Statistical information is a key element for defining public policies for sustainable development in the countries of the region. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) disseminates significant data from the region on the three pillars of development—economic, social and environmental—through various mediums, and CEPALSTAT is the main gateway to the statistical information that is collected, systematized, compiled and published by the Commission.

As part of the implementation of innovative solutions for the dissemination of data in the region, and in line with the Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere launched by the United Nations, ECLAC has revamped its CEPALSTAT data portal to meet the demands of an increasingly connected public who use search engines and social networks to access large volumes of robust data that can be used to analyse a number of development-related issues.