REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN DEMOGRAPHIC CENTRE (CELADE) – POPULATION DIVISION OF ECLAC DURING THE PERIOD 2012-2013

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Review of the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action and the proposed regional agenda on population and development beyond 2014

- Two working documents prepared for the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development
 - Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: review of the period 2009-2013 and lessons learned.
 Summary and overview
 - Proposed regional agenda on population and development for Latin America and the Caribbean beyond 2014

Strengthening countries' capacity to conduct the 2010 round of censuses

- Technical support for preparing, conducting and evaluating population and housing censuses
- Training workshops and opportunities for exchanging experiences with a view to guiding the census process
- More detailed information in reference document DDR/4

Processing tools and sociodemographic information systems

- REDATAM: main instrument for processing and disseminating census results (within and outside the region)
- 14 regional, subregional and national training workshops
- More than 240 technicians from Latin
 America and the Caribbean trained in the use of REDATAM

Population estimates and projections

- Revision of population estimates and projections by sex and age for 20 countries in Latin America
- Population estimates and projections at the national level (through to 2100), for urban and rural areas and for the economically active population
- Participation in the Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation
- Leading role in the Regional Working Group for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality

Population dynamics and inequality

- Social and demographic inequality: adopting a cross-cutting approach
- Assistance in assessing, analysing and drafting policies for reducing adolescent pregnancy
- Intergenerational transfers: role of markets, governments and families in perpetuating inequality

Demographic change and challenges for development

- Effects of the shift in the age structure of the population on development
- Studies on the opportunities presented by the demographic dividend and the challenges
 stemming from population ageing
- Technical assistance provided to the countries participating in the National Transfer Accounts Project

Ageing

- Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean: adoption of the San José Charter
- Technical support provided for a meeting held to establish the key actions for the implementation of the San José Charter
- Training and technical assistance on institutionbuilding, legislation and programmes for older persons
- More detailed information in reference document DDR/1

International migration

- Participation in the organization of the first meeting on migration held by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)
- Contribution to the twelfth South American Conference on Migration
- Organization of a meeting of experts in preparation for the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
- Updating of the IMILA database
- More detailed information in reference document DDR/2

Internal migration, urbanization and the spatial distribution of the population

- Updating of the MIALC and DEPUALC databases
- Support for the analysis of internal migration and the construction of indicators relating to urbanization and the spatial distribution of the population
- Translation into French of Population, territory and sustainable development, one of the working documents presented at the meeting held in Quito in 2012

Indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations

- Incorporation of ethnic identification into data sources
- Carrying out studies with a rights-based focus on the living conditions of these groups
- Producing and disseminating disaggregated data on these groups
- Series of sociodemographic atlases on indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations
- More detailed information in reference document DDR/3

Training on population and development issues for human resources

- CRIAD 2012: capacity-building in methods of demographic analysis and techniques for studying and assessing population dynamics
- Extensive training activities in collaboration with other organizations
- CRIAD 2013: final preparations under way

Close cooperation with other institutions

- DESA, UN-Women, OHCHR, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Habitat, UNAIDS, ILO, FAO, WHO
- IDB, CARICOM, Andean Community, FLACSO, OAS, IASI, CAF, OIJ, IMO, SEGIB, IIDH, IDRC, Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, Ford Foundation

Activities planned for the coming period

- Assistance to the countries of the region in relation to the 2010 census round
- Support for the implementation of the San José Charter
- Monitoring implementation of the regional agenda on population and development beyond 2014
- Follow-up to the outcome of the the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
- Preparation of a regional document for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
- Teaching the annual CRIAD course

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