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**REPORT ON THE 2010 WORLD PROGRAMME ON POPULATION AND  
HOUSING CENSUSES \***

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In connection with the 2010 round of censuses, the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) requested the Executive Committee to adopt measures to promote the implementation in the countries of the region of resolution 38/102 of the United Nations Statistical Commission, especially in relation to: beginning the implementation of the second revision of *Principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses* (E/CN.3/2007/3) in the countries; requesting the United Nations Statistics Division and other international bodies to increase their technical assistance to national statistical offices in order to strengthen national capacity for the implementation of the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses.

The Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC, in its capacity as secretariat for the Working Group on Censuses, has provided technical assistance to the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Chile, the country leading this Working Group, with a view, among other things, to coordinating the group's programmed activities more closely with those of other organizations.

As part of the preparatory activities for the censuses of the 2010 round, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), with support from the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference and CELADE, organized the Workshop on Preparatory Activities, Analysis and Exchange of Experiences for the Successful Implementation of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in Latin America and the Caribbean (Panama, 17-21 September 2007). The objectives of this workshop were as follows:

1. To review the implementation of the 2000 round of population and housing censuses and share relevant information, including advocacy strategies for the successful implementation of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in Latin America and the Caribbean;
2. To share information among countries on tools and software available for population and housing census data collection, processing and analysis;
3. To discuss the importance of population and housing censuses and of using the data thus obtained to assess emerging issues and for evidence-based policymaking;
4. To promote collaboration between countries and international organizations for the preparation of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses.

This workshop was attended by some 130 experts in census issues from practically all of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and served as a follow-up to the meeting of the Working Group on Censuses, which had been held in June 2007 in Santiago, Chile.

In September, UNFPA and CELADE conducted a joint mission to El Salvador to evaluate the initial results available (four departments) for the population census taken in May 2007. This technical assistance will be continued from abroad until the database is complete, at which point a final evaluation will be made.

CELADE continued to provide technical advice to various countries in the region in the second half of 2007 with training in the use of the REDATAM software (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer) to promote access to, and analysis of, the census databases.

CELADE also provided assistance to the National Statistics and Census Institute (INEC) and the Council for the Development of Ecuadorian Nationalities and Peoples (CODENPE) (workshop on statistics relating to indigenous people and Afro-descendants, Quito, 25 and 26 October) in order to sensitize technical staff of national bodies to the importance of disaggregating the information from different data sources, in particular the census, by ethnic group; provide examples of relevant experience in the region in the area of statistical disaggregation by ethnic group; and put forward recommendations for a plan for the preparation of technical staff of the above-mentioned institutions with a view to the 2011 census.

CELADE participated in a meeting of the Consultative Group of Indigenous Leaders of UNICEF (Quito, 5 and 6 November 2007), designed to identify the progress achieved and challenges arising from the adoption by the General Assembly on 13 September 2007 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. A series of recommendations was formulated for the agencies and bodies in the United Nations system including one for the production and analysis of relevant information to be undertaken with the participation of indigenous persons. It was specifically agreed that CELADE, UNICEF and UNFPA would organize a technical meeting in 2008 on ethnic identification in the censuses of the 2010 round.

In November, a meeting will be held with the United Nations Statistics Division to coordinate activities to be carried out in the region over the next two years in relation to the censuses of the 2010 round. In addition, in conjunction with UNFPA, consideration will be given to the possibility of providing the necessary human resource training over the coming years for the preparation and analysis of the population censuses.

In December 2007, CELADE will provide technical assistance to Nicaragua to enable it to hold a training workshop, through the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast, on the use of REDATAM for the production of census information and on the analysis of census data as an input for public policies.

Furthermore, CELADE will update the systems of indicators based on census data as well as those developed in follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Assembly on Ageing and the System of Sociodemographic Indicators for Indigenous Peoples and Populations (SISPPI).

The issue of the 2010 round of censuses will also be a topic for discussion at the regional meeting of the Andean Institution for Population Studies (Colombia, 9-11 July 2008) and the third Congress of the Latin American Population Association (Córdoba, Argentina, October 2008).

During the second half of 2008, CELADE will organize a meeting of experts to examine emerging issues for the population censuses of the 2010 round, including the ethnic issue, international migration and disabled persons.

Lastly, CELADE will convert its existing website on the 2000 round of censuses into a portal for those of the 2010 round and will include links to other relevant national and international sites.