



**Regional Seminar**  
**“INSTITUTIONAL AND STATISTICAL CHALLENGES FOR THE MONITORING OF**  
**THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN LATIN AMERICAN**  
**AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES”**  
**Bogotá, Colombia; November 27 and 28, 2007**

*Preliminary Agenda*

**Tuesday, November 27th**

09:00 – 09:30            Registration

09:30 – 10:00           Welcome

*Opening remarks*

Hector Maldonado, Director, National Statistical Department, Colombia

*Presentation of advances and results of the ECLAC project on statistical strengthening for monitoring MDGs in the region.*

Juan Carlos Feres, Division of Statistics and Economic Projections, ECLAC.

10:00 – 11:00            **Session 1. Analysis of statistical discrepancies of the MDG indicators among national and international sources. Actions to reduce these divergences**

**Moderator: ECLAC**

*Updated assessment of statistical discrepancies in MDG indicator values among those presented by national sources and those used by international agencies, emphasizing the main factors that explain the differences in general. Discussion of possible actions that could be carried out to decrease the statistical discrepancies.*

11:00 – 11:20            Coffee break

11:20 – 13:00            **Session 1, continued.**

Comments and discussion

13:00 – 14:30            Lunch

- 14:30 – 16:00      **Session 2. Guidelines for national and international indicator value convergence: thematic analysis.**
- [Moderator: UNDP Colombia](#)
- Thematic presentations analyzing the factors affecting the statistical divergence. Proposal of some guidelines to develop convergence within the thematic MDG area: **poverty, hunger, education, gender.***
- 16:00 – 16:20      Coffee break
- 16:20 – 18:00      **Session 2, continued.**    *MDG themes: **health, population, environmental sustainability, ICTs.***
- Comments and discussion

### Wednesday, November 28th

- 09:30 – 11:00      **Session 3. Institutional strengthening and inter-institutional coordination in the elaboration of MDG national reports**
- [Moderator: National Planning Department, Colombia](#)
- Discussion about the process of statistical production and MDG monitoring, as well of the inter-institutional coordination dynamics to facilitate both the quality, collection and use of statistical information at the country level. It will be important to identify good practices and experiences that can improve the processes of developing MDG indicators to reinforce the analysis in the MDG's national reports.*
- Comments and discussion
- 11:00 – 11:20      Coffee break
- 11:20 – 13:00      **Session 3, continued**
- 13:00 – 14:30      Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00      **Session 4. Guidelines for future work on monitoring the MDGs**
- [Moderators: ECLAC and National Statistical Department, Colombia](#)
- Discussion on the challenges and work to be carried out by the different actors (statistical offices, national report leaders, UN system agencies) regarding inter-institutional coordination and the development of countries-agencies statistical convergence, in order to strengthen national and regional capacities for monitoring MDGs.*
- 16:00 – 16:30      Closing remarks
- ECLAC's Representative  
DANE's Representative