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BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION ACTIVITIES***

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1. WORKING GROUP ON CENSUSES

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Workshops on mining and use of census information, focused on its potential for public policymaking		Around 60 people participated from 20 government agencies, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations	April to November 2014	Successfully carried out	Although it did not take place during the period under consideration, the seminar “Sharing experiences on developing the censuses for the 2020 round” was run in Santiago on 25 May 2015. It was organized by the National Institute of Statistics of Chile, in the framework of the working group, and was supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Organization of the second Latin American and Caribbean Course on Population Estimates and Projections	Preparatory activities relating to selection of the participants	A total of 33 government officials participated from the following entities: 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	August to November 2014	Successfully carried out	The goal was to provide an opportunity for countries preparing to conduct their censuses over the next few years to share experiences and hold technical discussions, thereby drawing on the region’s experiences of the 2010 census round
					The purpose of the course 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 Córdoba, Argentina and Professor Timothy Miller, of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC

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		<p>National: 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, CORPOELEC, 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)</p>	<p>August to November 2014</p>		<p>No resources were available for this activity</p>
<p>Workshops to provide training and exchange experiences on technological solutions in the use of the REDATAM software in different statistical operations</p>			<p>April 2015 to July 2015</p>		<p>No resources were available for this activity</p>
<p>Workshop on the assessment of vital statistics and the correspondence with the 2010 round of censuses</p>		<p>National Institute of Statistics of Chile Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC</p>	<p>August 2015 to November 2015</p>		<p>Report from the seminar "Sharing experiences on developing the censuses for the 2020 round" delivered on 25 May 2015</p>

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Organization of the third Latin American and Caribbean Course on Population Estimates and Projections, to be delivered in Caracas on 13-18 July 2015			December 2014 to March 2015		No resources were available for this activity
Survey on progress towards the 2020 censuses and identification of national needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design of questionnaire - Distribution to national statistical offices - Receipt of responses from the national statistics offices - Processing and analysis - Report and results 	Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)- Population Division of ECLAC Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (IBGE) National Institute of Statistics of Venezuela	1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016	The revised questionnaire is now available. CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC will shortly be sending out the results of the questionnaire	Still under way.

2. WORKING GROUP ON THE HARMONIZATION OF POVERTY STATISTICS

Activities	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Concerning monetary policy				
Design of a system for the classification of income	ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	A system has been designed and will be circulated along with the initial analysis of questionnaires	The proposed system was developed. No additional activities were conducted in relation to monetary poverty.
Analysis of more recent questionnaires using the scale	Uruguay and ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	A document was drafted on the treatment of income in household surveys	
Review by countries and modification	Uruguay and member countries	April 2014 to November 2015	A questionnaire was sent to the countries	
Report comprising a comparative analysis of questionnaires	Uruguay and ECLAC			
Exchange of experiences on challenges in improving the measurement of income (face-to-face meeting or videoconferencing, depending on available resources)	Member countries of the working group			
Concerning multidimensional poverty				
Drawing up a proposal on the dimensions of well-being to be addressed by the group	Colombia	April 2014 to November 2015	A document was drawn up that will provide guidance in the selection of the dimensions of poverty to be addressed by the group	
Selection of the dimensions to be addressed by the group (e-mail exchange)	Colombia, ECLAC and member countries of the working group	April 2014 to November 2015	A decision was taken to start with the dimensions of housing habitability, which are more commonly included by the countries in their measurements	

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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	April 2014 to November 2015	The methods for measuring the variables of housing habitability in the region's countries were revised	
First report summarizing the information collected and identifying similarities and differences	Colombia and ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	A document on indicators of deprivation in housing habitability in household surveys in Latin America (revision), available in Spanish only ("Indicadores de Privación en la Habitabilidad de la Vivienda en las Encuestas de Hogares de América Latina: Una Revisión")	The document was shared with the members of the group. No other activities were carried out in relation to multidimensional poverty
Discussion on relevant considerations in the measurement of the dimensions: challenges, points for improvement, etc. (face-to-face meeting)	Colombia, ECLAC and member countries			
Report on the discussion and conclusions drawn	Colombia and ECLAC			
Concerning the post-2015 development agenda				
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

3. WORKING GROUP ON THE MONITORING OF PROGRESS TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Hold regional meetings to encourage and create opportunities for debate on specific issues concerning monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	Organize a regional meeting to exchange experiences and challenges regarding the final stretch of the MDG initiative	ECLAC and member countries of the working group	August 2014 to November 2014	Eighth regional seminar on Millennium Development Goal indicators, "Beyond the MDGs: statistical challenges to monitoring the post-2015 development agenda" Seminar website [Spanish only]: http://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/viii-seminario-regional-de-los-indicadores-de-los-objetivos-de-desarrollo-del-milenio	
Support regional-level strategies for statistical conciliation processes		ECLAC	April 2015 to November 2015		
Promote the use of complementary indicators for the analysis of the position of countries within the regional context		ECLAC	April 2015 to November 2015		
Encourage and promote the use of the information platform for communication and virtual interaction between working group members	Incorporate the virtual platform into working group documentation and working materials Regularly propose topics for work and discussion to maintain fluid contact between the members Invite delegates from countries of the region that are not working group members to participate in the platform	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina and ECLAC	December 2013 to November 2015	Information and communications for the focal points on the working group's progress and developments, and facilitation of exchanges, debates and discussions among the focal points of the working group and with representatives of other countries in the region	It is not possible to measure compliance by percentages, but it would be 100%, as this platform is used all the time to maintain fluid communication with the focal points

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<p>Ensure close coordination with the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) in order to carry out training and capacity-building activities</p> <p>Reflect upon the post-2015 development agenda and the implications of the proposed Sustainable Development Goals for national statistical systems</p>	<p>Compile and make available to member countries materials (reports, technical documents, presentations, etc.) of interest and relevant to the discussion on the post-2015 development agenda</p> <p>Update the content on the virtual platform / MDG Forum with reports and documents from the eighth regional seminar on Millennium Development Goal indicators, “Beyond the MDGs: statistical challenges to monitoring the post-2015 development agenda”</p>	<p>INDEC (Argentina)</p>	<p>April 2015 to November 2015</p>		
<p>Take the presentations given at the seventh regional seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Santiago, 4-5 November 2013) and the eighth regional seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Montevideo, 30 September-2 October 2014) as a basis for discussion</p> <p>Take receipt of and systematize the contributions and comments of ECLAC SCA working groups</p> <p>Analyse the results of the technical consultations on the availability of statistics and technical capacities to meet information needs of the Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p>Disseminate the training and capacity-building activities, documents and news of the working group through KTN</p> <p>Take the presentations given at the seventh regional seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Santiago, 4-5 November 2013) and the eighth regional seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Montevideo, 30 September-2 October 2014) as a basis for discussion</p> <p>Take receipt of and systematize the contributions and comments of ECLAC SCA working groups</p> <p>Analyse the results of the technical consultations on the availability of statistics and technical capacities to meet information needs of the Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p>INDEC (Argentina) and member countries of the working group in collaboration with ECLAC</p>	<p>April 2014 to November 2015</p>		

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Ensure the financial sustainability of the working group so as to carry out the proposed activities	Identify and manage the necessary resources for activities to be carried out Manage projects with donors	INDEC (Argentina), member countries of the working group and ECLAC	December 2014 to November 2015	Activities carried out	
Organize an annual face-to-face MDG working group meeting		INDEC (Argentina), member countries of the working group and ECLAC	August 2015 to November 2015		Group members communicate via e-mail
Publish evaluations and overviews that set out achievements, lessons learned and remaining challenges related to the Millennium Development Goals, since their launch to date	Design the proposal Send the proposal to the technical secretariat of the working group on (ECLAC) Discuss technical aspects of the proposal with the technical secretariat of the working group (ECLAC) Send the draft report and technical consultation on statistical availability and technical capacities to meet the information demands of the Sustainable Development Goals to member countries of the working group on Millennium Development Goals Draft the report for member countries of the working group on Millennium Development Goals Reports prepared by the member countries received by the coordinating country of the working group on Millennium Development Goals	INDEC (Argentina), member countries of the working group and ECLAC	April 2014 to November 2015	Publication of evaluations and overviews that, based on the active and joint participation of member countries and the technical secretariat, compile and organize the achievements, lessons learned and remaining challenges related to the Millennium Development Goals as part of the activities undertaken by the working group on the Millennium Development Goals, since their launch to date	The coordinating country received, compiled and organized the contributions of participating member countries. The document is completed.

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	Prepare the preliminary report based on the documents received				
	Send the preliminary report to member countries of the working group on Millennium Development Goals and the technical secretariat of the working group on Millennium Development Goals (ECLAC)				
	Final version of the report prepared by the member countries and technical secretariat of the working group on Millennium Development Goals and discussed with the coordinating country of the working group on Millennium Development Goals				
	Close the discussion and approve the final report				
	Edit and print the report				
	Present the final report to the plenary of the Statistical Conference for the Americas-ECLAC through the proper administrative channels				

4. WORKING GROUP ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
International coordination	Updating the survey of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean carried out by ECLAC Organization of the international seminar on national accounts for Latin America and the Caribbean		December 2013 to November 2015	Assessment of progress towards the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA) Seminar on national accounts for Latin America and the Caribbean	The most recent survey was conducted in 2014; the next one is due to be carried out in 2016 The 2015 seminar on national accounts for Latin America and the Caribbean: regional implementation of the system of national accounts and satellite accounts was held in Santiago, from 1 to 3 December 2015. Various issues were addressed at the seminar, including the state of progress in implementing the 2008 SNA, satellite accounts, household accounts, quarterly accounts consistent with the 2008 SNA, and the 2008 SNA working groups
Development of methodologies and standards	Advanced course on national accounts Drafting a manual of best practices for national accounts		April 2014 to November 2015		This activity was not held. The coordinating country put forward a draft manual of best practices for national accounts, but the activity was not concluded.
Human resource development	Horizontal cooperation Updating the project on improving basic economic statistics for incorporation into the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods, and organizing an advanced course on national accounts		December 2013 to November 2015		Three proposals for the Regional Public Goods Project have been submitted to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), were not approved

5. WORKING GROUP ON MEASUREMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Survey on the process of creating harmonized statistics on ICTs, as adapted to ministries and governmental institutions responsible for the digital agenda, 2014 version		Supported by the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2015) of ECLAC and the working group members. Responses received from 20 Latin American countries	December 2014 to May 2015	Results uploaded to the website of the Statistical Conference	The responses were collected and disseminated
Survey on the process of creating harmonized statistics on ICTs in national statistical offices, 2014 version		Supported by the working group members. Responses received from 13 Latin American countries	December 2014 to September 2015	Results uploaded to the website of the Statistical Conference	In collaboration with eLAC2015, the responses were collected and circulated
Revising and updating the ICTs in education module, with UNESCO support. Task carried over to 2016					Task carried over to 2016 Preliminary discussions were held regarding this activity, aimed at seeking the necessary technical and financial support from national and international statistical organizations with experience in this area. The goal is to revise and update the module used at the regional level, which was last revised in 2007. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics responded positively, but proposed postponing the activity until 2016 so as to be able to include it into a training workshop that will focus on the Institute's new global survey to measure the use of ICTs in education

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Preparation of an ICTs for e-government module Activity cancelled; to be reviewed					Activity cancelled; to be reviewed The follow-up process was launched, which took the form of meetings with various specialists and focused on measuring government institutions' adoption of ICTs. The goal of this activity was to provide countries with a tool to measure the level of preparedness of their public institutions to offer an e-government service. On reviewing the activity, several experts pointed out that this measurement is implicit in the surveys prepared by institutions responsible for the digital agenda or the entities to which this duty has been assigned. It was therefore decided to remove this activity from the plan. However, at the request of one the member countries of the working group, more detailed discussions will be held with the experts to determine how statistical organizations can contribute to this measurement
Preparation of the ICTs in the health sector module		The working group, with significant financial and technical support from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and World Health Organization (WHO); the Regional Centre for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (Cetic.br) of Brazil; the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2015) of ECLAC; various ministries of health and regional institutions with experience	Completed in September 2014	ICTs in the health sector module	

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<p>Preparation of a methodological document for gender-based indicators in household surveys and administrative records. Activity modified and carried over to 2016</p>		<p>Working group, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), as coordinator of the Working Group on Gender Statistics, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, experts from partner institutions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Cetic.br</p>			<p>Activity modified and carried over to 2016</p> <p>It was concluded that the methodological document was not needed, since another document (<i>Measuring ICT and Gender: An Assessment</i> [online] http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=924) had already dealt with the subject of gender and ICT indicators and contained the methodology and recommendations for the use of gender-based indicators in the surveys and in administrative records, meaning that work would be duplicated. UNCTAD and Cetic.br are currently discussing the possibility of translating the document into Spanish to make it more useful to the region's countries</p> <p>The product to be delivered will therefore be a list of indicators for Latin America and the Caribbean, which is contained in the document prepared by the Task Group on Gender (TGG) of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development. This work will be carried out with the support of Cetic.br for the translation into Spanish and will be reviewed and approved by the Working Group on Gender Statistics and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC from a regional perspective. The deadline will depend on when the translation will be ready</p>

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<p>Programming of workshops to train the English-speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti on ICT measurement modules, as required. Task carried over to 2016</p>					<p>Task carried over to 2016. Ad hoc meetings have been held with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Suriname and English-speaking Caribbean countries to make progress on this task. UNCTAD has expressed interest in providing financial and technical support for this activity, which will be based on a training module on ICTs already put together by that organization. The goal is to provide technical information on the measurement of ICTs and establish programmes of work that take account of the reality in the region, the multiplicity of actors and the different levels of capacity for measurement. Nevertheless, this activity is still pending and so it is looking likely that it will be carried out during the next biennium. Suriname and CARICOM have also requested that it be postponed until next year as they have a very full agenda for the last few months of this year.</p>
<p>Training workshop on implementing the ICTs in the health sector module</p>	<p>Financial and technical support provided by Cetic.br and PAHO/WHO, and collaboration with ECLAC as secretariat of eLAC</p>	<p>3 to 5 November 2015</p>	<p>14 officials from different countries were trained</p>	<p>The main objective of this activity was for health ministries and national statistical organizations to work together with a view to becoming more familiar with the methodological document and the questionnaire relating to the module for measuring access to and use of ICTs in the health sector, and to using this tool in each country. PAHO/WHO was responsible for facilitation. Implementation of this useful tool will contribute to the availability of eHealth statistics in the region as input for public policymaking</p>	

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Fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (additional activity)					The delegations of the countries that attended this event unanimously adopted the inclusion in the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2018) of an objective proposed by the head of delegation of the Dominican Republic and coordinator of this working group, aimed at promoting the measurement of access to and use of ICTs in the region's countries. Objective 23 reads as follows: Promote the measurement of access to and use of ICT at the national and regional levels, by strengthening the institutional frameworks needed to coordinate, monitor, measure and promote digital policies, ensuring the regular production of data and statistics on ICTs, in conformity with international standards and fostering close collaboration between institutions responsible for national digital agendas and national statistical agencies". This activity will be included in the working group's programme of activities for the next period (2016-2017)
Ongoing activities Encourage countries to submit their databases to the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC)					
eLAC to update the manual relating to the Compendium of statistical practices on information and communications technologies in Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish only)					Contribute, by requesting and following up, to the compilation of inputs from the countries needed for the update

6. WORKING GROUP ON LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Identify and systematize gaps in the harmonization of the measurement of informality using the assessment carried out, the review of countries' experiences and an analysis of the most recent international recommendations	Prepare a technical note (metadata) for each country that includes a description of the criteria, information sources and the methodology for the current indicators, as well as a questionnaire on the basic criteria that should be taken into account for each of the concepts involved in the measurement of informality, the relevance of each, the availability of data and how feasible it is to measure	All member countries	December 2013 to November 2015	Metadata updated with all methodological information on the measurement of indicators of informality	
Work towards identifying the main components for harmonizing the measurement of indicators of informality in the region	Draft a proposed set of basic reference questions for measuring informality in labour force surveys Discuss the different possible methodologies for measuring informality, including their advantages and disadvantages Prepare a document on the definition of the current informality indicators for each country, both official and preliminary, and the trends observed over time	All member countries of the working group All member countries, but the coordinating country was responsible for systematizing the information	April 2014 to November 2015	A clearer picture has been gleaned of harmonization gaps in respect of the International Labour Organization (ILO) recommendations, however there is scope for further progress on regional harmonization. Metadata with the technical note on measuring informality indicators, as well as a descriptive document with the evolution of the indicators	The questionnaire sent to the countries in 2014 had to be updated as some countries had made progress on the harmonization of indicators

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Evaluate the measurement of decent work and identify the requirements for incorporating the measurement of this element in the national statistical systems	Provide a forum for discussion with the institutions involved in the measurement and monitoring of decent work indicators in the region (statistical offices or information producers, labour ministries and ILO) and share national experiences in this connection		August 2014 to November 2015		
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	Prepare a general assessment of the situation in the countries with respect to the changes	Some member countries of the working group (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru)	December 2014 to November 2015	Presentation of gaps in harmonization with respect to new international ILO standards	Within the region, countries have achieved different degrees of progress with respect to adapting to new international ILO recommendations. A group of countries has recently begun preparing cognitive tests and pilot tests to assess the effects of these recommendations on their labour force surveys
	Follow up on the implementation of the new guidelines by the member countries	All member countries of the working group		Provide a regional forum for discussing the challenges countries face in the process of adapting to new recommendations	The fourth on-site meeting of the working group, to be held in November 2015, will present the ideal opportunity to discuss the progress being made in the region. Further progress is expected to be made on this topic in 2016-2017
	Evaluate the impact that the new guidelines adopted at the nineteenth ICLS will have on countries' measurements of labour force statistics	All member countries of the working group		Some countries have begun to evaluate the possible impact, however, further progress must be made on implementing pilot tests to see what impact there will be on the main indicators of labour force surveys	Some countries have already begun to carry out impact assessments, including Ecuador, Mexico and Peru

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Discuss the conceptual operationalization of the new recommendations to promote harmonization among the countries in relation to the group's priority topics	Participation of ILO expert from Geneva (Elisa Benes)			The fourth on-site meeting of the working group will include a forum for discussing the conceptual challenges inherent in adapting to new recommendations	Further progress is expected to be made on this topic in 2016-2017
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	Include some topics for exploration on the agendas of upcoming on-site meetings, such as the International Classification by Status in Employment (ICSE), the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), measurement of branches of activity in household surveys, labour force flows, links or overlaps between series resulting from changes in concepts and in the measurement of labour force statistics, earnings and labour migration, as well as other issues involving synergies with other groups, such as household surveys, poverty and nomenclature	All member countries of the working group	August 2014 to November 2015	The post-2015 development agenda will be discussed at the fourth on-site meeting of the working group. Other possible topics include the regional position with respect to the updating of the International Classification by Status in Employment (ICSE-93)	Further progress is expected to be made on this topic in 2016-2017

7. WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTION-BUILDING

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Exchange best practices in the implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Face-to-face workshop to follow up on implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean by the region's countries (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay A representative of the technical secretariat of the working group	August to November 2014	A workshop was organized to follow up on implementation of the Code, in which 18 of the region's countries participated. The expert Pilar Martin Guzmán was hired as an international consultant on codes of good practice in statistics. The participants shared experiences and progress regarding compliance with the principles and good practice set forth in the Code.	
	Experience-sharing between countries in the framework of South-South cooperation as a feasible strategy for mobilizing technical assistance and facilitating the application of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	National statistical offices of Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Plurinational State of Bolivia	August to November 2014	Invitations were sent to the 33 countries in the region and the corresponding administrative tasks were performed to enable them to share their experiences within the framework of the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE). Technical assistance was exchanged between several countries in the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Colombia provided technical assistance to Chile – Colombia provided technical assistance to the Dominican Republic – Colombia provided technical assistance to Ecuador – Ecuador provided technical assistance to the Plurinational State of Bolivia 	

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Monitor and assess compliance with the principles of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Administration and completion of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, to follow up on the improvements that each office had set out to implement in 2013	The questionnaire was completed by 11 countries: Barbados, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay	August to November 2014	The questionnaire was implemented containing five questions regarding follow-up and evaluation of the improvements planned by each country in 2013	
Overall assessments of compliance with the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean to be conducted in five of the region's countries, with the corresponding improvement plans to be drawn up for each country (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Overall assessments of compliance with the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean to be conducted in five of the region's countries, with the corresponding improvement plans to be drawn up for each country (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	In July 2014 the following countries were assessed on their compliance with the Code: Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay Two assessment teams took part, comprising: (i) International experts: Pilar Guzmán and Luis Beccaria Peer reviewer: a representative of Colombia and of Costa Rica (ii) International experts: Ernesto Azorin and Máximo Aguilera Peer reviewer: a representative of Colombia and of Peru	April to July 2014	Six overall assessments were carried out (one more than had been planned) of the national statistical offices in Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay. The areas assessed were the institutional environment and coordination component, and the principles of timeliness and punctuality, and accessibility and clarity Other outcomes: (i) report for each of the countries assessed; (ii) proposed improvement for each country; (iii) list of documents requested by the experts; (iv) agenda for the visit to each of the six countries; (v) guide to implementation of the overall assessments	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) resources were programmed for five overall assessments in 2014. However, the project coordinators were able to arrange for the resources to be extended to carry out an additional assessment in 2014 and two further assessments in 2015 (Peru and Jamaica in April 2015)
Review of the self-assessment methodology, including a review of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Review of the self-assessment methodology, including a review of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Expert Pedro Fernández and DANE team	August to November 2014	Revision of the methodology of the questionnaire on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean by an international expert, who proposed improvements to questions and to the methodology, including indicators for measurement of compliance with the Code	

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Promote statistical planning using the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a focus on results-based management	Study on the methodological and technical considerations relating to statistical planning and their relationship with results-based management (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	Sample of seven countries as chosen by the consultant (Eduardo Pereira): Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and Uruguay	December 2013 to March 2014	Regional assessment performed of statistical planning and results-based management, looking into the following aspects: law on the national statistical system (NSS); statistical plan; NSS coordination; schedule for the dissemination of statistics; timeliness and punctuality; transparency and NSS strategic planning Submission of the final documents related to the study performed by the expert	
	Regional training workshop on statistical planning with a focus on results-based management (activity financed using non-reimbursable IDB resources)	DANE team; the experts Eduardo Pereira and Rafael Gómez; and the representatives of Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Suriname and Uruguay	December 2013 to March 2014	A training workshop was run on statistical planning and results-based management. The tasks carried out included preparation of the agenda, the working groups and the invitations to be sent to the countries in the region. The workshop was held on 12-14 May in Bogota, and a total of 18 of the region's countries participated as well as the two experts (Eduardo Pereira and Rafael Gómez – the latter of whom dealt with results-based management issues)	
Propose a formal structure in the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC for the implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Proposal for the creation of an agency (consortium) to ensure continuity in activities to implement the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean Approach agencies that may be able to fund this proposal	DANE team and the international consultant Pilar Guzmán DANE team	April to November 2015 April to November 2015	A formal proposal was drafted for the creation and formation of a consortium to ensure continuity in the working group's activities to implement the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean for the next three years Some contacts at international organizations were approached to provide information on the main aspects of the proposal	Support and advice was provided by the international expert Pilar Guzmán, who formulated the proposal and ensured it conformed to international standards

8. WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Component 1: Diagnostic assessment of the current state of environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	As a result of the package of agreements adopted at the Bogota workshop, a number of activities were carried out to improve the consistency and integrity of the data provided by the countries via the self-assessment tool. This included reprocessing the data on the basis of the revision undertaken by the countries from February to May 2015. Tasks were also performed to capture and add Belize and Ecuador's data (as part of their incorporation)	Countries participating in the project, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) as executing agency, ECLAC, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Statistics Division	April to July 2015	Self-assessment database reprocessed	
Incorporation of Belize and Ecuador	In response to the interest expressed by the participants in increasing the impact of the project in the region, the requests from Belize and Ecuador to join the project were processed, through the Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development and the National Statistics and Census Institute, respectively. The project agreement was subsequently amended to formalize the incorporation of these two countries from 8 September 2015	Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division	April to July 2015	Formal incorporation of Ecuador and Belize	

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Extension of the deadline for implementation and payment	In connection with the above-mentioned amendment to the agreement, the project's implementation and payment deadlines were extended	Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division	April to July 2015	Agreement amended	
Component 2: Drawing up a strategy and regional action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics	<p>Drawing up terms of reference for the consultant who will be in charge of component 2</p> <p>The consultancy was publicized to encourage applications from as many candidates as possible. The necessary contacts were therefore made to identify and attract individual consultants, supported by the representatives of the countries participating in the project</p> <p>Selection of a consultant to take charge of component 2. The Technical Committee and the Steering Committee, acting as peer reviewers, managed the selection process</p>	Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division	August to September 2015	Consultant has been hired and has assumed their duties	
Component 2: Drawing up a strategy and regional action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics	A workshop was held to validate the strategy and action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, on 2-4 December 2015 in Santo Domingo		November 2015 to April 2016	The strategy and action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, prepared by the consultant responsible for this component of the project, was presented to the technical committee and board of the project for analysis and discussion, and to a group of invited national experts.	

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
<p>Component 2: Drawing up a strategy and regional action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics</p>	<p>A workshop to present the strategy and action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics (region/subregion/country) was held on 13-14 April in Quito</p>	<p>Countries participating in the project, IDB, INEGI as executing agency, ECLAC, UNEP and United Nations Statistics Division</p>	<p>November 2015 to April 2016</p>	<p>Members of the technical committee and board of the project received training on guidelines and tools for preparing national action plans to develop and strengthen national environmental statistics.</p>	
				<p>Information was shared on the current status of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals</p>	
				<p>The strategy and action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics (region/subregion/country) was presented and discussed</p>	
				<p>The links between the 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the strategy and action plan for the development and strengthening of environmental statistics (region/subregion/country) were analysed and discussed</p>	

9. WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	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	Continue with the periodic application of the survey on international classification in Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to adopting or adapting the international classifications in the countries of the region. At its second meeting, the working group agreed to conduct an annual survey	ECLAC, the United Nations Statistics Division, the Steering Committee and the national statistical offices of the member countries of the working group	December 2013 to April 2016	The draft survey prepared by Costa Rica and Chile (in English and Spanish) is being revised by the United Nations Statistics Division and ILO. The instructions are in the process of being translated. ECLAC is to conduct a new survey in May 2016 that will include questions regarding the plan for implementing the classifications in the national statistical offices	At the fourth meeting of the working group, held in Costa Rica on 24-28 August 2015, the national statistical offices of Costa Rica and Chile undertook to submit the results of the analysis of the surveys and the draft questionnaire in October 2015
	Prepare and submit to the working group a summary and analysis of the findings of the survey on international classification in Latin America	ECLAC and the United Nations Statistics Division		Results of the survey of national classifications conducted by the United Nations	The United Nations reported that further analysis had not been possible owing to a lack of resources
	Continue to identify the statistical offices of each country in the region and other organizations responsible for developing, maintaining, adopting or adapting the different classifications with the possibility of establishing horizontal cooperation	Steering Committee of the working group		The coordinator of the working group facilitated contact between the Director of Standardization of Classifications and Sociodemographic Content of INEGI, Mexico, and the representative of Ecuador, Patricia Elizabeth Vizuete. The goal was for Mexico to learn more about Ecuador's needs and formalize the collaboration in accordance with the proper protocol	Mexico advised Ecuador on the implementation of the automated coding system applicable to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO); this assistance will, however, need to be formalized if it is to continue
	Continue to identify and consult international agencies that can provide technical cooperation for the adoption or adaptation of international classifications	Steering Committee of the working group and international organizations		The United Nations Statistics Division, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNESCO are providing ongoing technical cooperation for the adoption or adaptation of international classifications	UNESCO joined the Steering Committee at the working group's fourth meeting

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
	Rank the countries that require support for the adoption or adaptation of classifications by order of priority	Steering Committee of the working group		<p>Horizontal cooperation was established between Peru and Paraguay with regard to implementation of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO). Mexico is advising Ecuador on implementation of the automated coding system applicable to ISCO. Mexico shared the webpage relating to the document Sintesis metodológica del Sistema de Clasificación Industrial de América del Norte, México SCIAN 2013. On page 103 of this document, there is a copy of the Official Gazette of the Federation regarding the agreement on the use of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for compiling, analysing and presenting economic statistics. Costa Rica shared the Executive Decree published in its Official Gazette on the adoption of the Classification of Economic Activities and the Classification of Occupations in the country</p> <p>The files from the national statistical offices of Argentina, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico on automated and assisted codification were integrated into a single document and shared with the members of the Working Group. The group also shared Excel files from Panama on assisted codification and instructions on occupational codification from Mexico (covering automated and assisted codification, among other subjects.</p>	<p>At the fourth meeting of the working group, it was reported that horizontal cooperation had been established between Paraguay and Peru with regard to ISCO implementation. Most national statistical offices are implementing the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), or their national equivalent based on the fourth revision of ISIC as a standard in their ministries. In some instances this is supported by an official standard and in others it is not, as is the case in Honduras. A request was therefore made for a national statistical office to share a guide on the formulation of a standard. Most national statistical offices are implementing ISCO. The representative of ILO will be providing a translation into Spanish of ISCO-08 shortly. Some national statistical offices are implementing the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED)</p>

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				<p>Alphabetical indexes from Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico were collected and shared among the Working Group, as was a dictionary on field terms, from the Plurinational State of Bolivia, to give continuity to horizontal cooperation</p>	
	<p>Update the training programme on classifications</p>	<p>Subcommittee on Training, made up of Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador and Uruguay (coordinator)</p>		<p>Proposed training plans were prepared on: (i) the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), and (ii) the Central Product Classification (CPC). These proposals were evaluated and it was concluded that, while conceptually reasonable, they could not be implemented from a budgetary perspective Costa Rica sent a script proposal for the ISCO training video. This script will be fine-tuned over the coming months by the Subcommittee on Training.</p>	
	<p>Promote fulfilment of the training programme, evaluation of the courses and introduction of the necessary adjustments to the programme on the basis of the feedback received</p>	<p>Subcommittee on Training, made up of Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador and Uruguay (coordinator)</p>		<p>Presentations by the national statistical offices dealing (among other themes) with progress towards implementation of the classifications. Costa Rica shared its experience of the "Training Programme on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Central Framework for Latin America and the Caribbean". Mexico shared with the Subcommittee on Training and the Steering Committee the script it had prepared for the video on NAICS, hoping that it would provide inspiration for scripts and videos on ISIC and ISCO.</p>	<p>Costa Rica suggested that other methodologies used in online training could be analysed to see if they could be applied to statistical classification. Costa Rica's training programme used the platform Global Campus 21 developed by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and the methodology included presentations by experts transmitted live at an agreed time; the participants were able to ask questions during the presentations, exercises</p>

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Exchange and document experiences, knowledge and good practices in relation to the implementation of international classifications	Continue to promote the working group's electronic forum	All members of the working group Steering Committee of the working group	December 2013 to April 2016	Costa Rica sent a script proposal for the ISCO training video. This script will be fine-tuned over the coming months by the Subcommittee on Training. PowerPoint presentations have been put together on ISCO and ISCED, which address key points for implementation	were completed and the assigned, complementary documents were studied (by clicking on the links provided). During implementation of the classifications, some problems were discovered regarding their interpretation. The purpose of the working group is not to provide training on this, but rather to support NSOs in adopting or adapting the classifications. However, training is vital in order to be able to implement them correctly and hence prepare reliable statistics; hence, training on the classifications will continue to form part of the working group's agenda
				Information was provided on themes that proved difficult to classify during the fourth revision of ISIC: (i) treatment of producers without production factors; (ii) the ISIC structure in terms of retail trade, particularly regarding establishments that sell in both a physical location and online; (iii) the treatment of corporations and shareholders; and (iv) the classification of activities carried out online, with or without a traditional equivalent, but in particular when there is no equivalent (Facebook was given as an example). A presentation has been prepared by the United Nations Statistics Division.	Opportunities were identified regarding the functioning of the forum and the aim is to take advantage of them

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				<p>Mexico translated into Spanish the document "Conclusions of the Technical Subgroup meeting, 14-16 October 2014", which it will share with the working group.</p>	
	<p>Designate an administrator of the electronic forum</p>			<p>On 31 August 2015, the Subcommittee on Questions and Answers on Classification sent an Excel file entitled "PREGUNTAS CLASIFICADORES" to all national statistical offices for them to complete. The working group's coordinator resent the file on 15 September and a deadline of the first week of October was set. Questions were received from Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Ecuador and Costa Rica. The file was translated by ECLAC and sent to the United Nations Statistics Division and ILO to obtain their responses, and these will then be uploaded to the working group's forum. Responses have been received from ILO.</p>	
	<p>Continue to obtain international reference documents on best practices and guidelines for the adoption, adaptation and updating of classifications within the national statistical systems of the countries of the region</p>				
	<p>Hold face-to-face meetings of the working group (third, fourth, fifth and sixth meetings)</p>				
	<p>Hold face-to-face meetings, subject to available funding, videoconferences or telephone conferences by the Steering Committee of the working group</p>				

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
	<p>Prepare reports on meetings held and upload them to the electronic forum for the information of the members of the working group</p>				
<p>Provide regular updates on the progress made in terms of new revisions to international classifications</p>	<p>Continue to update regularly the United Nations site and those of the other custodians of international classifications</p> <p>Share information each year on the overall plan for establishing classifications in the different statistical programmes of each country</p>		<p>December 2013 to April 2016</p>		
<p>Promote the creation of inter-agency platforms for collaboration in, and coordination and integration of, regional initiatives on international classifications among blocks of countries</p>	<p>Continue to communicate with the following international organizations, which are custodians of international classifications: United Nations, International Labour Organization (ILO) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and establish communication mechanisms with the following organizations: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), World Customs Organization (WCO) and World Health Organization (WHO)</p> <p>Continue to communicate and coordinate with bodies such as the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) or the Andean Community that have developed or are developing regional classifications</p>		<p>December 2013 to April 2016</p>		<p>Communications with the representatives of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and ECLAC, and with national statistical offices, aimed at giving continuity to the activities of the working group, take place basically by mail.</p> <p>Regarding communications and coordination with MERCOSUR, Argentina, a member of that grouping, is a member of the working group.</p>

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<p>Prioritize the translation into Spanish of texts on international classifications to enable their timely adoption by the countries of the region</p>	<p>Continue to contact the international organizations that are custodians of classifications and that have generated documents for the adoption, adaptation or update of classifications and ascertain whether the Spanish version already exists and if not offer to help with the translation</p> <p>Continue to coordinate the production of preliminary translations into Spanish of the documents published by the members of the working group and considered to be of interest</p> <p>Continue to coordinate the revision of previously translated international classifications or documents of interest</p>		<p>December 2013 to April 2016</p>	<p>Mexico translated into Spanish the fifth revision of the Classification by Broad Economic Categories and sent it to the United Nations representative as support for the translation of the final document.</p> <p>Mexico ran a comparison of the changes between CPC 2.1 and CPC 2.0 (as support for the translation of CPC 2.1), which was remitted to the Subcommittee on Translation.</p>	
<p>6. Make the arrangements necessary to hold meetings of the working group, with a view to promoting the use and dissemination of economic and social classifications</p>	<p>6.1 Continue to arrange for financing with international organizations that are willing to support activities under the working group's programme of work, such as IDB, the World Bank, United Nations and the national statistical offices that are members of the working group</p>		<p>December 2013 to April 2016</p>	<p>A positive response was received from the representative of Panama regarding the hosting of the fifth meeting of the working group, to be held on 8-12 August 2016.</p> <p>The project "Latin American Cluster for the Promotion of Standard Information and Classification Systems (CLASIC)" was presented to IDB for consideration in the framework of the Regional Public Goods Program.</p> <p>The working group's programme of work for the period 2016-2017 was prepared and sent to the technical secretariat of the Conference.</p>	<p>ECLAC asked the national statistical offices to address a letter of commitment to Antoni Esteveadeordal, Manager of the IDB Integration and Trade Sector, to confirm their participation in the project "Latin American Cluster for the Promotion of Standard Information and Classification Systems (CLASIC)".</p>

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Promote the establishment of a network of experts on international classifications to provide countries with mechanisms for communication and updating classifications and nomenclature	Identify experts in international classifications from the member countries of the working group, using the Knowledge Transfer Network Identify experts in international classifications from member countries of the working group that belong to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)		December 2013 to April 2016		
	Continue to link the work of the working group with that of the United Nations Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications				
	Identify and contact international consultants and experts on economic classification issues				
	Request the national statistical offices to present a report on the results of the consultants' work				

10. WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Establish the regional implementation structure (support offices)			December 2013 to March 2014		
First assessment of Latin American and Caribbean countries based on the standard questionnaire	Send reminder and receive completed standard questionnaires		December 2013 to March 2015	Reminders sent to all the countries	
	Send reminder and monitor responses				
	Complete questionnaires	Argentina, Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay	March to October 2015 November 2015 to March 2016	Sixteen completed as of October 2015 Nineteen questionnaires completed by the end of the consultancy	External data were used to attempt to assess the situations in countries that did not respond
	Analytical report on country assessments	Consultant Miguel Galmés		The questionnaires sent by the countries by 1 October 2015 were analysed and there are some queries to be resolved	Progress report at 1 October 2015 Presentation of final results and conclusions at workshop held in March 2016
	Prepare standard questionnaire				
Carry out in-depth assessment (four countries per year) and determine technical assistance, training and research needs	Assess countries using questionnaires	Consultant Miguel Galmés	December 2013 to November 2015	The working group has begun preparing a standardized methodology for the regional assessment	The consultant is evaluating the questionnaires received and is waiting for answers to his queries in order to finalize the analysis. A work plan and time frame have been presented

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
	Determine technical assistance, training and research needs				Pending completion of the previous stage
Subregional workshops on sampling models and frames	Create working group Hold workshop by videoconference	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	April 2014 to November 2015 December 2015	Invitation sent to countries Working group created	
				Workshop held, proposal to plan a course instead of other workshops	The proposal was discussed and accepted at the workshop held in March 2016
Subregional workshops on methodologies for integrating information from key respondents into probability-based surveys		Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	December 2014 to March 2015 July to December 2017		The proposal was discussed and accepted at the workshop held in March 2016
Hold subregional workshops on common core content		Consultancy	August 2014 to November 2014 March to June 2016	Workshop has been replaced with consultancy work	The proposal was discussed and accepted at the workshop held in March 2016
Study electronic data-collection instruments		Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	December 2013 to November 2015 March to December 2016	The study has been replaced with an in-person course	The proposal was discussed and accepted at the workshop held in March 2016. Date to be determined.
Develop generic systems to support statistical procedures			December 2013 to November 2015		
Develop training instruments	Creation of Working Group on Training	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	December 2013 to November 2015	Group created	

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Prepare strategic sectoral plans as part of the strategic plans of national statistical systems in all countries in the region	Workshop by videoconference to define training topics and tools	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	December 2015	Workshop held	
			December 2013 to November 2015		
Ensure that a minimum set of high-quality agricultural and rural statistics is generated			December 2013 to November 2015		
Carry out technical assistance, training and research activities to support the operation of agricultural statistical systems		Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	December 2013 to November 2015 June 2016-December 2017		Courses are being prepared for 2016 and 2017
Ensure the sustainability of the agricultural survey system			December 2013 to November 2015		
Draft the proposal for the regional public goods initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), entitled "Developing a methodology for implementing agricultural statistics systems in Latin America and the Caribbean"		Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	December 2013 to July 2014	Proposal prepared	
Present the proposal for the IDB regional public goods initiative, entitled "Developing a methodology for implementing agricultural statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean"		Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	April 2014 to July 2014	Proposal presented	Proposal accepted in November 2014

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Prepare the plan of action for the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean	Prepare the draft version	FAO-RLC	December 2013 to July 2015	Draft prepared in May 2013	
	Prepare the final version			Final version of plan prepared	
	Present the plan to the Global Steering Committee		June 2015	Plan presented	Approved by the Global Steering Committee
Subregional workshops for the Regional Public Goods project	Introductory workshop	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	25-26 May 2015	Workshop held	
	Workshop No. 2	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	1-3 March 2016	Workshop held	
	Workshop No. 3	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	27-29 June 2016	Workshop in preparation	
Training activities	Decide on courses, workshops and schedule	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	December 2015 to June 2016		In preparation
	AGRIS workshop	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	Second half of 2016		In preparation
	Course on use of electronic devices for capturing and processing field data.	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	Second half of 2016		
	Course on multiple frame sampling	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, Uruguay	First half of 2017		In preparation

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	Course on use of administrative records for statistical purposes	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay	First half of 2017		
	Workshop on systematization of data capture by key respondents	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, México, Paraguay, Uruguay	Second half of 2017		
	Workshop on data source quality and integration	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, México, Paraguay, Uruguay	Second half of 2017		
	Workshop on disclosure and use of information for users	Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, México, Paraguay, Uruguay	Second half of 2017		

11. WORKING GROUP ON GENDER STATISTICS

Activities	Lead entity	Implementation period	Outcomes	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	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, National Women's Institute (INMUJERES) of Mexico and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico	April 2014 to November 2015	<p>Twelfth International Meeting of Experts on Time Use and Unpaid Work, held in Mexico City on 2-3 June 2014 and organized jointly by UN-Women, INEGI, INMUJERES and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC</p> <p>Thirteenth International Meeting of Experts on Time Use and Unpaid Work, held on 4-5 June 2015 and organized jointly by UN-Women, INEGI, INMUJERES and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC</p>	The documentation relating to the meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos_download/Uso_Tiempo_2014.pdf
			<p>Over 60 experts participated, in particular representatives of seven national statistical offices (Argentina, Dominican Republic, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Plurinational State of Bolivia), three representatives of the mechanisms for the advancement of women (Costa Rica, Mexico and Uruguay), civil society organizations and experts from national and international academic institutions, such as the Levy Economics Institute. Other participants included government officials and representatives of international organizations, such as the United Nations Statistics Division and the International Labour Organization (ILO). Experts and government officials from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States followed the proceedings remotely</p> <p>Fourteenth International Meeting of Experts on Time Use and Unpaid Work (Mexico City): date and place agreed. The meeting will be held on 30-31 May 2016 and organized jointly by UN-Women, INEGI, INMUJERES and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC.</p>	

Activities	Lead entity	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
			<p>CAUTAL (Time-use classification for Latin America and the Caribbean) 2014: With regard to the development of a methodology to assign a value to unpaid work, the Time-use classification for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAUTAL) is currently being revised, taking into account the ILO resolution on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization and progress in the revision of the International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics (ICATUS). This classification is an important benchmark for time-use surveys and for obtaining inputs for preparing the satellite accounts on unpaid work</p>	
			<p>CAUTAL 2015: At the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, a version of CAUTAL was presented that had been harmonized with the ILO resolution on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization.</p>	
			<p>CAUTAL 2015: this classification was adopted for the region, by consensus, by the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC at its eighth meeting, held in Quito on 17-19 November 2015.</p>	
				<p>CAUTAL: a document to disseminate the classification, based on the version presented at the Conference, was prepared in December 2015. This has now been translated into English and will be available for dissemination in that language once printed.</p>

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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	UN-Women and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	April to November 2014	The <i>Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women: Statistical Surveys</i> were disseminated	The Guidelines are available at [online]: http://www.cepal.org/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/oig/noticias/noticias/4/54904/P54904.xml&xs=/oig/tp/-i/p1f.xsl
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	UN-Women and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	April to November 2014	As a contribution to the debate on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, discussions were held at the last two International Meetings on Gender Statistics in Aguascalientes (November 2014 and September 2015) on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators from a gender perspective	All the documentation relating to the sixteenth meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://www.inegi.org.mx/eventos/2015/genero/presentacion.aspx
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	UN-Women and the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC	April to November 2014	UN-Women prepared the following document, available in Spanish only: <i>Monitoreo de la igualdad de género y el empoderamiento de las mujeres y las niñas en la Agenda de Desarrollo Sostenible 2030: oportunidades y retos para América Latina y el Caribe</i> . This <i>cuaderno de trabajo</i> was presented and distributed at the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, in 2015	The <i>cuaderno</i> is available at [online][Spanish only]: http://mexico.unwomen.org/es/digiteca/publicaciones
As their contribution to the generation of knowledge on the subject, UN-Women and INMUJERES prepared the <i>Cuaderno de trabajo</i> “Pobreza y tiempo: una revisión conceptual”. It was distributed at the thirteenth International Meeting Of Experts on Time Use and Unpaid Work				

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Organize and hold international meetings on gender statistics	UN-Women, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, INMUJERES and INEGI	August 2014 to November 2015	<p>Fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: overview and challenges in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda</p> <p>5-7 November 2014</p> <p>Eighteen countries participated in the meeting (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, United States and Uruguay) and 228 people attended (172 women y 56 men). In total, 44 women and 10 men participated as speakers or moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Themes: paid and unpaid work, agricultural and rural statistics, education and information technologies, health, violence against women, participation in decision-making and migration - Meeting with the focus points of the member countries of the working group - Participation of working groups of the Statistical Conference in the sessions - The organizing institutions recognized and 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, and of working to improve evidence geared towards women's empowerment and substantive equality 	<p>All the documentation relating to the fifteenth meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://www.inegi.org.mx/ eventos/2014/Encuentro_genero2014/presentacion.aspx</p>
			<p>Sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics: statistical challenges towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda</p>	<p>All the documentation relating to the sixteenth meeting is available at [online] [Spanish only]: http://www.inegi.org.mx/eventos/2015/genero/presentacion.aspx</p>

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		9-11 September 2015	<p>Twenty-four countries participated in the meeting (Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, United States and Uruguay), nine Mexican states (Aguascalientes, Coahuila, Durango, Guanajuato, Jalisco, Hidalgo, Mexico City, Morelos and Zacatecas) and 198 people (168 women and 30 men) attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Themes: from the Beijing Platform to the 2030 Agenda, the inclusion of gender indicators in the framework of the sustainable development goals, progress and challenges in the measurement of poverty, time use and unpaid work, employment and social protection, women's access to technological, productive and financial resources, health statistics, participation of women in decision-making and statistics on violence against women - The organizing institutions hailed the strategic partnerships that had strengthened gender statistics projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. They also recognized the working group's inter-agency efforts, and discussed the matter of reviewing the sustainable development goals and mainstreaming a gender perspective in statistics in order to fulfil the commitments undertaken with regard to gender equality for sustainable development, peace and international security 	

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			<p>The working group met during the sixteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics to analyse CAUTAL 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training and technical assistance to tackle the lack of transparency at national statistical offices with regard to mainstreaming a gender perspective in statistics and dialogue with the users of information <p>Seventeenth International Meeting on Gender Statistic: date decided. The meeting will be held on 7-9 September 2016.</p> <p>Technical assistance:</p> <p>The working group members, ECLAC and UN-Women provided technical assistance to Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Peru and Uruguay on time-use surveys, gender indicators and statistics on violence against women</p>	
			<p>The Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC provided technical assistance to Paraguay for conducting its national time-use survey and its methodology, to El Salvador on the economic valuation of unpaid household work, to Guatemala for preparing a manual on the economic valuation of unpaid household work, and to Chile for holding a national time-use survey, validating data, preparing a tabulations plan and disseminating the results.</p>	
			<p>UN-Women: a mission from Cuba was received in the Panama offices, regarding the integration of time use into the gender survey to be conducted by Cuba's NSO and the Federation of Cuban Women in December 2015.</p>	

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<p>South-South Cooperation:</p> <p>Chile worked with Paraguay on matters relating to instruments and methodology for compiling information on time use.</p> <p>Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico responded to enquiries from the NSO of Chile regarding the treatment of simultaneous activities, the construction of aggregate indicators and the reference period for presentation of results.</p>	<p>Ecuador, Guatemala and Mexico took part in discussions about the valuation of unpaid work, as a complement to the exercise carried out by El Salvador.</p>	<p>Training:</p>	<p>The Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC delivered eight distance learning courses:</p>	<p>2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (fourth edition) (1 April to 24 May 2014) - Public policies on care (7 October to 28 November 2014) - Measurement of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean (20 October to 12 December 2014)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (fifth edition) (30 March to 29 May 2015) <p>http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/estadisticas-e-indicadores-de-genero-introduccion [Spanish only]</p>		<p>2015</p>		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Time-use surveys (third edition) (8 April to 16 June 2015). http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/encuestas-sobre-uso-del-tiempo-eut [Spanish only] - Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (sixth edition (7 June to 7 August 2015) http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/estadisticas-e-indicadores-de-genero-introduccion-vi-version [Spanish only] - Measurement of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean (second edition) (13 August to 13 October 2015) http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/lam-edicion-de-la-violencia-contra-las-mujeres-en-america-latina-y-el-caribe-ii-version [Spanish only] 	
Systematically interconnect the work done in the region	UN-Women, the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC and INEGI	December 2013 to November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistics and gender indicators: an introduction (seventh edition) (8 April to 20 June 2016) http://www.cepal.org/es/cursos/estadisticas-indicadores-genero-introduccion-vii-version [Spanish only] 	<p>The fifth Global Forum on Gender Statistics was held in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on 3-5 November 2014. It was organized by INEGI and the United Nations Statistics Division</p> <p>This event preceded the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, and therefore enjoyed a similar level of participation. In attendance were 18 countries (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala,</p>

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			<p>Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia, United States and Uruguay) and 228 people (172 women and 56 men). In total, 44 women and 10 men participated as speakers or moderators</p> <p>ECLAC and two member countries of the working group (Mexico and Brazil) participated in the ninth meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics, held in Bangkok in October 2015, to discuss the indicators for Sustainable Development Goal 5. These will be presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2016</p>	

12. WORKING GROUP ON HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Perform an assessment of the status of integrated household survey systems in member countries	Prepare a report on the basis of the self-assessment form for measuring the conceptual structure of the integrated household survey system	National Statistics and Census Institute (INEC) of Ecuador	December 2013 to March 2014	To help analyse the current situation of national statistical offices in the region, the working group agreed that the countries would draw up an assessment of the conceptual framework, administration and construction of the integrated household survey system. The purpose of the study is to evaluate progress in the design and implementation of integrated household survey systems in national statistical offices.	Document available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/EH_Informe_SIEH.docx
Keep up the level of interaction in the working group's e-forum	Continue to add member countries' technical documents to the group's virtual library Continue to encourage working group members to participate in the online forum	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Peru, plus ECLAC and ILO.	December 2013 to November 2015	The most salient outcomes were described in the document, "Principales resultados sobre el formulario de autoaplicación para medición de la estructura conceptual del sistema integrado de encuestas de hogares". The working group's virtual library contains documents on: (i) the status of employment and income surveys; (ii) integrated household survey systems; (iii) challenges for improving the measurement of the workforce; (iv) challenges for improving the measurement of income (v) longitudinal surveys	Documents are available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/2.1.rar
Make progress on the methodology for devising the master sample of the integrated household survey system	Gather information from each member country on generating units of the frame, stratification of the frame, and constructing and continuously updating the master sample	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador and Mexico, plus ECLAC	December 2013 to November 2014	Available information on the creation of the integrated household survey system, especially the sampling frame of each country	Documents are available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/Sistemas Integrados de Encuestas a Hogares.rar

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
	Organize a regional workshop to exchange experiences relating to the construction of Ecuador's integrated household survey system	Workshop organized jointly by ECLAC, ILO and INEC of Ecuador and held from 14 to 16 October 2015, for the national statistical offices of the region on the implementation of cross-sectional and longitudinal household surveys		The event was attended by most of the countries of the region: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Information was shared on the status of various issues and specific lines of work were established for the working group	Documents are available at [online]: http://www.cepal.org/es/ventos/taller-regional-encuestas-hogares-america-latina-estado-situacion-prospectiva
	Prepare a report on the main elements for generating a master sample				
Improve the use of methodologies for generating longitudinal and cross-sectional estimators from continuous survey data	Gather information on panel surveys in the member countries	Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru, plus ECLAC and ILO	December 2014 to November 2015	Available information on the design and use of longitudinal surveys in the context of the integrated household survey system of each country	Documents are available at [online]: http://200.110.88.56:8080/seguimientoCEA-war/archivosProductosGrupos/12_EH/Encuestas-longitudinales.rar
	Organize a regional workshop to share experiences on cross-sectional and longitudinal estimators based on continuous surveys	Workshop organized jointly by ECLAC, ILO and INEC of Ecuador and held from 14 to 16 October 2015, for the national statistical offices of the region, on the implementation of cross-sectional and longitudinal household surveys		The event was attended by most of the countries of the region: Bolivian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Information was shared on the status of various issues and specific lines of work were established for the working group	Documents are available at [online]: http://www.cepal.org/es/ventos/taller-regional-encuestas-hogares-america-latina-estado-situacion-prospectiva

13. WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS ON CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Draft the working group's annual plan	Hold meetings to agree on activities and tasks	Member countries of the working group: Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Paraguay	December 2013 to July 2014	An annual plan for 2016-2017 was completed and validated by the members of the working group.	
	Submit the annual plan to the Executive Committee of Conference			The annual plan for 2016-2017 was sent to the Executive Committee for adoption.	
Detect information gaps with a view to establishing indicators on childhood and adolescence in SCA countries	Send countries the document "Analysis of regional information gaps" prepared on the basis of the annual UNICEF report, <i>The State of the World's Children</i> , so that they may express an opinion on the subject Compile countries' views Organize a webinar for the region's statistical institutes to explain the objectives of the exercise and the potential benefits Prepare an assessment of the statistical situation concerning indicators on childhood and adolescence, which provides suggestions or outlines the steps to be taken and how these should be prioritized in order to solve the problems encountered		August 2014 to November 2014	The document was widely shared among the members of the working groups. Completed A meeting was held in Panama on 11-12 November 2015 to report on the progress of the working group.	At this meeting members will share experiences on how to make the most of opportunities created by new technology Regional workshops have been held to promote gathering disaggregated data on children

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Detect problems in respect of harmonizing indicators on childhood and adolescence among SCA member countries	Manage support from UNICEF offices in the region to follow up with statistical institutes		December 2013 to November 2014	The group performed an analysis of the main gaps in information on fulfilment of children's rights	UNICEF offices in the region are working with the group
Create a template to record possible discrepancies in key indicators for monitoring the rights of children and adolescents	Create a template to record possible discrepancies in key indicators for monitoring the rights of children and adolescents			A template with 76 indicators has been completed	
Discuss the content of the template with the member countries of the working group, and invite them to make suggestions for improvement	Discuss the content of the template with the member countries of the working group, and invite them to make suggestions for improvement			The content was duly discussed	
Validate the indicators suggested for monitoring issues of childhood and adolescence	Validate the indicators suggested for monitoring issues of childhood and adolescence			Completed	
Follow up by videoconference	Follow up by videoconference			The content of the exercise was discussed at the meeting held in Panama in November 2015 and by e-mail	
Prepare a report analysing the harmonization issues and the action that could be taken, together with guidelines for the harmonization process	Prepare a report analysing the harmonization issues and the action that could be taken, together with guidelines for the harmonization process			The analysis is under way and will be completed by end-June	
Hold a workshop to decide on strategy and begin taking action to harmonize statistics on childhood and adolescence	Hold a workshop to decide on strategy and begin taking action to harmonize statistics on childhood and adolescence			UNICEF organized a workshop on the collection of information on childhood in Panama in October 2014, attended by NSOs from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Guyana	

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Disseminate information on indicators on childhood and adolescence	Give countries access to the first version of the application for consulting indicators on childhood and adolescence Agree on a methodology for periodically updating the indicators Update the indicators periodically		August 2014 to November 2014	Available on the Internet at http://estadisticas.contraloria.gob.pa/dicea/libraries/asp/Home.aspx	
Implement strategy lines for harmonizing statistics on childhood and adolescence	Hold video conferences, workshops and virtual meetings Strategic planning meeting		December 2014 to November 2015	Indicators updated according to the latest version of the publication by UNICEF <i>The State of the World's Children</i> A report was prepared on progress made by the group since its establishment. The group also established strategic priorities were agreed and developed a joint plan for the next period.	

14. WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS ON PUBLIC SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Propose a generic statistical system on crime and criminal justice with pillars defined for each component	Develop a concept paper for a statistical system on crime and criminal justice Develop a draft of the generic statistical system on crime and criminal justice	All member countries of the working group contributed to the creation of the document	December 2013 to November 2014		Activity concluded
Conduct an assessment of the status of crime and criminal justice statistics in the region's countries using a survey	Prepare a survey Administer the survey Send, receive and process the information received	Data from 11 countries have been received to date	December 2013 to November 2015		Two requests were made relating to the assessment and the deadline for sending data, which was 20 October 2015. A final request will be made for participants to send any remaining data
Generate recommendations for recording official data at each stage of the legal process	Prepare and circulate a draft Prepare a final version of the document		April 2014 to November 2015		The preparation of this document is subject to the outcomes of the assessment carried out under activity 2. This activity will have to be considered in the new programme of work
Participate in the design of training courses on data use and analysis and georeferencing	Identify available resources Review bibliography Assemble the group that will be responsible Develop the course		December 2013 to November 2015	This activity will be postponed until after the publication of the recommendations for improving administrative records, since it is linked to generation and analysis of data deriving from that document	This activity will be postponed until after the publication of the recommendations for improving administrative records, since it is linked to generation and analysis of data deriving from that document. This activity will have to be considered in the new programme of work

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Promote the inclusion and generation of statistical information on crime and criminal justice in national statistics programmes	Promote the inclusion of statistical information in international, regional and national forums International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics	Ongoing activity	December 2013 to November 2015		The products are loaded in the system
Foster inter-agency cooperation in the framework of statistical systems on crime and criminal justice	Promote and participate in inter-agency efforts to create statistical systems on crime and criminal justice	Ongoing activity	December 2013 to November 2015		Outputs are loaded onto the system
Share knowledge and strengthen the technical capacities of the national statistics offices in the framework of the Knowledge Transfer Network of the Americas of ECLAC	Disseminate materials, manuals, studies and methodology papers		December 2013 to November 2015	A draft was prepared to include members of the group in the Knowledge Transfer Network	Observations were captured in the system
Participate in the discussion 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	Attend meetings to discuss the data revolution in the framework of the new international initiative on improving the quality of statistics	From 26 to 28 November, Ecuador and Mexico attended a discussion on the indicators of the new post-2015 development agenda	December 2013 to November 2015	The United Nations Statistical Commission and the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC are responsible for convening the activity	
Conduct a methodology-concept test of the framework of international crime classification for statistical purposes, to be promoted by the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and coordinated in the region by the Centre of Excellence in Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice	Conduct the methodology test	Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru participated in the test	December 2013 to March 2015		The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at their respective sessions in 2015

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Collaborate on the preparation of a manual on international crime classification for statistical purposes	1 Send comments on the manual on international crime classification for statistical purposes		December 2013 to November 2015	Preparation 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, and was due to commence in the second half of 2015	The Spanish version of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes was circulated for comments on the translation by the member countries. The final version of the Classification will be uploaded in Spanish.
Promote the creation of crime classifications in each country in the framework of the statistical systems on crime and criminal justice	Promote the inclusion of statistical information in international, regional and national forums	Ecuador and Mexico participated	April 2015 to November 2015	The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes will be promoted once it is approved and training and other methodological tools are available	A preliminary meeting was held to discuss the implementation plan of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes
Participate in on-site and online training activities on victim surveys	Attend the regional meeting on victim surveys	Participation in online courses: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia:	December 2013 to March 2015		The following countries took part in the online course on victim surveys held on from 7 March to 10 May:

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
<p>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)</p>	<p>Select thematic areas Propose content Review papers and send comments Edit and publish thematic methodology papers</p>	<p>one participant National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico: four participants National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) of Peru: nine participants National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Uruguay: seven participants In face-to-face courses: Ecuador and Panama</p>	<p>December 2013 to November 2015</p>	<p>A methodological guide for victim surveys in the region will be prepared, with publication envisaged for October 2015</p>	<p>Dominican Republic (ONE): 1 participant Ecuador (INEC): 13 participants Colombia (DANE): 2 participants Panama (INEC): 2 participants Paraguay (DGEEC): 2 participants Plurinational State of Bolivia (INE): 2 participants</p>
<p>Prepare and present reports on the activities of the working group</p>	<p>Prepare annual reports</p>	<p>Technical secretariat of the working group</p>	<p>December 2013 to November 2015</p>	<p>The present report was prepared in compliance with this point</p>	<p>This requirement was met in due form and on time</p>

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Generate a new programme of work	Prepare programme of work Distribute draft Receive comments and adjust document Publish and send programme of work	The technical secretariat will develop a proposal for the discussion of the working group in the first quarter of 2016	December 2014 to November 2015	The technical secretariat will develop a proposal for the discussion of the working group in the first quarter of 2016	The new programme of work has been circulated among the members of the group and will be uploaded to the platform.

15. TASK FORCE ON QUANTIFICATION OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Period	Outcomes	Observations
Approve the first version of the task force's objectives and work programme	Presentation of the task force's objectives and work programme at the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC		August 2014 to November 2014	Objectives and work programme approved by the Executive Committee	
Adopt the task force's objectives and work programme	Virtual meeting of the task force (videoconference). Exchange of e-mails to validate comments on the objectives and work programme	Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru Participating entities – Statistical institutes – Entities responsible for coordinating international cooperation	August 2014 to November 2014	Objectives and work programme adopted by the members of the task force	
Prepare a glossary of statistical terms	Virtual forum for commenting on the draft glossary prepared by the coordinator of the task force Virtual meeting to discuss topics related to the glossary Panel session at face-to-face meeting to discuss and adopt the glossary	Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru Participating entities – Statistical institutes – Entities responsible for coordinating international cooperation	August 2014 to November 2014	It emerged from the discussions that the glossary of statistical terms relating to South-South cooperation goes beyond the task force's mandate A decision was taken to postpone further discussions until the face-to-face meeting in April 2015	
Define the elements of South-South cooperation that should be quantified in monetary terms	Panel session at face-to-face meeting to hold a first discussion on the elements that should be quantified in monetary terms. Discussion focusing on the measurement experiences of the member countries of the task force	Sixteen participants from: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and the technical secretariat (ECLAC) Participating entities – Statistical institutes – Entities responsible for coordinating international cooperation	April 2015 to July 2015	Face-to-face workshop in Bogotá, 28-30 April 2015 The first face-to-face workshop of the Task Force on Quantification of South-South Cooperation was held to discuss the development of a methodology to measure South-South cooperation	Commitments undertaken at the workshop: (i) Agreement reached to prepare minimum definitions. Argentina tasked with preparing them (ii) Argentina submitted the definitions, which were validated by the countries

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Period	Outcomes	Observations
Virtual forum to discuss the elements that should be quantified in monetary terms Virtual meeting to define the elements of South-South cooperation that should be quantified in monetary terms				<p>The main conclusions of the workshop were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) It is necessary to establish common definitions in order to standardize the measurement of South-South cooperation in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (ii) An annual report should be produced using standardized annual data (iii) Create a database on South-South cooperation (iv) Establish indicators for measuring South-South cooperation between the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and ensure the availability of official information from the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Define a standard measurement of expert-hours. Mexico (iv) Work ongoing with the delegation of Mexico to establish a standard measurement of expert-hours (v) Consolidate data-capture formats for measuring South-South cooperation. Colombia (vi) A list was consolidated of the different formats in which countries receive data and an analysis is being carried out. The findings will be shared with the countries in the coming months (vii) Define a standard unit for measuring grants. Colombia and ECLAC (viii) Work ongoing on the analysis and a progress report will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee
Define the basic common information on cooperation that the countries should have available	Panel session at face-to-face meeting to hold a first discussion on the basic common statistics on cooperation that the countries should have available				

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Period	Outcomes	Observations
<p>Virtual forum to discuss the basic common information on cooperation that the countries should have available</p> <p>Virtual meeting to define the basic common information on cooperation that the countries should have available</p>					
<p>Prepare a first draft of a methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms</p>	<p>Panel session at face-to-face meeting to hold a first discussion on the design of a methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms</p> <p>Prepare a document setting out the methodology for quantifying South-South cooperation in monetary terms</p>				
	<p>Virtual forum to discuss the first draft of the methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms</p>				
	<p>Virtual meeting to define the first draft of the methodology to quantify South-South cooperation in monetary terms</p>				

16. TASK FORCE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Prepare a work project proposal for the task force based on the agreements of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and the Review of the operational guidelines for the working groups		Task force and ECLAC	January to April 2016	Final document submitted to the Chair and the secretariat of the Conference on the established dates	
Select one or several technical secretaries within the task force	WHO and PAHO were officially invited to participate in the capacity of technical secretariats of the task force and the group's materials were shared with them.	Task Force Coordinators	February 2016	WHO and PAHO invited the coordinator of the workshop on model disability survey in Panama to an informal meeting at which they indicated that they could not serve as technical secretariats of the task force	
	A meeting was held with the UNICEF office in Mexico to introduce the agency to the group's projects and invite them to serve as technical secretariat of the task force	Task Force Coordinators and the Department of International Affairs of INEGI	April 2016	UNICEF Mexico expressed interest in the themes of the task force and will review the materials in order to respond to the request	
	Contact was made with the UNFPA office in Costa Rica to introduce the agency to the group's projects	Representative of the focus group in Costa Rica	April 2016	The agenda of the first workshop scheduled for September 2016 was shared with UNFPA and a meeting is to be held to clarify points regarding the agency's possible participation; UNFPA will explore this possibility with its regional office	
Compile a directory of those in charge of producing statistics on disability in the region	Draw up a list of participants in regional workshops (those in charge of producing statistical information on disability, including statistical offices and other Ministries)	Task Force Coordinators	November 2015 to April 2016	A document was compiled with information on the parties responsible for the production of statistical information on disability in the 17 countries that responded to the request sent by the task force: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia (Plurinational State of),	No responses were received from 15 of the countries requested to provide information: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua,

Activities	Related actions	Participants	Implementation period	Outcomes	Remarks
Explore possible sources of financing for the task force's activities	Review the conditions for financing set by international bodies such as the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Task Force Coordinators	January to April 2016	Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay y Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Paraguay
Prepare a preliminary budget for the first regional seminar-workshop on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health and its application to the collection and analysis of data on disability, and seek financing	Several estimates were requested, considering only the 17 countries that replied to the request for information	Task Force and ECLAC	January to March 2016	The requirements for accessing financing established by the World Bank and IDB were identified Once the budget was prepared, contact was made with a number of Mexican institutions to seek their support	The Task Force is awaiting responses from possible sources of financing that have shown interest in supporting its activities.
Organization of the first regional seminar-workshop on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health and its application to the collection and analysis of data on disability	The agenda was adjusted by consensus with the Task Force Practical, logistical and administrative arrangements for the meeting	Task Force and ECLAC Task Force Coordinators, ECLAC and the Department of International Affairs of INEGI	January to April 2016 March to April 2016	Agenda agreed upon and translated into English, invitations to be sent to speakers shortly, practical arrangements in hand and facilities for the physical venue still under consideration	