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**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**



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INTRODUCTION

This document reports on the outcomes of the implementation 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.

According to the resolution adopted at the tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019), the working groups will focus on the preparation of a clearly defined final output.¹ The 11 working groups operating in the 2020–2021 biennium focused on the preparation of their respective documents that addressed the following themes: statistical quality, censuses, disasters, gender, children and adolescents, the environment, migration, administrative records, the services sector, security and criminal justice, and labour.

Of the total number of documents produced, six were defined as outputs that constitute standards or recommendations at the regional level. The summaries of five of these documents will be presented for adoption at the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.² (i) Quality assurance framework implementation guide for statistical processes and outputs; (ii) Methodological guide on time-use measurements in Latin America and the Caribbean; (iii) Protocol for the collection and dissemination of data from studies involving children and adolescents; (iv) Methodological document on statistical use of economic administrative records and (v) Framework of reference for security and criminal justice statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean. These documents were part of a regional review and consultation process in which all national statistical offices were given the opportunity to comment.

The activities carried out by the working groups in the 2020–2021 biennium to produce the agreed outputs are presented in detail below.

¹ Resolution 11(X), paragraph 14. See [online] <https://cea.cepal.org/10/sites/cea10/files/cea.10-resolution.pdf>.

² The document “Institutional and methodological recommendations for the measurement of disaster-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction” will be presented for adoption at the twenty-first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

I. QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR STATISTICAL PROCESSES AND OUTPUTS³

1. Objectives

General objective

To adopt and adapt for Latin America and the Caribbean the international recommendations of the United Nations, in order to implement a quality assurance framework for the production of official statistics in the region.

Specific objectives

- To prepare regional guidelines for the implementation of a quality assurance framework for the production of statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on the United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (UN NQAF Manual).
- To generate a questionnaire adapted to the regional context for self-assessment of implementation of the quality assurance framework for official statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To present the outcomes, opportunities and challenges regarding the implementation of the quality assurance framework.
- To share experiences on progress in implementing quality assurance methods, to enable the region to apply lessons learned to adapt the implementation of quality frameworks to the situation in each country.

2. Coordinating countries

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

³ The title of the document differs from the original version, owing to adjustments made by the working group.

3. Updated programme of work

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Translation into Spanish of the United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (UN NQAF Manual)	100	<p>A preliminary version of the translated and revised Spanish text has been circulated among the countries as of 1 January 2021.</p> <p>This version was sent to the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks of the United Nations Statistical Commission for publication.</p>
2	Review and comments by Latin American and Caribbean countries on the self-assessment checklist; receipt of recommendations for contextual adaptation	100	<p>In August 2020, the translation of the self-assessment checklist was sent to the countries of the region for review and feedback. On 28 September, a meeting was held with the Centre of Excellence for Statistical Information on Governance, Victims of Crime, Public Security and Justice (UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence) to share information on the regional quality assurance project and the progress made to date.</p>
3	Adaptation and adoption of the self-assessment checklist for statistical quality assurance, so that it will serve as a reference tool for the region	100	<p>In October and November 2020, the coordinating group reviewed and adapted the checklist for the region on the basis of the comments made by the countries in the review phase. A pilot test was also considered.</p> <p>The checklist was adapted by taking into consideration only the core elements of levels A and B; for the purpose of adoption, levels C and D, which focus on the quality management of statistical processes and products, were taken into account.</p> <p>It was determined that the elements and requirements of the self-assessment checklist for statistical quality assurance need be prioritized, as the checklist is very extensive and some of the requirements are not applicable to the regional context.</p>
4	Online joint review and discussion sessions with the countries on the adaptation of the self-assessment checklist and elements that it should or should not contain	100	<p>On 11 September 2020, a meeting was held with the countries of the region to discuss their review of the self-assessment checklist and to define the questions which required a response given the regional context.</p>
5	Pilot test of the self-assessment checklist for statistical quality assurance in some national statistical institutes in the region	100	<p>On 16 December 2020, a meeting was organized with the countries of the region to disseminate the adapted checklist and the instructions for conducting the pilot test. The test was carried out from 18 January–12 February 2021 and responses were received from six countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba and Ecuador.</p> <p>The progress made by the working group and the results of the pilot test were presented at a side event at the fifty-second session of the United Nations Statistical Commission on 9 February 2021.</p>
6	After the pilot test, hold joint sessions to review the results obtained and identify failings, needs and opportunities for improvement in the region	100	<p>The activity was completed successfully.</p>

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CENSUS DATA CAPTURE: A REVIEW OF DATA CAPTURE METHODS WITH A VIEW TO THE 2020 CENSUS ROUND⁴

1. Objectives

General objective

To prepare a document containing general guidelines for census data capture in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a view to preparation of the 2020 census round, and to promote coordination and cooperation between the countries of the region in this area.

Specific objectives

- To systematize the most relevant experiences in census data capture in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To support the adaptation of the United Nations recommendations on census data capture to the Latin American and Caribbean context.

2. Coordinating country

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

⁴ The title of the document differs from the original version, owing to adjustments made by the working group.

3. Updated programme of work⁵

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Preparation of annotated index	100	The activity was completed successfully.
2	Review of international recommendations	100	The Spanish translation of the <i>Guidelines on the use of electronic data collection technologies in population and housing censuses</i> ⁶ was the preferred reference document used.
3	Preparation of a model form for systematizing country experiences.	100	A standard form was prepared for the countries that shared their experience and was completed within the agreed time frame.
4	Hold virtual meetings for sharing and systematizing country experiences.	100	Following the preparation of the form, five virtual sessions were held: four webinars to address the use of mobile data capture devices and online self-registration (electronic census), and one session dedicated to optical character recognition. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Mexico participated.
5	Preparation of the draft	100	Completed. The last review by the coordinators of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC and INE of Chile is pending.
6	Review of the draft by the countries	50	The countries reviewed a preliminary draft; the review of the final version was scheduled for mid-September.
7	Preparation of the final draft following country reviews	-	The final document is expected to be submitted in the first week of November 2021.

⁵ The activities have been updated as of 3 September 2021, so some of them may still be unfinished or scheduled for completion before the end of the biennium.

⁶ United Nations, 2019.

III. INSTITUTIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF DISASTER-RELATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS AND THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION⁷

1. Objectives

General objective

To draft a framework document that facilitates the systematic and regular generation of statistical information on disaster risk and dangerous events, related to economic, social and environmental impacts, and based on best practice codes for the validation of data and information in official statistics, contributing to disaster risk management in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Specific objectives

- To produce a framework document related to disasters and disaster risk reduction, with input from national statistical offices, based on the implementation of statistical best practice codes, that promote the validation of data and information.
- To contribute to the definition or adaptation of highly important recommendations and to the development of metadata for disaster risk reduction-related indicators.
- To facilitate the integration of Latin American and Caribbean countries in global efforts to identify, disseminate and apply methodologies for measuring indicators and processing statistical data related to disaster risk management.

2. Coordinating countries

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

Peru: National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI)

3. Updated programme of work⁸

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	The working group organized meetings and participated in various regional and international webinars for the sharing of experiences as well as in other regional platforms.	95	Participation of the group in the first Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics Webinars carried out within the framework of the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECLAC damage and loss assessment (DaLA) methodology – target C of the Sendai Framework. • Measurement of indicator D5 (D6 and D7) according to the experience of the Dominican Republic; German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Government of the Dominican Republic.

⁷ The title of the document differs from the original version, owing to adjustments made by the working group.

⁸ The activities have been updated as of 3 September 2021, so some of them may still be unfinished or scheduled for completion before the end of the biennium.

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of instructors in the use of the Sendai Framework Monitor of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). • Use of geospatial information; DANE Colombia. • Presentation of the group at the first forum of experts for producers and users of disaster-related statistics. <p>Around the end of September 2021, a webinar was expected to be held on experiences in employing statistical tools for a better use of disaster risk reduction information in local governments, with INEC of Ecuador, and in November 2021, a webinar is expected to be held on statistical risk classifiers, with INE of Chile.</p>
	Regular and technical meetings of the group	90	Two meetings scheduled: a regular meeting on 23 September and a technical meeting in early October.
2	Preparation of a framework document setting out the role of national statistical offices and which includes case studies of inter-agency coordination mechanisms for the production of statistics on disasters and disaster risk reduction.	80	<p>The original version of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) was translated into Spanish and is being reviewed by INEGI, which is a member of the group preparing the report.</p> <p>Contextualization with related experiences and best practices was not carried out in the region.</p>
3	Production of a tool for the self-assessment of shortcomings in and the availability of variables on disasters and disaster risk reduction needed for the 38 global indicators of the Sendai Framework, including the five in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and making it available to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.	85	A matrix of institutional and methodological recommendations has been developed to allow an assessment and analysis of the information required for the measurement of the Sendai Framework indicators.
4	Development of a regional proposal for a statistical disaster classification, including socionatural and anthropogenic hazards.	90	The proposal, which is being developed by INE Chile, is in the final phase and is expected to be completed by November 2021.
5	Contribution to the definition or adaptation of recommendations of the utmost importance for the countries of the region and on the use of administrative records for the production of SDG and Sendai Framework indicators (especially those related to human losses and persons affected).	90	<p>Recommendations developed on target A of the Sendai Framework (number of deaths and missing persons attributed to disasters) in its final phase.</p> <p>Recommendations for coordination with public investment expected in November 2021.</p>
6	Final output: institutional and methodological recommendations for the measurement of disaster-related SDG indicators and the Sendai Framework.	80	Scheduled for 8 November 2021.

IV. METHODOLOGICAL GUIDE ON TIME-USE MEASUREMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

1. Objectives

General objective

To systematize experiences in the measurement of time use in Latin America and the Caribbean and to develop guidelines for the conduct of time-use surveys and the calculation of indicators on time use and unpaid work in the region.

Specific objectives

- To systematize the different methodologies used in the region to measure time use and unpaid work and to analyse the different approaches to time-use measurement.
- To examine the different time-use classifications used by the countries of the region and their links with the Classification of Time-Use Activities for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAUTAL), as a regional classifier, and the International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics.
- To determine a minimum list of activities to be included in time-use surveys so that the main time-use indicators are comparable, specifically SDG indicator 5.4.1.

2. Coordinating country

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

3. Updated programme of work⁹

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Annotated workplan and index	100	At the first meeting of the working group, held on 11 May 2020 by Webex, member countries approved the workplan proposed by the technical secretariat and divided into subgroups tasked with drafting the description of each chapter of the guide for the annotated index and subsequent preparation. The different working subgroups carried out the activities included in the plan. All countries in the working group participated actively until the final document was completed.
2	Chapter I. Time use from a gender perspective in Latin America and the Caribbean	100	Chapter presented to the group at a Webex meeting held on 10 August 2020. Comments and editing suggestions were included and the chapter has been finalized.

⁹ The activities have been updated as of 3 September 2021, so some of them may still be unfinished or scheduled for completion before the end of the biennium.

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
3	Chapter II. The state of the art of time-use measurements in Latin American and Caribbean countries	100	Work was done to systematize time-use measurements in the region, incorporating relevant updates in development. Subsequently, through the evaluation of the progress reports of the working group adopted at the twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (7–8 April 2021), the chapter—which originally corresponded to chapter IV—was moved as recommended by the Executive Committee. The countries reviewed and approved the chapter at a meeting on 18 May 2021.
4	Chapter III. Conceptual definitions	100	Chapter presented to the group at a Webex meeting held on 10 August 2020. Comments and editing suggestions were included and the chapter has been finalized.
5	Chapter IV. Methodological aspects of time-use surveys	100	<p>A first draft was discussed by the subgroup in charge of preparing it on 20 November 2020 and a second version incorporating the suggested changes was reviewed by the group on 9 April 2021. Comments and editing suggestions were included and the chapter has been finalized.</p> <p>Because of the implications of the coronavirus disease pandemic (COVID-19) with respect to unpaid work and statistical surveys, the group has decided to include in this chapter aspects to be considered for data collection in times of crisis. The countries also highlighted the importance of having this type of guideline on the occasion of the twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.</p>
6	Chapter V. Harmonized minimum list of activities for the measurement of time use: a tool for advancement towards international comparability	100	A first draft was discussed by the group on 20 November 2020 by Webex, and a second version was prepared which incorporated the various comments and suggestions. The chapter, which is now finalized and includes a standard time-use questionnaire for Latin America and the Caribbean, was presented to the group on 23 June 2021.
7	Chapter VI. Time-use information for public policy: experiences and challenges	100	The working subgroup, made up of three national machineries for the advancement of women (El Salvador, Mexico and Uruguay), had input from the member countries of the group and from the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC and UN-Women. The chapter was presented to the group at a virtual meeting on 13 July 2021. Comments and editing suggestions were included and the chapter has been finalized.
8	Glossary	100	As the drafting of the guide advanced, important concepts from each chapter were included in the glossary. It is included in the final document.
9	Translation of the guide into English	100	The entire guide has been translated into English to be sent to English-speaking member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
10	Final document: Methodological guide on time-use measurements in Latin America and the Caribbean, that sets out principles or recommendations of broad scope, to become a regional standard to be adopted at the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, and that was previously endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Conference	100	On 10 August 2021, the methodological guide was sent to national statistical offices in the region for review and approval, along with a review form with specific questions and space for comments. This document was sent in Spanish and English.
11	Twenty-first international meeting on gender statistics on the theme of challenges for the generation and use of gender statistics in context of COVID-19	100	Additional group activity. Series of four webinars held on 3, 10 and 14 September and 1 October 2020. Activity completed.
12	Eighteenth international meeting of experts on time-use and unpaid work statistics	100	Additional working group activity carried out on 20 November 2020 through a high-level panel. Activity completed.
13	Twenty-second international meeting on gender statistics	-	Additional group activity. To be held virtually, from 26–28 October 2021. In the preparation phase.
14	Nineteenth international meeting of experts on time-use and unpaid work statistics	-	Additional group activity. It will be held in November (day to be confirmed) as a side event of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas. In the preparation phase.

V. PROTOCOL FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF DATA FROM STUDIES INVOLVING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

1. Objectives

General objective

To improve the capacities of national statistical offices to address the ethical challenges related to the collection and dissemination of survey data gathered from children and adolescents.

Specific objectives

- To carry out an assessment of the current ethical practices that the countries of the region use to collect and disseminate survey data gathered from children and adolescents.
- To develop a protocol that takes into account international and regional best practices, as well as the regional context, the capacities of national statistical offices and the characteristics and needs of different age groups.
- To organize a workshop to discuss and reach a consensus on the protocol.
- To produce a protocol document, approved by the countries, as a guide for conducting research and statistical work with children and adolescents in the region.

2. Coordinating countries

El Salvador: Department of Statistics and Censuses (DIGESTYC)

Panama: National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC)

3. Updated programme of work¹⁰

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Workplan	100	The activity was completed successfully.
2	Assessment of the ethics of laws, standards and practices related to the collection of information on children and adolescents as study participants in Latin America and the Caribbean.	100	All member countries of the group reviewed the assessment. Comments were also received from other countries in the region (Argentina, Costa Rica and Mexico), and from an ethics expert. The assessment was also discussed during a workshop held in the second quarter of 2021.
3	Protocol for the collection and dissemination of data from studies involving children and adolescents – first draft	100	The protocol received comments from all countries in the group, and from other countries in the region (Argentina, Costa Rica and Mexico). As with the assessment, the protocol was reviewed by an ethics expert. Comments from the secretariat of the Statistical Conference of the Americas were also addressed. Finally, the protocol was reviewed by the gender team of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to ensure that it complied with the desired gender approach.
4	Workshop for presentation and feedback	100	The workshop was held on 5 May 2021. Nine countries of the group participated and those that were unable to participate sent written comments. Feedback from the workshop was incorporated into the current version of the output.
5	Incorporation of final comments	-	Once the final comments, which are currently pending, have been received, they will be incorporated into the document.

¹⁰ The activities have been updated as of 3 September 2021, so some of them may still be unfinished or scheduled for completion before the end of the biennium.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERATING ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS AND INDICATORS WITH GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION AND NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES

1. Objectives

General objective

To produce a document of recommendations for generating environmental statistics and indicators for the SDGs, based on the integration of non-conventional sources and the use of Earth observations that enable the countries of the region to create new methodologies or improve existing ones.

Specific objectives

- To develop conceptual definitions and recommendations based on the countries' best practices and methodological lines to adapt them within the region.
- To identify capacities and areas of opportunity for using Earth observations and non-conventional sources in the region's methodologies.
- To design strategic action guidelines and recommendations to further the generation of environmental statistics and indicators in the countries of the region, based on the integration of non-conventional sources and the use of Earth observations.

2. Coordinating country

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

3. Updated programme of work¹¹

No.	Topic	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks	
1	Strategy for the preparation of the document	Definition of objectives	100	Successfully completed	
2		Background	100		
3		Scope	100		
4		Timeline	100		
5		Follow-up and control (records)	100		
6	Assessment of availability of geospatial information and use of non-conventional sources in the countries of the region	Identification of concepts and definitions	100	Successfully completed	
7		Design of the diagnostic survey	100		
8		Automation of the questionnaire	100		
9		Preparation of instructions for completing survey	100		
10		Definition of validation criteria	100		
11		Pilot test (concept testing)	100		
12		Training	100		
13		Data gathering via the diagnostic survey	100		
14		Analysis and validation of data in the questionnaires	100		
15	Workshops for development of statistics from geospatial information and non-conventional sources	Redesign of the workshops	100	Presentation scheduled for September 2021	
16		Presentation of results of the diagnostic survey	80		
17		Assessment of results in relation to project objectives	80		Pending
18		Selection of environmental indicators or statistics	80		Pending
19		Definition of the calculation methodology	80		Pending
20	Methodology for calculation or production of environmental statistical series	Preparation of a document of recommendations for the use of georeferenced environmental registers	80	Scheduled for September 2021	
21		Consultation of the countries	80		In process
22		Presentation of the document to the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	-	To be submitted in November 2021	
23		Dissemination of the final document	-	Scheduled for November 2021	

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VII. ASSESSMENT OF THE CAPACITIES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND BEST PRACTICES TO MEASURE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

1. Objectives

General objective

To identify the capacities of national statistical systems in the region to classify and georeference migratory movements at the international level.

Specific objectives

- To identify the capacities of national statistical systems in the region to estimate the size of and classify the migrant population, conditions of vulnerability, infrastructure in place to care for them and migratory crossing points and routes.
- To identify statistical information sources (censuses, surveys, administrative records, as well as experimental big data projects or non-conventional sources) and production processes, and the means of access to and exchange of specific data to measure migratory flows and the socioeconomic characteristics of the migrant population.
- To highlight the need to include the size of the migrant population in the calibration of expansion factors in social surveys.

2. Coordinating countries

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

3. Updated programme of work¹²

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Chapter I. Priority initiatives, methodological resources and dissemination platforms in Latin America and the Caribbean Coordination: Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC and Mexico	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaires from UNICEF, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN-Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are being processed. These questionnaires have identified specific surveys that seek to characterize migrants and to determine their characteristics when they arrive in another country, to determine the prevailing conditions in the sites that provide assistance and to assess migration information systems (this includes gender-based violence). • Awaiting completed questionnaires from: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and International Labour Organization (ILO). • The chapter is expected to be ready by the end of October 2021.
2	Chapter II: Assessment of national capacity for the production of data on international migration and main recommendations to follow. Coordination: Mexico and Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC	85	<p>Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft version of Chapter II describes the main findings on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information requirements 2. Institutional coordination 3. Main sources of information 4. Data dissemination 5. Data exchange and so on. • Annexes with the reports of the 10 countries that participated in the survey. • Comments from Chile, Colombia and Peru were incorporated into the draft version. They will be sent to the focal points to validate the content with the rest of the institutions that participated. • Cuba, Costa Rica, Mexico and Paraguay are analysing the preliminary reports. • The draft reports of Argentina, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador are being finalized. They are expected to be ready by 10 September. • The chapter is expected to be ready by the end of October.

¹² The activities have been updated as of 3 September 2021, so some of them may still be unfinished or scheduled for completion before the end of the biennium.

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
3	Chapter III: Recommendations for the statistical use of administrative records to estimate and characterize international migratory movements Coordination: Colombia	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback to the United Nations Statistics Division • Comments on the questionnaire based on the survey carried out in the 10 countries were submitted. <p>Webinar - Best practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the findings of the assessments, CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC is organizing three webinars to disseminate best practices with a view to increasing the availability, quality and use of data in the design and management of public policies on international migration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar 1. Statistical systems and information requirements Date: 29 September 2021 • Webinar 2. Measuring international migration using administrative records Date: 21 October 2021 • Webinar 3. Important indicators in international migration Date: 25 November 2021 <hr/> <p>Identification of administrative records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the basis of the questionnaire sent to all member countries, it was established that access to the administrative register for border control would be limited. It is therefore suggested that the methodological document should be oriented towards the use of the register with a minimum of variables, such as entry or exit indicator, date of movement and a unique identifier for each person, which may or may not be anonymized. <p>Presentation of the methodology used in Colombia for the use of administrative records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the participation of all the countries of the region, the methodology used in Colombia for the estimation of international migration based on the administrative register for border control was presented. <p>Preparation of methodology proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The methodological document which proposes the statistical use of the administrative register for border control will be shared with the participating countries for feedback.

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
			<p>Integration of additional recommendations into the final document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting feedback on the methodological document from the other countries. <p>The work is expected to be completed in March 2022.¹³</p>
4	<p>Chapter IV: Methodological recommendations for the inclusion of information on the international migrant population in the calibration of expansion factors in household surveys</p> <p>Coordination: Chile</p>	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is in the development stage, during which methodological aspects of the design of expansion factors in household surveys and calibration of expansion factors are being considered. It will also address the migration context in the region in recent years. It will conclude with a case study on the use of auxiliary information on the foreign or immigrant population relating to the National Employment Survey in Chile entitled “Uso de información auxiliar sobre la población extranjera o inmigrante: el caso de la Encuesta Nacional de Empleo de Chile”. <p>The work is expected to be completed in November 2021.</p>

¹³ Exceptionally, the Executive Committee allowed the working group to continue its activities until March 2022, in order to satisfactorily deliver the agreed document in April 2022.

VIII. METHODOLOGICAL DOCUMENT ON STATISTICAL USE OF ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS¹⁴

1. Objectives

General objective

To develop a conceptual and methodological document on the use of administrative records to generate new and more timely economic statistics.

Specific objectives

- To develop conceptual and methodological definitions for generating statistics based on administrative records.
- To share best practices in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean related to the statistical use of administrative economic records.
- To share statistical tools and software that facilitate the statistical use of administrative records.
- To provide general guidelines to support the construction of an economic statistics infrastructure from administrative records.

2. Coordinating countries

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

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3. Updated programme of work¹⁵

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Formation of the working group	100	Countries involved in the preparation of the document: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Peru.
2	Identification of needs	100	Preparation of the first chapters on the conceptual framework.
3	Conceptual definitions of administrative records and other related concepts	100	Distribution of responsibilities and formation of two working subgroups. Review of the Generic Statistical Business Process Model by participating countries.
4	Identification of administrative records	100	Compilation, analysis and documentation of experiences and backgrounds of countries in the region.
5	Design of the conceptual and methodological document	100	Creation of content of methodological document.
6	Preparation of the conceptual and methodological document	100	Methodological document prepared, consolidated and reviewed by Colombia and Mexico.
7	Review of the document	100	Participating countries reviewed the document.
8	Review of the document by ECLAC	100	ECLAC reviewed the document.
9	Review of the document by ECLAC member countries	70	
10	Final changes to the document	-	They will be carried out in September and October 2021
11	Presentation of the final document	-	It will be presented at the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas in November 2021.

¹⁵ The activities have been updated as of 3 September 2021, so some of them may still be unfinished or scheduled for completion before the end of the biennium.

IX. GUIDE FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF PRICES AND VOLUMES IN THE SERVICES SECTOR

1. Objectives

General objective

To prepare a practical guide on conceptualization and measurement of prices and volumes in the services sector.

Specific objectives

- To identify and discuss experiences and best practices regarding the measurement of prices and volumes in the services sector.
- To document the recommendations and guidelines regarding the measurement of prices and volumes in the services sector.

2. Coordinating country

Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

3. Updated programme of work¹⁶

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Building of index	100	Proposed by DANE
2	Presentation of the table of contents and consensus on working strategies	100	Meeting held on 31 July 2020 with member countries of the working group and ECLAC.
3	Incorporation of changes to the index	100	Update and submission of the final index by the member countries of the working group.
4	Receipt of documents	95	The corrected document has yet to be adjusted and returned, following the comments made by Mexico.
5	Review of documents	100	Feedback to member countries.
6	Incorporation of gender mainstreaming	100	Included in the documents by member countries
7	Compilation of the draft document	95	In process.
8	Changes to the draft document	95	In process.
9	Final document	80	In process. The draft document has been sent. Awaiting final comments from member countries and the Statistical Conference of the Americas.

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X. FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR SECURITY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICAL SYSTEMS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN¹⁷

1. Objectives

General objective

To develop a manual to guide national efforts to generate statistical information on security and criminal justice in the countries of the region, within the framework of international standards in this area, in an effort to improve statistical project management capacities to measure crime and for the administration of criminal records.

Specific objectives

- To develop methodological guidelines for structuring, organizing and strengthening national statistical information systems on security and justice.
- To produce tools that support the development of statistical capacities to integrate ICCS into administrative records, and for the sample design of victimization and security surveys.
- To contribute to the generation of statistical information in the framework of monitoring the indicators associated with SDG 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, namely to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

2. Coordinating country

Mexico: National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

¹⁷ The title of the document differs from the original version, owing to adjustments made by the working group.

3. Updated programme of work

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Follow-up meetings of the working group (March 2020)	100	<p>The participants were:</p> <p>Brazil: Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)</p> <p>Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)</p> <p>Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)</p> <p>Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)</p> <p>Group coordinator: Mexico, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)</p> <p>Technical secretariat: Centre of Excellence for Statistical Information on Governance, Public Security, Victimization and Justice (UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence)</p>
2	Identification of best practices within the region	100	Twenty-five national and regional practices were identified.
3	Bilateral information-gathering calls	100	Bilateral calls took place with: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.
4	Preparation of the first draft of the manual for dissemination and feedback.	100	The activity was completed successfully.
5	Review of and response to recommendations and comments	100	In addition to the comments made by the members of the working group, the remarks made by the ECLAC Statistics Division were incorporated.
6	Preparation of the final draft of the manual for dissemination and feedback.	100	The activity was completed successfully.
7	Meeting to validate the content of the manual	100	<p>The participants were:</p> <p>Brazil: Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)</p> <p>Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)</p> <p>Colombia: National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)</p> <p>Peru: National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI)</p> <p>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Group coordinator: Mexico, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)</p> <p>Technical secretariat: Centre of Excellence for Statistical Information on Governance, Public Security, Victimization and Justice (UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence)</p>

XI. DOCUMENT OF BEST PRACTICES FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO)

1. Objectives

General objective

To advance in the statistical harmonization for the measurement of work relationship statistics, incorporating the best practices of the countries of the region.

Specific objectives

- To promote among countries the conceptual and methodological harmonization of labour statistics with the new international ILO standards for statistics on work relationships, adopted at the twentieth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2018).
- To prepare a methodological document compiling progress made and best practices in this area.

2. Coordinating country

Chile: National Institute of Statistics (INE)

3. Updated programme of work¹⁸

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
1	Initial diagnostic assessment (chapter II of the document)	100	In the second half of 2020, a regional consultation was conducted to provide an initial assessment (baseline) with regard to the adoption of international recommendations on work relationship statistics in labour force or household surveys in the region, especially relating to the identification of the different categories of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-18) adopted at the twentieth International Conference of Labour Statisticians in 2018. The summary of results was presented at the regional workshop in March 2021. See [online, in Spanish] https://rtc-cea.cepal.org/sites/default/files/rtc_connected/files/Presentacion-diagnostico-inicial-INE-Chile.pdf .
2	Sharing of national experiences (chapter III of the document)	100	Activities began with a regional workshop which, given its scope, was divided into two working sessions: in January and February 2021. The purpose of this workshop was to share the international discussions taking place in the Working Group on the Review of

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No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
			<p data-bbox="889 331 1425 457">Informality Statistics, where one of the discussion points, which is linked to the latest recommendations on work relationship statistics, is related to the identification of dependent contractors, who constitute one of the new categories of the ICSE-18.</p> <p data-bbox="889 485 1425 590">See [online, in Spanish] https://rtc-cea.cepal.org/es/conectados-rtc/primer-taller-regional-sobre-estadisticas-de-mercado-laboral-revision-de-los.</p> <p data-bbox="889 617 1425 806">Subsequently, a workshop was held in March 2021 to present the experiences of countries that have already initiated plans to incorporate the latest international recommendations of the twentieth International Conference of Labour Statisticians. The experiences of INEC Costa Rica, INEC Ecuador, INEGI Mexico and INEI Peru were presented at this workshop.</p> <p data-bbox="889 833 1425 938">See [online, in Spanish] https://rtc-cea.cepal.org/es/conectados-rtc/segundo-taller-regional-sobre-mercado-laboral-buenas-practicas-para-la-adopcion-de.</p>
3	Calculation algorithms (chapter IV of the document)	75	<p data-bbox="889 968 1425 1157">The calculation algorithms were discussed in the framework of a regional workshop held in May 2021, where the documents shared by ILO were reviewed with respect to: (i) the integration of the ICSE-18 into household or labour force surveys and (ii) methodological discussions of the different approaches to identify dependent contractors.</p> <p data-bbox="889 1184 1425 1289">See [online, in Spanish] https://rtc-cea.cepal.org/es/conectados-rtc/tercer-taller-regional-sobre-mercado-laboral-buenas-practicas-para-la-adopcion-de.</p> <p data-bbox="889 1316 1425 1667">Given the complexity of the implementation and adaptation of the new classifier, it was not possible to make progress in defining common terms among the countries of the region (harmonization), since there are still significant gaps that need to be narrowed, both regionally and internationally, in the discussion on what approaches to use for the identification of dependent contractors. In this regard, a proposal has been submitted for the formation of a working group for the 2022–2023 biennium, in order to continue advancing in this area, which will also incorporate other issues related to challenges in splicing the series and the dissemination strategies of the new classifier.</p>
4	Identification of best practices (chapter V of the document)	75	<p data-bbox="889 1692 1425 1860">Across the region, there are varying levels of progress in the adoption and adaptation of the latest international recommendations. The countries that have made the most progress are Mexico and Chile, which presented their best practices at the regional workshop held in January and February 2021 (divided into two working sessions).</p>

No.	Activity	Progress (%)	Remarks
			<p>Experience in Mexico, see [online, in Spanish] https://rtc-cea.cepal.org/sites/default/files/rtc_connected/files/Contratistas%20dependientes%20e%20Informalidad%20210112.pdf.</p> <p>Experience in Chile, see [online, in Spanish] https://rtc-cea.cepal.org/sites/default/files/rtc_connected/files/Presentacion%20INE%20Chile%20Taller%20Regional_vf.pdf.</p> <p>The final document is also expected to include the experience of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Uruguay, which recently conducted tests to adopt the latest international recommendations. This chapter is in the process of being drafted.</p>
5	Webinar “Telework in figures: why and how to measure it?”	100	<p>The working group collaborated in the organization of this event, convened by the Subregional Office for the South Cone of Latin America of the International Labour Organization, where experiences and challenges in the measurement of remote work, telework or telecommuting from a conceptual and methodological point of view were shared. INE Uruguay was a notable panellist.</p> <p>See [online, in Spanish]: https://www.ilo.org/santiago/eventos-y-reuniones/WCMS_814855/lang--es/index.htm.</p>
6	Regional consultation on the list of labour questions in population censuses	50	<p>As a complementary activity to the objectives previously defined in the group, during August and September 2021, a regional consultation was carried out among the countries of the region on the list of labour questions included in population censuses, with the aim of contributing to the harmonization of future census surveys in the region. This initiative has been driven by INEC Ecuador.</p> <p>The results of the consultation are expected to be shared at the regional workshop to be held on 30 September 2021.</p>
7	Preparation of a document on good practices for the adoption of the new international standards of ILO (final output)	70	<p>Progress is on schedule and the projected deadlines are expected to be met. All inputs are being systematized, and more background information requested from some countries is pending.</p>