment and the informal sector. During this period, responses were received to the questionnaire on informality indicators.</p> <p>The response was very successful, since most of the countries completed the questionnaire within the time stipulated. The overall results of the regional questionnaire on informality indicators were presented at the third face-to-face meeting of the working group in Colombia.</p>	<p>December 2013 to July 2015</p>	<p>Because the working group has English-speaking members, the questionnaire was translated into English.</p> <p>The invitation to participate in this activity was extended to some countries which are not formal members of the group, including the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay. A number of recommendations arose which will imply updating the measurement.</p>
<p>Work towards identifying the main components for harmonizing the measurement of indicators of informality in the region.</p>	<p>All the member countries of the group.</p> <p>Experiences were presented by Colombia, Mexico and Peru, as well as FLACSO Chile.</p>	<p>At the group's face-to-face meeting, progress was made on the criteria proposed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) for identifying employment and the informal sector. A summary was drawn up of the discussions at the meeting.</p> <p>A panel was held on the methodological challenges of the different sample designs proposed by ILO to survey informality (household surveys, concurrent or sequential mixed surveys, surveys of establishments, among others). A discussion guide was prepared with the topics to be explored further at the face-to-face meeting. The working group has the inputs compiled using the questionnaire completed by the member countries.</p>	<p>April 2014 to November 2014</p>	<p>The countries have been encouraged to read and analyse the manual on informality published by ILO in 2013. There is consensus among the countries of the group that the issue needs further exploration to identify the weaknesses and strengths of each of the ILO proposals.</p> <p>A number of countries were asked to take part to present the experience of their surveys on informality. The group is now awaiting updating because some countries have conducted official surveys on informality in the interim.</p>
<p>Evaluate the measurement of decent work and identify the requirements for incorporating its measurement into national statistical systems</p>	<p>Involved representatives of the labour ministries of most of the member countries; national experiences were presented by Brazil (MAP project), Mexico (ILO Mexico), Peru and Argentina.</p>	<p>There was agenda space at the third face-to-face meeting to share national experiences regarding indicators on decent work, with representatives of labour ministries invited as special guests.</p>	<p>April 2014 to November 2014</p>	<p>The meeting was an opportunity to explore conceptual and methodological progress in building a system of decent work indicators, in the context of the Decent Work Agenda promoted by ILO.</p> <p>In addition, the countries reported on their in oversight and evaluation of the progress of the ILO decent work initiative and its impact on public policies.</p>

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<p>Following the adoption of the resolution of the nineteenth ICLS, provide forums for dissemination and discussion in order to determine the impact of and challenges relating to the new international standards on the measurement of labour force statistics at the regional level.</p>			<p>December 2014 to November 2015</p>	
<p>Put forward other issues related to the measurement of labour-market indicators for future consideration by the working group, according to the current needs of countries or their national work plans.</p>			<p>August 2014 to November 2014</p>	

Figure 10
Working Group on Labour Market Indicators: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)



WORKING GROUP ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Survey on the process of creating harmonized statistics on ICTs, as adapted to ministries and governmental institutions a cargo de la agenda digital, version 2014.		The responses were collected and the uploaded to the website of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, and the link circulated: http://www.cepal.org/deype/noticias/paginas/7/53/767/EncuestaTIC-agendadigital2014-Outcomes-mayo2015.pdf	December 2014 to March 2015	
2014 edition of the survey on the process of creating harmonized statistics on ICTs in national statistical offices.		In collaboration with the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2015) of ECLAC, responses were collected and the link to them was uploaded to the website of the Statistical Conference of the Americas and then circulated.	December 2014 to March 2015	
Review and update the ICT module for the education sector, with support from UNESCO.		Preliminary discussions on this task have begun, and it has been postponed for the second half of the year.	December 2014 to March 2015	
Prepare and ICT module for the e-government sector.		Meetings have been held with various specialists and the monitoring process has begun, focusing on the measurement of how government institutions have taken ownership of ICTs.	April to July 2015	
Drawing up a methodology for measuring gender and ICT indicators in households and administrative records		This task, undertaken in collaboration with INEGI as coordinator of the Working Group on Gender Statistics of the Conference and with the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, has begun with the preparation of a work calendar.	April to July 2015	
Training workshop on the application of the ICT module for the health sector: this is a new activity arising from the task for 2014 developing the ICT module for the health sector.		This event is scheduled for October or November, with the support of CETIC.br of Brazil, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and eLAC2015; financial support is being sought for some countries.	April to July 2015	
Training workshops for Haiti and the English-speaking Caribbean countries, as well as developing any necessary modules on ICT measurement.		In relation to this item it has been determined that decisions need to be taken in line with the reality of the region and its various levels of measurement, seeking the support of international cooperation and financing agencies, such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which have programmed a meeting on the subject in this area. Ongoing.	April to July 2015	
In the framework of collaboration with the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2015) of ECLAC.		Urging countries to send their databases to the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC) Contribute by requesting and following up on the compilation of inputs from the countries to enable eLAC to update the compendium of practices on the inclusion of ICT questions in household and business surveys every two years.	December 2014 to December 2015	

**WORKING GROUP ON MONITORING OF PROGRESS TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
AND THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Promote the development of official statistics for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals				
Hold regional meetings to encourage and create opportunities for debate on specific aspects concerning monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals	Representatives of the region's national statistical offices participated in the eighth Regional Seminar on the Millennium Development Goals, under the theme "Beyond the Millennium Development Goals: statistical challenges for monitoring the progress of the post-2015 development agenda" (30 September to 2 October 2014), organized by ECLAC.	At the seminar, participants, including producers and users of statistical information at the country level, and other statistical bodies operating in the region, reflected on experiences of monitoring the Millennium Development Goals in recent years, the implications for national statistical systems and the problems faced in producing information. Some priority development issues, which have emerged in the light of discussions on the post-2015 development agenda, were also outlined, along with the measurement challenges facing the region and actions needed to ensure the availability of good quality, timely statistical information.	August to November 2014	
Improve communication between the member countries of the working group by incorporating the use of ICT into their operations				
Encourage and promote the use of the information platform for communication and virtual interaction between working group members	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina and ECLAC.	The content of the virtual platform was updated and materials relevant to the activities of the working group were circulated.	December 2013 to March 2014	
Develop training activities				
Reflect on the post-2015 development agenda and the implications of the proposed sustainable development goals for national statistical systems	INDEC and member countries of the working group, in collaboration with ECLAC.	Materials relating to regional seminars on the Millennium Development Goals were disseminated.	Second half of 2014	

WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONIZATION OF POVERTY STATISTICS

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Concerning monetary poverty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of a system for the classification of income 	ECLAC	A system has been designed and will be circulated along with the initial analysis of questionnaires		To be carried out in July 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of more recent questionnaires using the scale 	Uruguay and ECLAC	Under way		To be carried out in August 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review by countries and modification 	Uruguay and member countries			To be completed in October 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report comprising a comparative analysis of questionnaires 	Uruguay and ECLAC			Activity will not be carried out this biennium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of experiences on challenges in improving the measurement of income (face-to-face meeting or videoconferencing, depending on available resources) 	Member countries			
Concerning multidimensional poverty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing up a proposal on the dimensions of well-being to be addressed by the group 	Colombia	A document was drawn up that will provide guidance in the selection of the dimensions of poverty to be addressed by the group.	October 2014 to March 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of the dimensions to be addressed by the group (e-mail exchange) 	Colombia, ECLAC and member countries	E-mail consultation carried out. Observations of Chile and Ecuador have been received to date.	Deadline for receiving responses will be extended to June 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection and systematization of methods of measuring the selected dimensions in the countries of the region (based on contributions from the countries) 	Colombia and ECLAC			To be carried out in August 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First report summarizing the information collected and identifying similarities and differences 	Colombia and ECLAC			To be completed in October 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on relevant considerations in the measurement of the dimensions: challenges, points for improvement, etc. (face-to-face meeting). 	Colombia, ECLAC and member countries			Activity will not be carried out this biennium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the discussion and conclusions drawn 	Colombia and ECLAC			Activity will not be carried out this biennium
Concerning the post-2015 development agenda				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the post-2015 development agenda indicators concerning monetary and multidimensional poverty and their relationship with national measurement systems 	Colombia, Uruguay and ECLAC			Activity will not be carried out this biennium

WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS ON PUBLIC SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Propose a generic statistical system on crime and criminal justice with pillars defined for each component	Technical secretariat, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala and Panama	The concept paper, with contributions from Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico and Panama, was completed A draft version of the concept paper was discussed at the working group meeting held on 21 June 2015 The remarks submitted by the countries were collected	December 2013 to November 2014	
Conduct an assessment of the status of crime and criminal justice statistics in the region's countries using a survey		A draft version was completed in September 2014 The draft was circulated and comments were received from Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico and Panama A deadline of 15 May 2015 was set for complete assessments	December 2013 to July 2014	
Draw up recommendations for recording official data at each stage of the legal process		This activity will be carried out once the data from the assessments, which must be submitted by 15 May 2015, have been analysed	April to November 2014	
Promote the inclusion and generation of statistical information on crime and criminal justice in national statistics programmes		Ongoing activity; related documentation is available upon request.	December 2013 to November 2015	
Foster inter-agency cooperation in the framework of statistical systems on crime and criminal justice		Ongoing activity; related documentation is available upon request.	December 2013 to November 2015	
Share knowledge and strengthen the technical capacities of the national statistics offices in the framework of the Knowledge Transfer Network of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC		Contact with staff in charge of the Knowledge Transfer Network has been requested with a view to uploading material	December 2013 to November 2015	
Participate in discussions on the data revolution in the framework of the global partnership on improving the quality of statistics, in connection with the objectives and goals of the post-2015 development agenda		Activity subject to the outcome of a request made to the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Statistical Conference of the Americas	December 2013 to November 2015	
Participate in the design of training courses on data use and analysis and georeferencing		Activity postponed pending the publication of the recommendations on improving administrative records	December 2013 to November 2014	

Activities	Participants	Outcomes	Implementation period	Remarks
Collaborate on the preparation of a manual on international crime classification for statistical purposes		The drafting of the manual is subject to the approval of the classification by the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; work on it is expected to begin in the second half of 2015	December 2013 to November 2014	
Promote the creation of crime classifications in each country in the framework of the statistical systems on crime and criminal justice		Work to promote the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes will be begun once it has been adopted and when training and other methodological tools are available	April to November 2015	
Generate recommendations to strengthen the methodological-conceptual and statistical design of existing victim surveys in the region with the support of the initiative committee for the creation of this working group, for the purpose of generating and promoting the use of good practices in victim surveys (statistical design, questionnaires, processing and dissemination)		Thematic areas were discussed at the regional meeting on victim surveys The national statistical offices of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Peru participated in the technical meeting for discussing victim surveys A standardized questionnaire for victim surveys was completed, as agreed at the third technical meeting on victim surveys A methodological guide for victim surveys in the region will be drawn up, with publication scheduled for October 2015	December 2013 to November 2014	
Prepare and present reports on the activities of the working group			December 2013 to November 2015	
Draft a new programme of work			December 2014 to November 2015	

Figure 11
Working Group on Statistics on Public Security and Justice: implementation of planned activities
(Percentages)

