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

Virtual meeting, 3 and 4 May 2023

## AGREEMENTS

*The Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), at its twenty-second meeting, held virtually on 3 and 4 May 2023,*

1. *Thanks* participants for their presentations on recent progress in the use of administrative records for the production of official statistics at national, regional and international levels and recognizes that this source of information is useful for improving the efficiency of statistical production without incurring additional costs for data collection or placing an added burden on respondents;
2. *Urges* the countries to take the requisite action to facilitate access by national statistical offices to the administrative records needed for the production of official statistics, by updating legislation on statistics and establishing agreements for exchange of information and other relevant institutional mechanisms;
3. *Encourages* national statistical offices to work, with the support of the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Conference, to develop a road map for strengthening administrative records which has a regional perspective and takes into account all countries;
4. *Emphasizes* the importance of economic surveys as an indispensable source of information for compiling granular information by economic activity, in order to generate timely indicators of the behaviour of the main economic variables and to provide statistical evidence for decision-making in the public and private sectors, and appreciates the efforts of the secretariat to promote the use of economic surveys in the production and dissemination of comparable regional statistics;
5. *Takes note* of the *Second report on 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*;
6. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the progress achieved by the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas in producing the agreed outputs and urges them to continue their work in order to complete the agreed outputs and activities by the prescribed dates;

7. *Takes note* of the requests of four working groups, which will be considered by the Executive Committee, for the documents being prepared to be submitted for adoption by the Conference at its twelfth meeting;<sup>1</sup>

8. *Requests* the working groups to disseminate the outputs of their work to the regional statistical community through Knowledge Transmission Network webinars;

9. *Expresses its thanks* to the national statistical offices and other agencies producing official statistics for their collaboration in the production of the agreed outputs of the working groups, and to the international organizations serving as technical secretariats or providing cooperation and financing for the implementation of the planned activities for their collaboration;

10. *Invites* the countries to cooperate in the update of the inventory of national capacities to produce the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goal global indicator framework through the online information system developed by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in its capacity as secretariat of the the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean;

11. *Thanks* Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as Argentina, Belize, Ecuador, Mexico and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, for their work as representatives of the region to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and to the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, respectively;

12. *Welcomes* the election of Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Ecuador and Guyana as representatives of the region to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators for the coming biennium, as of June 2023, noting that the representative of the subregion comprising Central America and Mexico has not yet been designated;

13. *Also welcomes* the election of Belize, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia and Uruguay as representatives of the region to the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the coming biennium, as of June 2023;

14. *Recognizes* the progress made in the adoption of international recommendations on statistics on internally displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons, presented by the Expert Group on Refugee, Internally Displaced Persons and Statelessness Statistics, and invites the countries of the region to take these recommendations into consideration;

15. *Requests* the technical secretariat of the Conference to propose a meeting on a topic for regional discussion in the Data Festival, to be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay from 7 to 9 November 2023;

16. *Agrees* to hold the twelfth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago from 26 to 28 September 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> Working Group to Propose a Peer Review Mechanism in Latin America and the Caribbean; Working Group to Prepare a Guide for Mainstreaming the Gender Perspective in Statistical Production; Working Group for the Development of Recommendations for Quality Analysis of Household Surveys; and Working Group to Prepare Recommendations for Measuring Perceptions in Household Surveys.