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

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## **REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE 2030 AGENDA IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN TO MARCH 2019**

Pursuant to the agreements adopted at the seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas in October 2018, the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean has been progressing with activities with a view to its objective of coordinating the preparation and implementation of regional indicators and capacity-building for this purpose, within the framework of follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean. During the reporting period, the Group focused particularly on the following activities:

### **1. Update of the inventory of national capacities to produce the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goal global indicator framework**

At the time of writing, 15 countries of the region had updated their information on national statistical capacities to produce the Sustainable Development Goals indicators in line with the global indicator framework. The technical secretariat will use those results as input for chapter III, “Progress in statistics for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goal indicators in Latin America and the Caribbean”, of the *Quadrennial report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean*,<sup>1</sup> prepared by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) for the third meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.



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<sup>1</sup> LC/FDS.3/3.

This complies with the Committee's request, in paragraph 3 of the agreements adopted at its seventeenth meeting, that member States update the information on national statistical capacities for the production of indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **2. Regional framework of indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean**

At its seventeenth meeting, the Executive Committee adopted the *Report on the prioritization of indicators for regional statistical follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean*,<sup>2</sup> prepared pursuant to resolution 10(IX), adopted at the ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, by which the Conference requested the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean to prepare a framework of indicators for regional monitoring of the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that would enable the prioritization of measurement efforts and the effective coordination of horizontal, regional and international cooperation in order to progress towards closing gaps in statistical capacities.

At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Statistical Coordination Group and ECLAC, in its capacity as technical secretariat, to continue their activities regarding the set of prioritized indicators, including those related to the fine-tuning of methodological aspects, future technical improvements and evaluation of technical assistance and horizontal cooperation needs, with a view to the regional and subregional implementation of the indicators. To this end, ECLAC has begun to prepare methodological sheets for the complementary indicators selected by the Group, as well as the Spanish version of the metadata available for the selected indicators from the global framework of indicators, which will be submitted to the Statistical Coordination Group for consideration.

The Group will continue to review these methodological inputs and will submit its conclusions to the Statistical Conference of the Americas at its tenth meeting, with a view to advancing the definition of a workplan that allows the gradual development of regionally relevant measures in the framework of the 2030 Agenda. The Group is expected to hold a face-to-face meeting to facilitate discussion among its members and assist in the onboarding of new members from mid-2019.

## **3. Renewal of representatives of the region to global bodies involved in Sustainable Development Goal indicators**

The second mandate of the member countries of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will come to an end during the first half of 2019.

The countries currently representing the region are as follows:

- Inter-Agency Expert Group: Brazil, Colombia, Grenada, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago
- High-level Group: Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname

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<sup>2</sup> LC/CE.17/3.

The countries that will represent the region for a new two-year term will be decided at the eighteenth meeting of the Executive Committee. As agreed by the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, representatives shall be nominated on the basis of a geographical classification similar to the one used to define the composition of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference, as follows:

- South America (two representatives): Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
- North America, Central America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean (one representative): Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama
- The non-Spanish-speaking Caribbean (two representatives): Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago

The Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, being composed of regional representatives of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, shall also renew its membership as of June 2019, in line with the renewal of representatives of the region to global bodies. The Statistical Coordination Group also includes two other countries — Chile and Cuba— which currently participate as observers. The tasks assigned to the Group are specified in the terms of reference.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See the *Proposed terms of reference of the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC* (LC/L.4179 (CE.15/3)).