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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

## **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 2022–2023 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 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-second meeting, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC will review recent progress in the use of administrative records for statistical purposes and advances towards wider use of economic surveys. The Executive Committee will also review the progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

### **Chair**

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

## **B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Recent progress in the use of administrative records for statistical purposes.
3. Towards wider use of economic surveys.
4. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.
5. Other matters.
6. 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 for adoption or amendment.

### 2. Recent progress in the use of administrative records for statistical purposes

The use of administrative records for statistical purposes is a priority area for regional statistical development. The Strategic Plan 2015–2025 places emphasis on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of statistical production and dissemination processes by using new data sources and modernizing production, especially through the use of administrative records for statistical purposes.<sup>1</sup>

The topic has been addressed at various meetings of the Statistical Conference of the Americas and has given rise to an ongoing process of collaboration. At the nineteenth meeting of the Executive Committee, the countries reported on how the challenges posed by the lockdown measures implemented in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic accelerated the use of other sources of data, including administrative records, to ensure the continuity of data collection and analysis. In addition, a number of working groups related to the subject that have been recently established by the Conference continue to exist, such as the working group to prepare a methodological document on conceptual aspects and statistical use of economic administrative records (2020–2021) and the working group for the development of quality assessment tools for administrative records (2022–2023).

Under this agenda item, delegates will discuss new developments in the use of administrative records, both in the countries of the region and in international organizations. Presentations will focus on the most recent experiences, ranging from developments in the legal context and the relationship with providers of records to the adaptation of technological infrastructure and data management tools, the development of indicators and practical applications using administrative records, among other topics.

### 3. Towards wider use of economic surveys

For Latin America and the Caribbean, industrial policy is as important today as ever. Moving towards development requires a rational, inclusive and sustainable policy, guided by the intensive use of information, enabling the definition and dissemination of indicators that are useful for decision-making.

In order to obtain statistical information that contributes to productive analysis in the region, having the appropriate sources is essential. As a result of the development of economic surveys, a wealth of information has become available for the production of both high-frequency and low-frequency macroeconomic indicators, as well as microeconomic indicators that allow for a detailed analysis of economic activities.

Under this agenda item, delegates will discuss progress in the implementation of economic surveys in the region, in particular in manufacturing activity, both at regional and national level, with a view to defining the challenges and opportunities in this area, based on the experience of producers and users of economic surveys.

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<sup>1</sup> LC/L.4070/Rev.1.

#### **4. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean**

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, 2022–2023, adopted at the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas. Presentations will also be made on progress in the Knowledge Transfer Network and the activities undertaken by the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean. At this time, participants will be informed of the new members of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.

##### **Working document:**

- Second report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.22/3)

##### **Reference documents:**

- Strategic Plan, 2015–2025 (LC/L.4070(CEA.8/4))
- Proposal for the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.11/11)

#### **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. These will include the results of a study concerning officials of national statistical offices of the region and the progress made in the countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA) in implementing recommendations for the production of statistics on internally displaced persons.

#### **6. Consideration and adoption of agreements**

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