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Twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 28 and 29 August 2024

AGREEMENTS

The Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at its twenty-third meeting, held in hybrid format on 28 and 29 August 2024,

1. *Takes note* of the regional seminar on innovations in population and housing censuses of the 2020 round in preparation for the 2030 round, held as a side event of this meeting and jointly organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations Population Fund, during which participants considered the experiences of Latin American and Caribbean countries in conducting their population and housing censuses and analysed the main challenges faced in undertaking these statistical operations, which resulted, in some cases, in much higher omission rates in the censuses of the 2020 round than in those of the 2010 round;
2. *Urges* countries to implement processes to ensure continuous improvement in the preparation of population and housing censuses for the 2030 round, taking into consideration the lessons learned from recent experiences and relevant international recommendations, as well as to promote access to administrative records and their use as an indispensable source of information to strengthen the production of official statistics and support the conduct of censuses, especially through the preparation of censuses using combined sources (enumeration via census surveys and administrative records) and of censuses based on administrative records, as well as the statistical use of administrative records to improve the coverage and quality of census information;
3. *Also urges* countries to establish good practices for quality assessment of administrative records, with a view to strengthening the statistical infrastructure through the design and implementation of statistical population registers, and recognizes that the support of United Nations system entities will be required to achieve that objective;
4. *Thanks* the participants for their presentations and views on the current and future challenges of statistical production relating to the themes of organization and management of national statistical offices in the new data ecosystem, technical and methodological capabilities amid rapid technological development, and coordination and cooperation in the Conference, which will serve as key inputs for its 2026–2035 Strategic Plan;

5. *Expresses its satisfaction with the efforts of the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to prepare the 2026–2035 Strategic Plan, including the call to establish an advisory group to update the Plan and the regional consultation and interviews with key stakeholders, and requests the Division to continue preparing the 2026–2035 Strategic Plan, encouraging participation;*

6. *Takes note of participants’ comments on the update of the proposal of the Statistical Commission to create an independent advisory board on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and requests the Executive Committee of the Conference to report on the outcomes of the regional discussion of the updated proposal prior to the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission;*

7. *Applauds the adoption of Economic and Social Council resolution 2024/2 entitled “An inclusive and representative Statistical Commission to leave no one behind”, which includes the decision to increase the number of members of the Statistical Commission, and requests the Chair of the Executive Committee, along with the secretariat of the Conference, to propose alternatives to ensure that the region is adequately represented;*

8. *Endorses the First report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2024–2025, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;¹*

9. *Expresses its satisfaction with the preparation of the *Guía para la compilación y uso de matrices de insumo-producto (MIP) con enfoque transversal de la perspectiva de género*;² and for the publication of the complete versions of the methodological documents endorsed at the twelfth meeting of the Conference, namely, *Guidelines for mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistical production*, *Methodological recommendations on the measurement of the quality of household survey figures* and *Recommendations for measuring perceptions in household surveys*;*

10. *Welcomes the progress made by the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas in carrying out the activities planned for the biennium and urges them to continue their work in order to complete the agreed outputs before the thirteenth meeting of the Conference and requests that they bear in mind the *Guidelines for gender mainstreaming in the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas*³ and the recommendations made to that effect by the Advisory Group on Gender Mainstreaming;*

11. *Encourages national statistical offices and other agencies producing statistics in the region to continue to leverage the Knowledge Transfer Network and its communities for the sharing of experiences and regional collaboration on themes that are relevant to the countries of the region;*

12. *Encourages representatives of national statistical offices in the region to attend the international workshop on censuses based on administrative records organized by the National Statistics Institute of Uruguay, the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations Population Fund and the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Montevideo from 7 to 11 October 2024;*

¹ LC/CE.23/3.

² LC/CE.23/DDR/1.

³ LC/CEA.11/9.

13. *Expresses satisfaction* that the International Meeting on Gender Statistics is in its twenty-fifth year, recognizing the crucial role of such events in the development and consolidation of gender statistics in the region, and thanks the national, regional and international institutions that have collaborated in its organization over the years;

14. *Thanks* regional representatives for the presentation of the report on progress made by the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and takes note of the invitation to the member countries of the Conference to participate actively in the United Nations World Data Forum, to be held in Medellín, Colombia, from 12 to 15 November 2024;

15. *Also thanks* regional representatives for the presentation of the report on progress made by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, and takes note of its activities, as well as the initiatives relating to the 2025 comprehensive review of the global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

16. *Requests* the Executive Committee to prepare a plan of action for implementation of the Statement on the use of data held by the private sector for the purposes of official statistics;

17. *Requests* that, at the fortieth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Lima from 9 to 11 October 2024, the Chair of the Executive Committee report on the main activities undertaken by the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission.