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Seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Statistical Conference of the Americas of the
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 3–4 October 2018

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 United Nations 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 2018–2019 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC is framed within the Strategic Plan 2015–2025, which established as the pillars of action of the Conference the achievement of more robust institutionality 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.

The provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC includes the following items: the review of the activities of the Conference on the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals and of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019. The meeting will be preceded by a high-level seminar on the best ways to make use of unconventional data sources in the production of official statistics.

Chair

In accordance with resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Chile, in its capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, will preside over the Committee's seventeenth meeting.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in relation to follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 - (a) Report of the working groups of the Conference.
 - (b) Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities.

4. Other matters.
5. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will have before it the provisional agenda (LC/CE.17/1) for adoption or amendment.

2. Activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in relation to follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals

Under this agenda item, the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, established at the fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee held in June 2016, will present the outcomes of the work done with respect to the development of the regional framework of indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.¹

Working documents:

- Report on the prioritization of indicators for regional statistical follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.17/3)

Reference documents:

- Proposal on a regional framework of indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.9/4)

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

The 2018–2019 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, which included the programmes of work of the various working groups for the same period, was adopted at the ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas. This agenda item will include an analysis of the overall progress made by the working groups of the Conference and the presentation of a new mechanism for the dissemination and follow-up of the working groups' results and their incorporation into the Knowledge

¹ Paragraph 11 of resolution 10(IX): "Notes with interest the document *Proposal on a regional framework of indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean* presented by the secretariat, and requests that the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda, with the support of the secretariat, review the document in depth and propose, at the seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference, a framework of indicators for regional monitoring of the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the situations, emphases and shared challenges of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, in keeping with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 71/313".

Transfer Network. Moreover, participants will share opinions and suggestions relating to the issues addressed by the working groups, on the basis of presentations given by the coordinating countries. Information will also be provided on the cooperation activities undertaken in the context of subregional statistical cooperation and by the international agencies that support statistical work in the region.

Working documents:

- Report on the implementation of the 2018–2019 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.17/4)
- Proposal for reorganization of the Knowledge Transmission Network and dissemination of outputs of the working groups (LC/CE.17/6)

Reference documents:

- Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.9/8)
- Strategic Plan, 2015–2025 (LC/L.4070(CEA.8/4))

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. New subregional grouping criteria for the composition of the Executive Committee will be submitted for adoption.

Working document:

- Criteria for the formation of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC as from 2020 (LC/CE.17/5)

Reference document:

- Criteria for the formation of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the biennium 2016–2017 (LC/L.4068(CEA.8/3))

5. Consideration and adoption of agreements

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