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

Santiago, 27-28 March 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 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 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 institutionality 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 provisional agenda for the eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC includes the following items: the analysis of priorities for regional statistical development and consideration of how to address these through collaborative work by the countries, the review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, and the rotation of representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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 Committee's eighteenth meeting.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 2. Analysis of priorities for regional statistical development.
- 3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.
- 4. Other matters.
- 5. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Analysis of priorities for regional statistical development

Under this agenda item, the Committee will analyse, from various perspectives, the strategic challenges and priorities for statistical development in the region that may be addressed through collaborative work by the member countries of the Conference. The priority areas and expected accomplishments will guide the preparation of the programmes of activities of the working groups in the 2020–2021 biennium.

3. Review of progress in the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

The biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, which includes the programmes of work of the various working groups for that period, was adopted at the ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on: (a) the overall progress of the working groups of the Conference, and (b) the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Working document:

- Report on the implementation of the 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/CE.18/3)
- Report on the activities of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.18/4)

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)

4. 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. These will include: (a) the rotation of representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable

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¹ LC/CE.18/1.

Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and (b) preparations for the tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, to be held in Santiago in November 2019.

5. Consideration and adoption of agreements

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