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Fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 28-30 June 2022



Side event

Strengthening vital statistics and population and housing censuses: challenges and lessons learned during the pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of having good data for public policies. The number of total deaths and deaths from COVID-19 by age and sex were key indicators for decision-making during the health crisis. However, many countries in the region still have deficiencies in the completeness and quality of death records and some were unable to rely on these indicators to manage the crisis.

Added to a context of deficiencies in registrations -both deaths and births- is the postponement of population and housing censuses in many countries in the region, further increasing uncertainty regarding the impact of the pandemic on the population and its distribution in the territory. Censuses are also a fundamental source of information regarding migration and mobility, and can present fundamental information on regional differences in fertility and mortality, among other aspects.

The census survey and improvements in the registration of deaths and live births are essential for understanding the demographic situation of the countries of the region and for more precise monitoring of social progress towards the agreements of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

This panel will discuss concrete measures to improve vital statistics in the countries of the region, as well as solutions to some of the greatest challenges for a quality census survey in the current context.

Date: June 28th,

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Room: Auditorio Fernando Fajnzylber

Languages: The event will have Spanish/English translation



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Programme:

Moderator: Fabiana del Popolo

Panelist 1: Overview of population and housing censuses and vital statistics situation in the region (Helena Cruz Castanheira, ECLAC/CELADE)

Panelist 2: UN Legal Identity Agenda Model – Holistic Approach to Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management (Srdjan Mrkic, UNSD)

Panelist 3: Actions that led to improvements in live birth registration in Ecuador and current plans for improving death registration (Andrés Albán, INEC Ecuador)

Panelist 4: Implementation of the legal identity project in Honduras and the improvement of vital records (Rolando Kattan, Registro Nacional de las Personas-RNP Honduras)

Panelist 5: Challenges and lessons learned from the implementation of the Argentinian Population and Housing Census during the pandemic (Gladys Massé, INDEC Argentina)

Final comments: (5 minutes each)

- Jackeline Romio (UNFPA LACRO)
- Beatriz Plaza (Vital Strategies, Bloomberg)
- Dr. Mario Cruz Peñate (PAHO)

Questions and answers (40 minutes)

ZOOM (3) (EVENT) - INT ESP/ING - Sala Fajnzylber

Event information

Topic: Fortalecimiento de las estadísticas vitales y los censos de población y vivienda: desafíos y lecciones aprendidas en tiempos de pandemia

Date: 28 Junio 2022 / 10:30 - 12:15 horas CLT

Meeting Number: 885 3709 6321

Meeting Password: 635530

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