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

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The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at its eleventh meeting, held virtually from 23 to 25 November 2021,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 of 25 July 2000, in which the Council approved the proposal on the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Bearing in mind also that the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7 provides that the Executive Committee of the Conference shall have the following duties: carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference; draw up, every two years, a biennial programme of activities of regional and international cooperation on statistical matters, to be submitted at the regular meeting of the Conference; follow up the implementation of the agreements reached at the Conference and the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference, particularly the biennial programme of activities; and decide on the documentation required for its meetings,

Presentation and discussion of substantive issues: progress and challenges relating to the strengthening of statistical institutions

1. *Takes note* of recent progress in strengthening and modernizing the legal frameworks for the production of official statistics in the region with a view to promoting consistency with the fundamental principles of official statistics, the proper coordination of national statistical systems and the use of administrative records and other data sources for statistical purposes;

2. *Expresses* its firm and resolute support for the updating and modernization of statistical legislation in Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador, which will contribute to the production of official statistics that are regionally and globally comparable and are essential inputs for decision-making on public policies in those countries, enabling them to address major challenges and adopt existing guidelines in this regard;

Presentation and discussion of substantive issues: regional perspectives on new methodologies and data sources

3. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the United Nations World Data Forum 2021 and the Bern Data Compact for the Decade of Action on the Sustainable Development Goals, which call for action on the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, and bears in mind the challenges and opportunities for the statistical use and integration of new sources of data and the capacity-building needs in that regard, as well as the outlook for the World Data Forum 2024;

4. *Invites* the countries of the region to collaborate in the context of the new regional hub of the United Nations Global Platform, in order to foster access to and use of big data to improve the production of official statistics, both through the combination of big data and traditional data sources and the development of new indicators;

Outcomes of the biennial programme of regional and international activities, 2020–2021, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

5. *Endorses* the Report on the outcomes of the 2020–2021 biennial programme of regional and international activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;¹

6. *Endorses* the Methodological guide on time-use measurements in Latin America and the Caribbean (Summary)² and urges the countries of the region to incorporate, on a regular basis, the production of time-use surveys into their work programmes as an essential tool for measuring unpaid work and monitoring gender inequalities;

7. *Endorses* the Methodological document on statistical use of economic administrative records (Summary)³ and urges the countries of the region to take the necessary measures to strengthen the use of this source of information in statistical production;

8. *Endorses* the Protocol for the collection and dissemination of data from studies involving children and adolescents (Summary)⁴ and emphasizes the importance of taking into consideration the recommendations set forth in that document when conducting research involving children and adolescents;

9. *Endorses* the Framework of reference for security and criminal justice statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (Summary)⁵ and calls on countries to develop these systems as an indispensable input for the design and evaluation of crime prevention policies and programmes, with a view to strengthening the rule of law and criminal justice;

¹ LC/CEA.11/3.

² LC/CEA.11/4.

³ LC/CEA.11/5.

⁴ LC/CEA.11/6.

⁵ LC/CEA.11/7.

10. *Endorses* the Guide for the implementation of a quality assurance framework for statistical processes and outputs (Summary)⁶ and calls on national statistical offices to strengthen the instruments and tools for quality assurance and control in statistical production, in line with the fundamental principles of official statistics, in order to respond adequately to the needs of policymakers and users in general;

11. *Notes* that the complete versions of the documents mentioned in paragraphs 6 to 10 were reviewed and commented on by the member countries of the Conference as part of a regional consultation process;

12. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the successful preparation of the following agreed outputs of the working groups: General guidelines for census data capture: a review of data capture methods with a view to the 2020 census round; Recommendations for generating environmental statistics and indicators with geospatial information and using non-conventional sources; the Guide for the measurement of prices and volumes in the services sector and the Document on good practices for the adoption of the new international standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO);

13. *Endorses* the extension of the working groups for the 2020–2021 biennium tasked with finalizing the Institutional and methodological recommendations for the measurement of disaster-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,⁷ which will be submitted for approval by the Executive Committee at its twenty-first meeting, and the Assessment of the capacities of statistical systems in Latin America and the Caribbean and best practices to measure international migration;

14. *Endorses* the Report on the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean for the biennium 2018–2019,⁸ expresses its satisfaction with the development of an information system for the continuous update of the inventory of national capacities to produce the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goal global indicator framework, and invites countries to use this tool to facilitate the planning of statistical cooperation and technical assistance activities related to the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, in collaboration with the Development Coordination Office and the working group on statistics and data of the United Nations Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean;

15. *Endorses* the Guidelines for the formation and functioning of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (2022–2023 biennium),⁹ in update of the Operational guidelines for the working groups,¹⁰ incorporating the suggestions made by member States at the tenth meeting of the Conference;

16. *Endorses* the Guidelines for gender mainstreaming in the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas,¹¹ and invites the working group focal points to follow the recommendations set forth therein for the proper consideration of the gender perspective in the outputs of the Conference;

17. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the Conference to mainstream the gender perspective and endorses terms of reference of the advisory group on gender mainstreaming of the Statistical Conference of the Americas,¹² which will contain recommendations and suggestions for the proper consideration of the gender perspective in the outputs of the working groups of the Conference;

⁶ LC/CEA.11/8.

⁷ LC/CEA.11/DDR/2.

⁸ LC/CEA.11/12.

⁹ LC/CEA.11/10.

¹⁰ LC/L.4156.

¹¹ LC/CEA.11/9.

¹² LC/CEA.11/13.

18. *Conveys thanks* to the member countries of the Conference that have served as working group coordinators for their valuable efforts in pursuit of the statistical development of the Latin American and Caribbean countries through the cooperation of the international and regional statistical community;

19. *Thanks* the international organizations for their support and collaboration in assisting with the activities of the working groups, by serving as technical secretariats or by providing financing for planned activities;

Review and adoption of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

20. *Takes note* of the Draft 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,¹³ as well as the suggestions made during the discussions at this tenth meeting of the Conference, which will be included in the respective report;

21. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to propose a peer review mechanism in Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, based on the Code of Good Practice in Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean and other international peer review practices;

22. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group for the preparation of an assessment of data stewardship in Latin America and the Caribbean, taking into consideration the particularities and different starting points of the countries of the region and proposing elements for implementing and mainstreaming data stewardship in national statistical systems;

23. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to prepare a guide for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production, as a methodological and conceptual tool to guide the incorporation of the gender perspective in the production of official statistics;

24. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group for the development of recommendations for quality analysis of household surveys, which will allow standardized analysis of the quality of data obtained from household surveys and the appropriate measurement of sampling errors, using methodologies that are accessible to the users of these statistics;

25. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group for the development of quality assessment tools for administrative records, to assist the countries of the region in carrying out proper quality and confidentiality management and thus enhance the use of this source of information in the production of official statistics;

26. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to prepare recommendations for the integration of administrative records related to children, which will help to produce Sustainable Development Goal indicators related to this age group with more frequency, better quality and more disaggregation;

27. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to develop tools for the production of disaster-related indicators, to help strengthen statistical information management practices for disaster-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030;

¹³ LC/CEA.11/11.

28. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to prepare an assessment of statistics on work relationships and labour informality, with the aim to promote the conceptual and methodological harmonization of labour statistics with the standards adopted at the twentieth International Conference of Labour Statisticians and identify good practices for the measurement of informality in the region;

29. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to prepare recommendations for measuring perceptions in household surveys, in order to contribute to the generation of information needed to assess social progress and well-being beyond material conditions, taking into account people's perceptions, evaluations and experiences of their own lives;

30. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to prepare a compilation of experiences in generating statistics relating to prison systems, to assist in the generation of useful information for the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and for follow-up and reporting on progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as compliance with international standards relating to prisons.

31. *Endorses* the establishment of a working group to develop a guide on the compilation and use of input-output tables, to be used in the preparation of these instruments and which will include suggested statistical procedures to be followed, as well as some guidelines for their use;

32. *Invites* member countries of the Conference to strengthen knowledge dissemination and horizontal cooperation through the Knowledge Transfer Network, by organizing remote meetings and jointly constructing a repository of information relevant to the production and dissemination of statistics;

33. *Takes note* of the proposed creation of virtual communities under the Knowledge Transfer Network, which are intended to encourage dialogue and the sharing of experiences on issues of importance for the countries of the region;

34. *Urges* the member States of the Conference to support the proper conduct of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses, both by applying relevant international recommendations and standards, and by mobilizing the necessary financial resources to carry out these censuses, as they are essential to decision-making in the framework of a sustainable and inclusive recovery that leaves no one behind;

Other matters

35. *Conveys its appreciation and thanks* for the work of the National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia during that country's service as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Conference during the biennium 2020–2021.