Eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 27–28 March 2019

AGREEMENTS

The Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at its eighteenth meeting, held in Santiago from 27 to 28 March 2019,

1. Takes note of the issues and activities identified as priorities for the region on the basis of the results of the questionnaire on strategic challenges for statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2020–2021, the presentations given by the secretariat and those made by the countries at the meeting, on strategic and management matters concerning national statistical offices and national statistical systems, economic statistics, environmental statistics, demographic and social statistics and multi-domain statistics;

2. Also takes note of the Second report on the implementation of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2018–2019, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;¹

3. Commends the working groups on the progress made in the implementation of their programmes of activities and urges them to take the necessary measures to complete the work programmes committed for the current biennium;

4. Expresses its thanks for the support and collaboration of the international organizations that have contributed to the activities of the working groups, either by acting as technical secretariats or by providing cooperation, technical assistance and financing for the planned activities;

¹ LC/CE.18/3.
5. Welcomes the launch of the new website of the Knowledge Transfer Network\(^2\) and the collection and dissemination of outputs of the working groups in Spanish and English, as well as the calendar of activities;

6. Urges the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean to advance in the fine-tuning of methodological aspects of the indicators prioritized for regional follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals and to make progress in the development of a proposal for activities to be implemented in the next biennium;

7. Requests the Chair to report at the third meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, to be held in Santiago in April 2019, on the main activities undertaken by the Statistical Conference of the Americas in relation to follow-up to and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

8. Thanks Brazil, Colombia, Grenada, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname, for their work as representatives of the region, respectively, to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and to the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, respectively;

9. Welcomes the election of Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, and Trinidad and Tobago as representatives of the region to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators for the coming biennium, as of June 2019;

10. Also welcomes the election of Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as representatives of the region to the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the coming biennium, as of June 2019;

11. Invites the countries representing the region in the two bodies to generate joint work schemes and mechanisms to share information with all the countries in their respective subregions, in order to ensure ongoing feedback on the themes discussed and decisions adopted in both forums, and to seek mechanisms for putting forward common positions representing the region as a whole;

12. Acknowledges the progress made in implementing the Statistical and Geospatial Framework for the Americas (MEGA) and encourages national statistical offices to take an active part in the project in coordination and collaboration with national geospatial agencies;

13. Requests the secretariat to arrange the preparation of proposals for the formation of the working groups for the biennium 2020–2021, as well as for other modalities of collaborative work, for consideration by the Executive Committee prior to the tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas;

14. Agrees that the issues addressed by the working groups in the biennium 2020–2021 are to be consistent with the priorities identified at the present meeting, as outlined in the meeting report, and that their work programmes must include clearly defined outputs that are achievable within the two-year period;

15. Requests the secretariat to establish a consultation mechanism to define common regional positions for presentation to the United Nations Statistical Commission at its annual sessions;
