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Document on good practices for the adoption of international recommendations concerning “statistics on work relationships”

Biennial program of activities 2020–2021

Background

- The standards used in the region for the compilation of labour relations statistics **date back to 1993**.
- **To adapt to the changes observed in labour markets**, as well as to respond to the demand from countries for new indicators to measure all labour relations, a process of revision of current standards was advanced.
- This process culminated in the approval, at the **20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS)** in 2018, of a new resolution concerning this area, in which the new International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-18) was introduced.
- The resolution highlighted the importance of **harmonized indicators for comparability** and for assessment of the progress of different countries in the area of decent work.
- The measurement of ICSE-18 will contribute to the strengthening of labour statistics as a whole because this classification is a **fundamental variable in the socio-economic analysis of labour** and plays a key role in the construction and interpretation of other indicators, such as those of **the informal economy and employment-related income**.
- **Coordinating countries:** Chile / Ecuador
- **Technical Secretariat:** ILO

Objectives

- **General objective**

To advance in the statistical harmonization for the measurement of statistics on labour relations, incorporating the good practices of the countries of the region.

- **Specific objectives**

- To promote the conceptual and methodological harmonization of labour statistics with the new ILO international standards concerning statistics on work relationships, which were adopted by the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2018).
- To prepare a methodological document describing progress and good practices in this area.
- To advance in the use of administrative records for the comparison of figures, analysis of the labour market, and the production of indicators, based on the identification of good institutional practices. (This objective is defined as transversal.)

Anticipated content and expected results

- The publication of a **methodological document** that systematizes the progress of the countries in the adoption and adaptation of the latest ILO recommendations (20th ICLS). The document is to guide and support countries in their varying stages of implementation.
- Progress in the installation of a consolidated system of labour statistics for integrating and harmonizing different sources of information.
- Benefits from the **capacities to be developed at the national level in each participating country**, building on a pool of knowledge and experiences for exchange among the countries of the region when implementing adjustments to the instruments of measurement in the face of changes in the labor market.

Program of activities

Intermediate Activities		Starting date	Ending date
Objective: Regional adoption and adaptation of the new ILO recommendations (20th ICLS)	Activity 1.1: Establishment of the Working Group		
	Activity 1.1.1: Ratification of the focal points of the member countries of the Group	January 2020	February 2020
	Activity 1.2: Initial diagnosis of the harmonization gap between countries		
	Activity 1.2.1: Preparation of regional consultation	March 2020	April 2020
	Activity 1.2.2: Regional consultation of member countries	May 2020	June 2020
	Activity 1.2.3: Drafting of regional diagnostic document	July 2020	September 2020
	Activity 1.2.4: Dissemination of the regional diagnostic	October 2020	October 2020
	Activity 1.3: Exchange of experiences in the process of adoption and adaptation of the new recommendations		
	Activity 1.3.1: Work meeting (Online or in person)	October 2020	December 2020
	Activity 1.4: Identification of good practices		
	Activity 1.4.1: Preparation of regional consultation	January 2021	March 2021
	Activity 1.4.2: Regional consultation of member countries	April 2021	May 2021
	Activity 1.4.3: Systematization and drafting of methodological document with good practices	June 2021	August 2021
	Activity 1.5: Dissemination of the final product		
	Activity 1.5.1: Work meeting (Online on in person)	September 2021	September 2021