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REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS

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1.   Coordinating country: Mexico

2.   Member countries: Bahamas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama and Suriname

3.   Technical Secretariat and advisory agency
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

4.   Programme of work for 2012-2013

(a)   Objectives

To promote the development of relevant statistics on natural resources and the environment and their integration into the national statistical systems of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

To define strategies for implementation at the national level.

(b)   Main activities proposed for the period 2012-2013

Expected outcomes and deliverables	Unit of measurement	Baseline		Year 1 (2013)	Expected date of completion	Source
		Value	Year	Planned		
Prepare self-assessment tool	Number of tools	0	2011	1	31/12/2012	Monitoring and supervision reports
Prepare regional assessment report	Document	0	2011	1	31/12/2013	Monitoring and supervision reports
Promote coordination at the national level between institutional actors on environmental statistics, indicators and accounts	Toolkit	0	2008		31/12/2012	Monitoring and supervision reports
Design a toolkit						

(c)   Expected outcomes from the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (November 2013)

(i)   Legal review of the agreement between Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for execution of the regional public goods project Development and strengthening of official environmental statistics by creating a regional framework in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(ii)   Set up and operationalize the project's governing bodies, namely the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee, and commence project execution.

(iii)   Consolidate synergies between the Working Group on Environmental Indicators coordinated by UNEP and the Working Group on Environmental Statistics of SCA-ECLAC.

5. Progress to date

Officials at IDB are preparing the draft agreement for submission to and review by INEGI, with the specific elements of a standard document.

INEGI is conducting the legal review.

INEGI, which will act as the executing agency, has asked the members of the Working Group to designate representatives of the institutions that will comprise the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee for the project.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Suriname	General Bureau of Statistics		
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