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Eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Virtual meeting, 23–25 November 2021

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is a subsidiary body of the Commission established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7, in which the Conference was entrusted with the following mandates, among others: to promote the development and improvement of national statistics and work to ensure that they are comparable internationally, bearing in mind the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations; to promote international, regional and bilateral cooperation among national offices and international and regional agencies; and to draw up a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources.

The 2020–2021 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC is framed within the Strategic Plan 2015–2025, which established as the pillars of action of the Conference the achievement of more robust institutions and a stronger governing role for national statistical offices; the development of human resources and statistical production in order to ensure quality; and regional and international coordination and cooperation for the development of official statistics in the region.

Chair

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

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Presentation and discussion of substantive issues.
 - (a) Progress and challenges relating to the strengthening of statistical institutions.
 - (b) Regional perspectives on new methodologies and data sources.
3. Outcomes of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 - (a) Proposals for the creation of working groups for the 2022–2023 biennium.
 - (b) Horizontal cooperation through the Knowledge Transfer Network.

5. Other matters.
6. Consideration and adoption of resolutions.
7. Election of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas for the period 2022–2023.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

The Committee will have before it the provisional agenda for adoption or amendment.¹

2. Presentation and discussion of substantive issues.

- (a) Progress and challenges relating to the strengthening of statistical institutions.
- (b) Regional perspectives on new methodologies and data sources.

Two important themes for regional statistical development will be addressed in seminars, in line with the Strategic Plan 2015–2025. The first concerns the progress and challenges in the region relating to the modernization of national statistical legislation and advancement towards strengthening of national statistical systems. In addition to the adoption by the Conference of the Generic Law on Official Statistics for Latin America in November 2019, several countries have taken action to provide a more adequate legal framework for the production of official statistics. These experiences are a useful reference for the discussion of various issues, such as the organization of national statistical systems, access to administrative records and other third-party data sources, statistical confidentiality and quality assurance, among others.

The second seminar will address the sharing of experiences and criteria regarding the use of new methodologies and new data sources for statistical production, following up on the issues raised at the High-level seminar on integrating non-traditional data sources into national statistical systems, held in 2018 in the context of the seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference. The seminar will take into consideration recent advances in the region in the statistical use and integration of new data sources, along with capacity-building experiences and needs, with specific reference to the outcomes of the United Nations World Data Forum, hosted virtually in October 2021 in Bern.

3. Outcomes of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020-2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

At its tenth meeting, the Statistical Conference of the Americas adopted the biennial programme of regional and international activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which included the workplans of the working groups functioning during the biennium. Under this agenda item, the outcomes of these working groups will be reviewed, and the summaries of outputs that constitute standards or recommendations for application at the regional level will be submitted to the Conference for adoption, bearing in mind that the complete

¹ LC/CEA.11/1.

versions will have already been reviewed and commented on beforehand as part of a regional consultation process. Once the summaries are adopted, the complete documents will be edited and translated, then published in 2022. The activities carried out by the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean will also be presented.

In addition, guidelines for gender mainstreaming in the working groups will be presented for adoption by the Conference, in compliance with the resolutions of the tenth meeting of the Conference.

Working documents:

- Report on the outcomes of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.11/3)
- Methodological guide on time-use measurements in Latin America and the Caribbean (Summary) (LC/CEA.11/4)
- Methodological document on statistical use of economic administrative records (Summary) (LC/CEA.11/5)
- Protocol for the collection and dissemination of data from studies involving children and adolescents (Summary) (LC/CEA.11/6)
- Framework of reference for security and criminal justice statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (Summary) (LC/CEA.11/7)
- Guide for the implementation of a quality assurance framework for statistical processes and outputs (Summary) (LC/CEA.11/8)
- Guidelines for gender mainstreaming in the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (LC/CEA.11/9)
- Guidelines for the formation and functioning of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (2022–2023 biennium) (LC/CEA.11/10)
- Report on the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.11/12)
- Terms of reference of the advisory group on gender mainstreaming of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (LC/CEA.11/13)

Reference documents:

- Strategic Plan, 2015–2025 (LC/L.4070(CEA.8/4))
- Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.10.7)
- General guidelines for census data capture: a review of data capture methods with a view to the 2020 census round (LC/CEA.11/DDR/1)
- Institutional and methodological recommendations for the measurement of disaster-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (LC/CEA.11/DDR/2)
- Recommendations for generating environmental statistics and indicators with geospatial information and non-conventional sources (LC/CEA.11/DDR/3)

- Guide for the measurement of prices and volumes in the services sector (LC/CEA.11/DDR/4)
- Document of best practices for the adoption of the new international standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO) (LC/CEA.11/DDR/5)

4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

- (a) Proposals for the creation of working groups for the 2022–2023 biennium.
- (b) Horizontal cooperation through the Knowledge Transfer Network.

The Statistical Conference of the Americas is responsible for analysing and endorsing the outputs envisaged in the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, which will steer the work of the working groups in that period. Views and suggestions regarding the proposed activities will be shared. The Conference will also discuss other modalities of horizontal cooperation to be implemented through the Knowledge Transfer Network.

Working document:

- Proposal for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.11/11)

5. Other matters.

Under this agenda item, representatives will have the opportunity to discuss any matters of importance for the region not addressed under the preceding items.

6. Consideration and adoption of resolutions.

Under this item, the Conference will discuss and adopt the resolutions and agreements it deems appropriate.

7. Election of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas for the period 2022–2023.

In accordance with resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the Conference will elect an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair and six members, with particular regard to due representation of all the subregions. The Chair may not be re-elected for a second consecutive term, but shall be a member of the Committee for the period following their term as Chair, using one of the slots reserved for the subregion to which the country belongs. Any country which has served on the Committee for three successive terms may be elected again after two years have elapsed since the end of its last term of office. Subregional representation will be based on the four country groupings established following geographical and linguistic considerations.

Reference document:

- Criteria for the formation of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC as from 2020 (LC/CE.17/5/Rev.1)