Report on the activities conducted by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC during the period 2018–2022
Objectives that guide the activities of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC

The Division’s programme of work
Fully incorporate population dynamics into countries’ development planning, policies and programmes

1. National requests
2. International agreements
3. Regional issues
I. Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development
Activities of the technical secretariat of the Regional Conference

✓ Third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 7–9 August 2018)

✓ Fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, 9–10 October 2019)

✓ Meeting of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Panama City, 22–23 July 2019)
Thematic virtual dialogues in 2020

- Representatives of governments, civil society, academia and international organizations
- 5 virtual dialogues: migrants; persons of African descent; sexual and reproductive health; persons with disabilities; impacts in the Caribbean
- More than 18,000 persons attended through registration and social networks

Series of 5 thematic reports on the effects of the pandemic on specific population groups

1. The impact of COVID-19: an opportunity to reaffirm the central role of migrants’ human rights in sustainable development
2. Challenges for the protection of older persons and their rights during the COVID-19 pandemic
3. The impact of COVID-19 on indigenous peoples in Latin America (Abuya Yala): between invisibility and collective resistance
4. People of African descent and COVID-19: unveiling structural inequalities in Latin America
5. Persons with disabilities and their rights in the COVID-19 pandemic: leaving no one behind
Main agreements

- Organization of the fourth session of the Regional Conference
- Document on the sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Development of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and proposal for updating it
- Proposed timeline for the submission of national reports and of the regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus
Technical assistance in censuses (18 countries)

1. Argentina
2. Bolivia (Plur. State of)
3. Brazil
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. Costa Rica
7. Cuba
8. Dominican Republic
9. Ecuador
10. Guatemala
11. Haiti
12. Honduras
13. Mexico
14. Panama
15. Paraguay
16. Peru
17. Uruguay
18. Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)
II. Strengthening countries’ capacity to conduct the 2020 round of censuses

Activities in close collaboration with UNFPA, NSOs and Working Group on Censuses of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC

✓ Seminars and workshops to exchange experiences among the countries of the region
✓ Promotion of South-South cooperation
✓ Participation in national workshops organized by NSOs on various conceptual and methodological aspects of censuses
✓ Substantive documents on different census matters

Virtual seminar entitled “Avances y Desafíos para la Visibilidad Estadística de las Personas Afrodescendientes en América Latina” 16–19 Nov 2021

Seminar entitled “Aspectos conceptuales de los censos de población y vivienda: desafíos para la definición de contenidos incluyentes en la ronda 2020” 6–8 Nov 2018
III. Processing tools and sociodemographic information systems

- Development of new generation of REDATAM to provide multiplatform support (Windows, Mac and Linux)
- Support for generation or updating of the micro-databases of vital events, development of portals maintained by the national statistics institutes of Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay, based on the Redatam Webserver platform
- Incorporation of microdata from Antigua and Barbuda, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Monserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (repository for updating online information systems, many of which integrated with CEPALSTAT)

**Highlighted Collection**

Volumes 24, 25, 26 and 27 de REDATAM Informa in digital format, with studies on the impacts of COVID-19 on mortality in the region and presentation of the new RedatamX version

15 REDATAM training activities collection and analysis of sociodemographic information (participants from Argentina, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Plurinational State of Bolivia

- 216 participants in the 7 face-to-face workshops held in 2018 in 2019, and 239 in the remote workshops
- 4 workshops for public officials in Argentina

**Odisea application**

- Development of the ODISEA application (CEPAL/GIZ project), use of census data on mobility and online processing of microdata from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru
IV. Population estimates and projections

Technical assistance with estimates and projections
(Argentina, Dominican Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Plurinational State of Bolivia)

- Creation of estimates and projections
- Systematization and evaluation of basic information
- Applying the demographic techniques of the Reference Group on Global Health Statistics
- Critical analysis
- Application of projection methods

Participation in international working groups

- Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)), estimates of mortality in infants, children, young people and foetuses or stillbirths
- Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment (World Health Organization (WHO) - Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Global Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Group; meeting of Task Force on Age-Specific Mortality Estimation and Life Table Computation of the WHO Reference Group on Health Statistics
IV. Population estimates and projections
V. Young people and sexual and reproductive health

3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Goal 3.7. By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes

Indicator 3.7.2

- Adolescent birth rate (aged 10–14 years; aged 15–19 years) per 1,000 women in that age group

✓ Interagency collaboration to measure SDG indicator 3.7.2
✓ Technical assistance to measure and take action on adolescent fertility, in particular for priority measures 11–15 of the Montevideo Consensus and SDG target 3.7 and indicator 3.7.2
✓ Updating the regional database on maternity (MATERNILAC, part of CEPALSTAT)
✓ Topical input for various ECLAC publications, including the Social Panorama of Latin America
VI. Demographic changes and development challenges

- 10 national studies based on national transfer accounts
- Workshops to disseminate national NTA studies, attended by more than 600 participants in 9 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru)
- Technical assistance: national NTA capacity-building workshops in Colombia (National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)), Jamaica (Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)), Mexico (National Population Council (CONAPO)) and Paraguay (Technical Planning Secretariat for Economic and Social Development)
- Regional technical assistance: 2 training workshops for the evaluation of the impacts of population ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Chile and Ecuador
- Publication of the regional study entitled “Demographic transition: opportunities and challenges to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean”
- Concluding regional seminar held on 12 and 13 September 2019, to present the outcomes of the project and the finished study
VI. Demographic changes and development challenges

- Publication of the National Transfer Accounts Manual: Measuring and Analysing the Generational Economy (Spanish version) in collaboration with the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Meeting of the regional network of national transfer accounts
VII. Ageing

Fourth five-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Action Plan
- Guide for preparation of country reports
- Meetings with governments and civil society organizations to disseminate the guide
- Technical assistance for 18 countries on preparation of country reports: 15 reports received, which will form basis of regional report

Preparatory meeting for the Fifth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Representatives of 18 governments (12 from Latin America and 6 from the Caribbean), civil society organizations for older persons and academia (120 participants in total)
- Chile will chair Fifth Conference

Participation in inter-agency working groups
- Inter-Agency Group on Ageing – coordinated by Department of Economic and Social Affairs
VII. Ageing

✓ Participation in seminars and workshops as part of the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing, organized by the countries, PAHO and ECLAC
✓ Research and publications on ageing and older persons
VIII. International migration

✓ Coordination of the regional United Nations Network on Migration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to monitor implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

✓ Coordination of the issue-based coalition on human mobility and the civil society mechanism

✓ Regional review meeting on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

✓ Participation and representation of the other regional commissions of the United Nations at the International Migration Review Forum 2022
VIII. International migration

Key projects and publications

✓ “Collection and use of international migration data in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants” (eleventh tranche of the United Nations Development Account), coordinated by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

✓ “Harnessing the contribution of intra-region migration to socio-economic development in Latin American and Caribbean countries” of the twelfth tranche of the United Nations Development Account, which aims to highlight the contributions of migration to sustainable development
IX. Internal migration, urbanization and the spatial distribution of the population

- Technical assistance and training linked to internal migration in various countries (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru)
- Updating and expansion of the databases on Internal Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean (MIALC) and Spatial distribution and urbanization in Latin America and the Caribbean (DEPUALC)
- Inclusion and active participation in the project “Inclusive and sustainable smart cities in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean” (ECLAC/GIZ)
- Creation and dissemination of the ODISEA platform (with support through the inclusive and sustainable smart cities project)
- Numerous documents and publications
X. Indigenous peoples and Afrodescendent populations

✓ Technical assistance to strengthen the ethnic and racial approach in population and housing censuses and other sources

✓ Since 2018, support for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay

Online seminar “Avances y desafíos para la visibilidad estadística de las personas afrodescendientes en América Latin” (November 2021)

✓ Organization of 10 regional and national meetings on the right to information and other priority areas in the Montevideo Consensus, such as territorial rights and the right to health, which were attended by governments, indigenous and Afrodescendent organizations and cooperation agencies

Regional seminar “La inclusión de pueblos indígenas y afrodescendiente en los sistemas de información en salud en el marco de la pandemia por COVID-19” (September 2021)
Eight publications on indigenous peoples and Afrodescendent populations, with policy recommendations

Production of substantive inputs for the Social Panorama of Latin America and other ECLAC documents

National capacity-building on use and analysis of sociodemographic information on indigenous peoples and Afrodescendent populations

Participation in more than 60 international, regional and national meetings, through substantive statements and presentations, feeding into the work of CELADE and disseminating various aspects and outputs of the activities described in the chapter
XI. Persons with disabilities

Technical assistance for the Buenos Aires Group on Disability Statistics, a regional group of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics that brings together the national statistical offices of the region.

Technical assistance to Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay in measurement of disability in censuses.

Document entitled “Persons with disabilities and their rights in the COVID-19 pandemic: leaving no one behind”.

Virtual dialogue “Personas con Discapacidad y Derechos frente a la Pandemia de COVID-19: que Nadie se Quede Atrás”.
XII. Training in population and development issues

- Design of the Regional Specialization Course in Demographic Analysis for Sustainable Development (CREAD), fully remotely, with programmed (e-learning) and live (online classes) stages.

- The first edition of CREAD delivered from July to December 2020, with support from UNFPA, and 34 participants from 12 countries in the region: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Peru and Uruguay.

- The 2021 edition of CREAD had 31 participants from 15 countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
Key milestones

Historical and extensive collaboration between CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC and UNFPA in preparation of annual work plans.

Joint organization of activities with various partners (PAHO, UNICEF, FILAC, Statistics Division and Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, IOM, IDB, Ford Foundation and GIZ).

Contributions to studies with evidence-based policy recommendations, and participation in institutional studies with other Divisions.

Relationships with the countries of the region continued to be strengthened through technical assistance in a wide range of population-related issues.
Outlook for 2022–2024

Some activities of the technical secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development:

- Organization of the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference (2023)
- Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of adoption of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (2023)
- Follow-up of implementation of the Montevideo Consensus
- Updates to virtual platform for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus
- Organization of fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development (2024)

Ongoing support to countries of the region in relation to 2020 census round

Technical assistance in a wide range of population-related issues

Updates to databanks

Ongoing development and updates of REDATAM software

Population estimates and projections

Training activities (CREAD and REDATAM)
### Outlook for 2022–2024

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