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**REPROGRAMMING OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM
BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE MONITORING OF PROGRESS
TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THE POST-2015
DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
OF THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS**

UPDATED PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES, 2015

Activities	Sub-activities	Lead organization	Date	Expected outcome
1. Promoting the development of official statistics for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals				
Hold regional meetings to encourage and create opportunities for debate on specific issues concerning monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	Organize a regional meeting to exchange experiences and challenges regarding the final stretch of the MDG initiative	ECLAC (technical secretariat) and member countries of the working group	Regional meeting: third quarter of 2014	Eighth regional seminar on Millennium Development Goal indicators "Beyond the MDGs", 30 September-2 October 2014, Montevideo
2. Strengthening national coordination mechanisms and supporting statistical conciliation activities				
Propose a technical consultation on the availability of statistics and technical capacities to meet the information needs arising from the sustainable development goals (SDGs)	Identify specific themes around the needs not surveyed in the questionnaires prepared by the Friends of the Chair Group on Broader Measures of Progress	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina in collaboration with ECLAC (technical secretariat) and the member countries of the working group	Completion, analysis and revision of the Friends of the Chair questionnaire: first two months of 2015	Completion and revision of the Friends of the Chair questionnaire
	Design an ad hoc survey to complement the one prepared by the Friends of the Chair		Design of ad hoc survey: March-May 2015	Design of ad hoc questionnaire
	Send the questionnaire to the member countries		Consultation with member countries: June-July 2015	Reception, systematization and analysis of information
	Systematize the information received		Systematization and analysis of information: August-September 2015	
Provide assistance to the national statistics institutes for the production of high-quality statistical data	Establish an order of priority among countries requiring support and assistance by virtue of their specific statistical needs for MDG monitoring and reporting	ECLAC (technical secretariat)	Throughout 2015	Evaluation of technical assistance and training needs of the national statistical offices
Support strategies at regional level to optimize statistical reconciliation processes	Define and coordinate technical assistance and training activities according to the needs identified by member countries and international agencies			Implementation of technical assistance and training activities (subject to financing)
Promote the use of complementary indicators for the analysis of the position of countries within the regional context				
3. Improving communication between the member countries of the working group by incorporating the use of ICT into their operations				
Encourage and promote the use of the information platform for communication and virtual interaction between working group members	Incorporate the virtual platform into working group documentation and working materials	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina and ECLAC (technical secretariat)	Updating of platform contents: first four months of 2014	Timely information and communications for the focal points regarding the course of activities planned, progress and news relating to the working group
	Regularly propose topics for work and discussion to maintain fluid contact between the members		Contact with member countries: throughout the biennium 2014-2015	Facilitation of discussion and debate between the focal points of the working group and with representatives of other countries in the region
	Invite delegates from countries of the region that are not working group members to participate in the platform			

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4. Developing training activities				
Plan virtual training and capacity-building activities	Design and develop a virtual training course for technical and professional staff in national statistical offices, with a view to implementing SDG monitoring mechanisms	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC)	Starting in the fourth quarter of 2015	Design and implementation of a virtual training course
Ensure close coordination with the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) in order to carry out training and capacity-building activities	Disseminate the training and capacity-building activities, documents and news of the working group through KTN	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC)	Throughout 2015	Dissemination of information from the working group and more ready communication between member countries through KTN Dissemination of the ad hoc questionnaire which complements the survey of the Friends of the Chair Group on Broader Measures of Progress
5. Identifying outstanding issues and challenges in the short and medium term and deciding how to address them				
Evaluate the status of the regional initiative on monitoring of the MDGs and SDGs Seek proposals for guidelines on the nexus between the MDGs (2015) and the SDGs (2016)	Review and systematize countries' experiences concerning implementation of MDG and SDG monitoring initiatives and the implications for national statistical systems	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina, in collaboration with ECLAC (technical secretariat) and the member countries of the working group	Throughout 2015	Preparation of a document on the current situation in the countries as regards their experiences with mechanisms for monitoring the MDGs and SDGs
Reflect upon the post-2015 development agenda and the implications of SDG proposals for national statistical systems	Take the presentations given at the Seventh Regional Seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Santiago, 4-5 November 2013) and the Eighth Regional Seminar on the Millennium Development Goals indicators (Montevideo, 30 September-2 October) as a basis for discussion Take receipt of and systematize the contributions and comments of ECLAC SCA working groups Analyse the results of the technical consultations on the availability of statistics and technical capacities to meet information needs of the sustainable development goals (SDGs)	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina in collaboration with ECLAC (technical secretariat) and the member countries of the working group	Dissemination of MDG regional seminar materials: starting in the second half of 2014 Analysis of results of consultations: third quarter of 2015	Preparation of a discussion document with the contributions and comments of the countries of the region on the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs Dissemination and sharing of working material through KTN
Organize a special training session on the post-2015 development agenda		ECLAC (technical secretariat) and the member countries of the Conference	In the third quarter of 2014	Eighth regional seminar on Millennium Development Goal indicators "Beyond the MDGs", 30 September-2 October 2014, Montevideo

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6. Managing the working group, designing projects and planning strategies for obtaining the necessary resources				
Ensure the financial sustainability of the working group so as to carry out the proposed activities	Identify and manage the necessary resources for activities to be carried out Manage projects with donors	National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina, ECLAC (technical secretariat) and the member countries of the working group	Throughout 2015	Availability of resources for the activities the working group needs to carry out: meetings, regional gatherings, training and technical assistance
Organize an annual face-to-face MDG working group meeting		National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) of Argentina, ECLAC (technical secretariat) and the member countries of the working group	Last quarter of 2015	Annual face-to-face working group meeting
Hold virtual meetings and events			Throughout 2015	Virtual and face-to-face meetings. At least two virtual meetings to discuss and reflect upon the operation of the working group on MDGs