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

Virtual meeting, 29 and 30 April 2025

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-fourth meeting, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC will analyse progress in the use of artificial intelligence by national statistical offices and will review the components to be addressed in the 2026–2035 Strategic Plan. It will also examine progress in 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-fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Use of artificial intelligence in official statistics.
3. Towards a new strategic plan for the Statistical Conference of the Americas: central elements.
4. Review of progress in implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
5. Other matters.
6. 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. Use of artificial intelligence in official statistics

The session is intended to highlight practical experiences in implementation of artificial intelligence by national statistical offices and other statistical entities in Latin American and Caribbean countries. Specific cases illustrating successful use and difficulties encountered in the practical adoption of advanced technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing and predictive analytics in different statistical contexts will be presented and discussed.

The round table will facilitate active exchange among participating countries on effective strategies and practical recommendations that can strengthen regional cooperation and maximize the benefits of using artificial intelligence in national statistical systems.

3. Towards a new strategic plan for the Statistical Conference of the Americas: central elements

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-fourth meeting of the Executive Committee is a fundamental phase in that process.

Under this agenda item, the Committee will analyse the central components of the strategic plan, including its general and specific objectives, indicators for follow-up, and mechanisms for implementation, with particular emphasis on the methodology and internal organization of working groups.

Working document:

- Assessment of the 2015–2025 Strategic Plan and proposed thematic pillars of the 2026–2035 Strategic Plan (LC/CE.24/4)

Reference document:

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

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

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.

Working document:

- Second report on implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/CE.24/3)

Reference document:

- Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/CEA.12/10)

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 agreements

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