



## High-Level Seminar on the Future of Economic Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, Chile, 18 and 19 November 2019

Organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

(Side event to the tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas)

### Monday, 18 November

- 08:30 – 09:00    **Registration of participants**
- 09:00 – 09:10    **Welcome and opening remarks**
- Rolando Ocampo, ECLAC Statistics Division
  - José Antonio Mejía, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
  - Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- 9:10 – 9:30      **Introduction of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics and the Future of Economic Statistics - Initiative on the update of the system of economic statistics**
- Susie Fortier, Statistics Canada
  - Ivo Havinga, UNSD
- 9:30 – 10:00    **Sustainable economic development and the need for statistics – a user and policy perspective**
- Daniel Titelman, ECLAC Economic Development Division
- 10:00 – 11:20    **Session 1: Priorities and initiatives for institutional arrangements to advance the integration of economic statistics**  
Moderator: ECLAC  
What are the institutional impediments for the integration of economic statistics? What could or should be done at the country level? How can global and regional initiative support the access and use of traditional and non-traditional data for economic statistics in support of the broader measures for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development?  
*National and cross-country institutional agreements to achieve integrated economic statistics for the 2030 Agenda. Stepping up the user consultation. The integration between statistical production, business register, classifications, surveys, administrative data, and financial statements. Data sharing and exchange and collaboration in MNE profiling through LCU network for measuring the role of MNEs in globalization and digitalization and the use of big data for official statistics.*
- Introductions (30 minutes)
- Daniel Oviedo, DANE, Colombia
  - Enrique Ordaz, INEGI, Mexico
  - Peter van de Ven, OECD
- Plenary discussion (50 minutes)
- 11:20-11:40    *Coffee break*

11.40 – 13.00 **Session 2: Priorities and initiatives for the update of the statistical operations and statistical infrastructure of the system of economic statistics**

Moderator: ECLAC

What are the national challenges with the statistical operations and statistical infrastructure such as the access, availability and integration of data sources for the monitoring of the SDGs, the global and digital economy? How can global and regional initiatives address these challenges?

*SDGs and indicators for decision making. Indicators in the framework of economic statistics. Sufficient data and integrated process. Greater coordination between the different domains of macroeconomic, business, trade and price statistics for measuring globalization and digitalization. The use of the digital invoice in the estimates of value, price and volume indexes. the use of administrative records.*

Introductions (30 minutes)

- Lourdes Erro, Central Bank of Uruguay
- Bryan Carmona Calvo, Central Bank of Costa Rica
- Cimar Azeredo Pereira, IBGE, Brazil

Plenary discussion (50 minutes)

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch Break*

14.30 – 16.00 **Session 3: Priorities and Initiatives on the conceptual framework of the system of economic statistics to measure beyond traditional metrics**

Moderator: ECLAC

Global and regional priorities and initiatives to update the conceptual framework to measure beyond traditional metrics: where do we stand, and where we want to go?

*Tools and conceptual framework to measure inequality, the social accounting matrix and household sector. The importance of measuring the household economic and employment account in order to go beyond GDP. The need for basic statistics from administrative data, household income and expenditure surveys, employment surveys and time use surveys.*

Introductions: 30 minutes

- Santiago Segovia (Central Bank of Ecuador)
- Ignacio Flores Beale (World Inequality Lab, France)

Plenary Discussion (60 minutes)

16:00-16:20 *Coffee break*

16.20 – 17.30 **Session 4: Coordination and governance for the update of the system of economic statistics**

Moderator: ECLAC

Reflection on the present global, interagency and regional coordination and governance mechanisms for the global update the system of economic statistics, and the role of the region within these mechanisms.

Introductions (20 minutes)

- Ivo Havinga, UNSD
- Shy am Upadhyaya, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Plenary discussion (50 minutes)



## **Tuesday, 19 November** (*Plenary of the Statistical Conference of the Americas*)

### **10.30 – 12.00 Session 5: Global and regional priorities and initiative to provide access to new technological infrastructure, methods and services**

Moderator: ECLAC

What is the new technological infrastructure, data, methods and services required at the country level to meet the changing needs of policy makers and economists? How can global and regional priorities and initiatives assist in providing access and use of new technological infrastructure, data, methods and services?

Introductions (30 minutes)

- Daniel Titelman, ECLAC
- Francisco Ruiz, Central Bank of Chile
- José Antonio Meade, Mexico

Plenary Discussion (60 minutes)

### **12:00 – 13.00 Session 6: Conclusions and recommendations on the global and regional priorities and initiatives**

Moderator: ECLAC

What are the regional recommendations on the global and regional priorities and initiatives for the update of the conceptual, statistical operations and infrastructural components of the system of economic statistics?

Introductions (15 minutes)

- Ivo Havinga, Summary and report of the first day of the seminar

Plenary discussion on conclusions and recommendations (45 minutes)

## **REFERENCES**

The future of economic statistics:

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Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics

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