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

Santiago, 4-6 April 2017

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.

The 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.

The agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee includes the review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Conference for 2016-2017 and Conference activities relating to the follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals. On this occasion, the Executive Committee will also hold a regional seminar on the implementation of the SDG indicators: progress in the construction of the 2030 Agenda follow-up framework in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as a joint meeting of the member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC and the members of the Regional Committee of the United Nations on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM-Americas).

B. CHAIR

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

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will have before it the following agenda for adoption or amendment:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of the Conference regarding follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of activities 2016-2017 of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities.
5. Other matters.
6. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

2. Activities of the Conference regarding follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals

Under this agenda item, the Committee will discuss the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean relating to the preparation of a proposal for a regional framework of Sustainable Development Goal indicators and to the progress made in the development of an online platform of data obtained from surveys on statistical capacity to produce these indicators. Also under this item, the Committee will consider the activities of the United Nations Statistical Commission with respect to SDG indicators at its forty-eighth session. Lastly, the secretariat will provide information relating to the first meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

Working document:

- Report on the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.16/3)

Reference documents:

- Proposed terms of reference of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.4179(CE.15/3))
- Draft plan of work for the biennium 2016-2017 of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.4184(CE.15/6))

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of activities 2016-2017 of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its fifteenth meeting, the Executive Committee adopted the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2016-2017, along with the programmes of work of the various working groups for the same period. Under this agenda item, participants will review the reports on the activities carried out between June 2016 and March 2017, which will be presented by the coordinating countries of the working groups. The Knowledge Transfer Network will also report on the activities it has carried out over the period.

Working document:

- Report on the implementation of the 2016-2017 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 (LC/CE.16/4)

Reference documents:

- Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2016-2017, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.4181(CE.15/5))
- Strategic Plan, 2015-2025 (LC/L.4070/Rev.1)
- Operational guidelines for the working groups (LC/L.4156)

4. Information regarding subregional and international cooperation activities

Under this agenda item, the various coordination agencies in the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Community and MERCOSUR will report on their programmes of work 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. The various international agencies engaged in statistical cooperation efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean will also report on activities or projects under way that may contribute to the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities.

5. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the representatives will have the opportunity to discuss matters of importance for the region not addressed under the preceding items.

6. Consideration and adoption of agreements

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