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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE 2030 AGENDA IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Pursuant to the agreements adopted at the seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in October 2018, the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean has performed activities to coordinate the preparation and implementation of regional indicators for follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and capacity-building for that purpose. Since November 2021, the Group has focused particularly on the activities described below:

1. Information system for the continuous update of the inventory of national capacities to produce the SDG indicators

In 2021 and 2022, the Statistics Division of ECLAC, with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), has developed an online system that enables members of each country's national statistical system to continuously and dynamically update information, in order to have an updated inventory of national capacities to produce SDG indicators.

Unlike the initiatives to gather data on national capacities to produce SDG indicators conducted to date, this new online information system incorporates the post-2020 Comprehensive Review global SDG indicator framework and includes the indicators prioritized for the region by the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, additional national targets and indicators that countries are using to monitor the 2030 Agenda at the national level can be added to the system. This new system aims to better identify national efforts to address all the issues included in the 2030 Agenda, specifying the type of indicators produced (global or proxy), the level of disaggregation (taking into account the minimum disaggregation suggested in the 2030 Agenda and that specific to each indicator)¹ and how the indicators are used to monitor implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level.

¹ In line with the work on disaggregation conducted by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.

The system includes a module for operating and organizing the management mechanism for users and user groups, and for national goals and indicators. In addition to decentralized data upload modules for the user groups created, the system will include a control panel to manage data uploads, flows and updates and will allow users to view online reports with key results. It will also be possible to download the microdata database in easily accessible formats so that members of each country's national statistical system can use it as they see fit.

Since progress has been made with development of this information system, pilot stage activities can now begin, with a review of features and operability, in order to make the necessary adjustments for its roll-out and subsequent activation in all the countries of the region. Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago have offered to test the system.

Implementation of this system will fulfil the request by the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, in paragraph 3 of the agreements adopted at its seventeenth meeting, that member States update the information on national statistical capacities for the production of indicators for the SDGs,² and also takes into account paragraph 85 of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the fourth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, which encourages the Statistical Conference of the Americas to continue analysing national statistical capacities of the region to identify areas of cooperation, in consultation with the respective governments, with a view to advancing in the generation of disaggregated, accessible, timely and reliable data.

Image 1 Content management module of the information system of national statistical capacities for the production of indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals

The screenshot displays the 'CONTENT MANAGER' interface. At the top, there is a header with logos for the United Nations, ECLAC, and the Statistical Conference of the Americas, along with the text 'Information system on National Statistical Capacities for the production of the Sustainable Development Goals Indicators' and language options 'ESPAÑOL | ENGLISH'. Below the header, the main content area is titled 'Country' and features three modules: 'SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION', 'INFORMATION INPUT', and 'MONITORING'. A red warning box is present below the modules, and a footer shows user information and the organization's name.

Country Documentation

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION
Enter this module to register additional national targets and indicators, delete targets that do not apply to the country, create users and roles, create user groups, and assign indicators to each one.

INFORMATION INPUT
Enter this module to upload information (metadata) regarding each of the Sustainable Development Goals indicators for which your institution (group) is responsible.

MONITORING
Consult in this module status of information uploaded, as well as the progress in terms of statistical capacities in your country which allows you to make decisions in favor of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development report.

Warning: Before entering the information, please go to the "System administration" module to create users and user groups, assign the indicators and, if applicable, establish the goals and indicators that are part of the national monitoring framework. For more information on the use of the system, click on "Documentation".

User: Test Role: National System Administrator Group: -- Log out

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Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

² See [online] <https://www.cepal.org/sites/default/files/events/files/sca-executive-committee-17-agreements-of-the-meeting.pdf>.

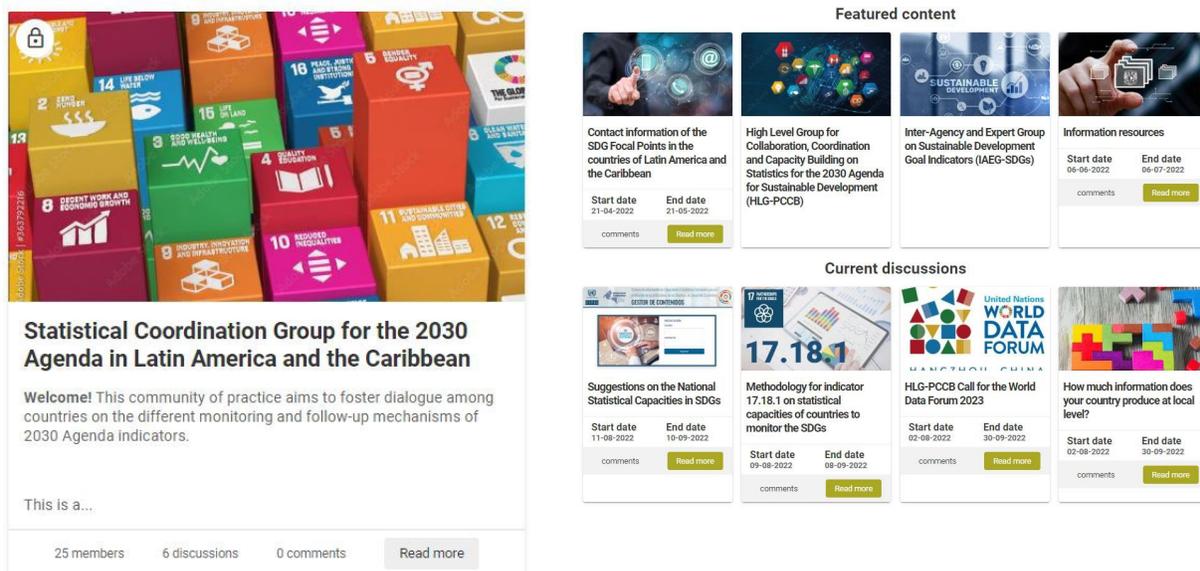
2. Platform to improve communication between the representative countries in the global groups and other countries in the region

As agreed at the third meeting of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, the technical secretariat of the Group, together with the National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) of Colombia, worked in 2021 on the implementation of a preliminary virtual collaboration space where a range of content relating to statistical monitoring of the SDG indicators can be managed by the member countries of the Group and thus keep countries of the region permanently informed of the activities carried out within the scope of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A preliminary virtual space was developed with the Teams and SharePoint tools, the contents of which were migrated in recent months to the Community of the Knowledge Transfer Network of the Statistical Conference of the Americas. Work was conducted in collaboration with the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) and DANE of Colombia on a preliminary pilot exercise to establish a space for a discussion group on SDG indicators in which to store, organize and share information and discuss key topics to be addressed in global forums. The initial results were used make the decisions required to move forward with implementation and integration of content on the platform. The 10 countries of the Group, with the support of the technical secretariat, will be responsible for keeping the contents of the virtual space up to date, which include key news and events and forums for discussion.

Image 2

Collaborative community of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean



Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

Welcome! This community of practice aims to foster dialogue among countries on the different monitoring and follow-up mechanisms of 2030 Agenda indicators.

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- HLG-PCCB Call for the World Data Forum 2023**
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- How much information does your country produce at local level?**
Start date: 02-08-2022, End date: 30-09-2022

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

The site will also serve as a repository for the reports of the activities conducted at the global level, prepared by IBGE of Brazil, DANE of Colombia and representatives of the region in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.

3. Fifth meeting of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

The meeting was held virtually on 11 August 2022, as a space for countries, the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations in the region and the technical secretariat of the Group to reflect on strategic issues in statistical monitoring of the SDGs in the region. Representatives from 10 countries and three United Nations agencies in the region participated.

The two subjects discussed were: (i) the features and functioning of the new online information system for surveying national capacities for the production of SDG indicators; and (ii) characteristics of the new collaborative platform as a mechanism for sharing knowledge and engaging countries of the region in strategic issues discussed at meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Group adopted the initiatives presented and gave its approval to move forward with implementation of the pilot stage of the information system on national capacities for the production of SDG indicators and the incorporation and management of content for the collaborative platform on statistical aspects of the 2030 Agenda in the region within the framework of the actions that the Knowledge Transfer Network is carrying out with respect to these virtual spaces for exchange and dissemination.