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Tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 19–21 November 2019

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 Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7, in which the Conference was entrusted with the following mandates, among others: 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 which, subject to the availability of resources, will meet the needs of the countries of the region.

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 institutional 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.

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 tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Presentation and discussion of substantive issues: the future of economic statistics.
3. Outcomes of the biennial programme of regional and international activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
5. Joint session with members of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas.
6. Other matters.
7. Consideration and adoption of resolutions.
8. Election of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas for the period 2020–2021.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will have before it the provisional agenda¹ for adoption or amendment.

2. Presentation and discussion of substantive issues: the future of economic statistics

This agenda item will be addressed in the framework of a seminar on the future of economic statistics, with presentations and discussions on data needs for evidence-based policymaking, recent experiences in innovation in statistical production and the integration of data sources, and institutional mechanisms for developing economic statistics.

3. Outcomes of the biennial programme of regional and international activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its ninth meeting, the Statistical Conference of the Americas adopted the biennial programme of regional and international activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which included the work plans of the working groups functioning during this biennium. Under this agenda item, the Conference will analyse the outcomes achieved by the working groups.

Working documents:

- Report on the outcomes of the 2018–2019 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.10/3)
- Proposal for a generic law on official statistics for Latin America (LC/CEA.10/4)
- Report on the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CEA.10/6)

Reference documents:

- Strategic Plan, 2015–2025 (LC/L.4070(CEA.8/4))
- 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)

¹ LC/CEA.10/1.

4. Review and adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

- (a) Proposals for the work of the working groups of the Conference for the biennium 2020–2021
- (b) Activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean
- (c) Activities of the Knowledge Transfer Network
- (d) Information on subregional and international cooperation activities

The Statistical Conference of the Americas is responsible for analysing and endorsing the outputs envisaged in the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2020–2021, which will steer the work of the working groups in that period. Under this agenda item, representatives will exchange views and suggestions regarding the activities proposed, in keeping with the regional priorities identified at the eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. The Conference will also discuss other modalities of horizontal cooperation to be implemented through the Knowledge Transfer Network. 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 document:

- Proposal for 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 (LC/CEA.10/5)

Reference document:

- Report of the eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.18/5)

5. Joint session with members of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas

Under this item, a working session will be held to exchange information and identify joint activities by the members of the Statistical Conference of the Americas and the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas). This session will give continuity to matters considered at the joint event held in the framework of the sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference (April 2017).

6. 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.

7. Consideration and adoption of resolutions

Under this item, the Conference will discuss and adopt the resolutions and agreements it deems appropriate.

8. Election of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas for the period 2020–2021

In accordance with resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the Conference will elect an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair and six members, with particular regard to due representation of all the subregions. The members of the Executive Committee may be re-elected for three successive terms. The Chair may not be re-elected to that office for a second consecutive term, but may be elected as a member of the Committee. Any country which has served on the Committee for three successive terms may be elected again after two years have elapsed since the end of its last term of office. Subregional representation will be based on the four country groupings established following geographical and linguistic considerations.

Reference document:

- Criteria for the formation of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC from 2020 onward (LC/CE.17/5/Rev.1)