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

Santiago, 26-28 May 2015

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

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.

At the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, held in Santiago in November 2013, it was decided that during the period 2014-2015, Ecuador would serve as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Conference and Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba and Spain would serve as members. The duties of the Executive Committee are, among others, to carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference and monitor implementation thereof and to implement the agreements adopted by the Conference.

At its fourteenth meeting, the Executive Committee will review the status of implementation of the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities 2014-2015, adopted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its seventh meeting by virtue of resolution 8(VII), and the agreements adopted at the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee. The Committee will also discuss the proposed Strategic Plan, 2015-2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. As a special item at this meeting, the Executive Committee will elect the countries that will participate in the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators and High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post-2015 monitoring.

B. CHAIR

In accordance with the provisions of resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Ecuador, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee, will preside over the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Committee will have before it the following provisional agenda for adoption or amendment.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of the countries that will participate in the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for post-2015 monitoring (HLG-SDG).

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2014-2015, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
 - (a) Report of the working groups of the Conference.
4. Information regarding subregional cooperation activities.
5. Presentation of the proposed Strategic Plan, 2015-2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
6. Place and date of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
7. Adoption of agreements.
2. **Election of the countries that will participate in the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for post-2015 monitoring (HLG-SDG)**

At its forty-sixth session, the United Nations Statistical Commission decided to create two groups of countries to prepare and monitor goals and indicators for the post-2015 development agenda at the global level: the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post-2015 monitoring. It was also decided to use the existing regional mechanisms to determine the membership of these groups, in order to ensure equitable geographical representation. Further to that resolution, under this agenda item the Executive Committee will elect the countries that will represent Latin America and the Caribbean in both groups.

Working document:

- Mechanism for appointing representatives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC to the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post-2015 monitoring (LC/L.4008(CE.14/3))

Reference document:

- Decisions adopted by the Statistical Commission at its forty-sixth session
- 3. **Review of progress in the implementation of the Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2014-2015, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC**
 - (a) Report of the working groups of the Conference

Under this agenda item, the countries serving as coordinators of the working groups will report on the progress of their programmes of activities and on fulfilment of the targets and outputs agreed upon by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its eighth meeting. A presentation will also be given on the activities proposed by the Knowledge Transfer Network.

The activities to be reported upon are those carried out in the two most recent four-month periods (August to November 2014 and December 2014 to March 2015), further to the agreement adopted by the Executive Committee at its thirteenth meeting, in which it endorsed “the proposal that the Executive Committee monitor their progress by means of executive reports systematizing the reports that the coordinating countries of the working groups will submit every four months, which shall give an explicit account of expected outputs and deadlines and contain a self-assessment of the progress made towards accomplishing the planned activities in order to enable the Executive Committee to provide appropriate, timely support to the working groups.”

- (i) Report of the Working Group on Censuses
- (ii) Report of the Working Group on the Harmonization of Poverty Statistics
- (iii) Report of the Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals
- (iv) Report of the Working Group on National Accounts
- (v) Report of the Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies
- (vi) Report of the Working Group on Labour-Market Indicators
- (vii) Report of the Working Group on Institution-building
- (viii) Report of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics
- (ix) Report of the Working Group on International Classifications
- (x) Report of the Working Group on Agricultural Statistics
- (xi) Report of the Working Group on Gender Statistics
- (xii) Report of the Working Group on Household Surveys
- (xiii) Report of the Working Group on Statistics on Childhood and Adolescence
- (xiv) Report of the Working Group on Public Safety and Justice Statistics
- (xv) Report of the task force on the quantification of South-South cooperation
- (xvi) Report of the task force on disability statistics
- (xvii) Report of the Knowledge Transfer Network

For the consideration of this agenda item, the participants will have before them the following documents:

Working documents:

- Report on the activities of the working groups, August 2014 - March 2015 (LC/L.4015(CE.14/6))
- 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 (LC/L.4012(CE.14/5))

Reference document:

- Report on the implementation of the 2012-2013 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities and draft 2014-2015 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3664(CEA.7/3))

4. Information regarding subregional cooperation activities

Under this item, the various coordination agencies in the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Community and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) will report on their activities and their contribution to the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

5. Presentation of the proposed Strategic Plan, 2015-2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

The Strategic Plan is the central pillar around which the Statistical Conference of the Americas conducts its regional programme of activities. It records the priorities identified by the member countries and defines the main lines of action of the Conference accordingly. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present a proposal for the Strategic Plan for 2015-2025, and will invite comments for the preparation of the final version, to be submitted to the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its eighth meeting.

Working document:

- Proposed Strategic Plan, 2015-2025 (LC/L.4009(CE.14/4))

Reference documents:

- Strategic Plan 2005-2015 (LC/L.2715/Rev.1)
- Proposed updating of the Strategic Plan 2005-2015 (LC/L.3375(CEA.6/3))

6. Place and date of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

The Executive Committee will decide on the place and date of the eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

7. Adoption of agreements

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