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Twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 28 and 29 August 2024

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 resolution 2000/7 of the Economic and Social Council, which defined as follows the objectives of the Conference: 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 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean 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.

At its twenty-third meeting, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC will consider regional challenges to be addressed in the new strategic plan for the period 2026–2035. The Executive Committee will also review the progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

Chair

In accordance with resolution 2000/7 of the Economic and Social Council, the Dominican Republic, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee, will preside over the twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Towards a new strategic plan for the Statistical Conference of the Americas: analysis and regional challenges.
3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.
4. Other matters.
5. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Committee will have before it the provisional agenda for adoption.

2. Towards a new strategic plan for the Statistical Conference of the Americas: analysis and regional challenges

The Conference has implemented two strategic plans covering the periods 2005–2015 and 2015–2025, respectively. The plans present an analysis of challenges for the production of official statistics in the region and establish broad and specific objectives to guide the work of the Conference with a view to addressing those challenges. The Conference will adopt a new strategic plan for the period 2026–2035 at its thirteenth meeting, to be held in 2025. The secretariat's preparation of the new strategic plan will proceed in phases over the course of 2024 and 2025, and the twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee is a key phase in that process.

Under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will address lessons learned in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan and analyse future challenges in three thematic areas. The first area concerns the organization and management of national statistical offices and national statistical systems, including relevant legislation, the relationship between national statistical offices and other statistics-producing institutions, and the management of human and technological resources. The second area relates to technical and methodological capacities to contend with both traditional and new sources of information amid rapid technological development. The third and final area relates to regional and international coordination and cooperation, and the ways in which the Conference can foster them.

Reference document:

- Strategic Plan, 2015–2025 (LC/L.4070/Rev.1)

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas

Under this agenda item, participants will review the overall progress of the working groups of the Conference, in line with the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, adopted at the twelfth meeting of the Conference. Presentations will be made on the progress of the Knowledge Transfer Network, and the Executive Committee will be informed of the activities undertaken at the global level by 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. In addition, regional perspectives on two topics addressed by the Statistical Commission of the United Nations at its fifty-fifth session will be examined: establishing an independent advisory board on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and increasing the number of members of the Statistical Commission.

Working document:

- First report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.23/3)

Reference documents:

- Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.12/10)
- Guidelines for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production (LC/CEA.12/12)
- Methodological recommendations on the measurement of the quality of household survey figures (LC/CEA.12/11)
- Recommendations for measuring perceptions in household surveys (LC/CEA.12/13)
- Guía para la compilación y uso de matrices de insumo-producto (MIP) con enfoque transversal de la perspectiva de género (LC/CE.23/DDR/1)
- An inclusive and representative Statistical Commission to leave no one behind (Economic and Social Council resolution 2024/2 of 5 June 2024)

4. 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, including regional events of relevance to the statistical community. In addition, the results of the International Comparison Programme and the ECLAC survey on the status of statistics, indicators and environmental accounts will be presented.

5. Consideration and adoption of agreements

Under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will consider and adopt the agreements it deems appropriate.