Report on the activities conducted by the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC during the period 2022–2024

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CELADE-Population Division: areas of focus

Programme of work
Fully incorporate demographic factors into countries’ development plans, policies and programmes

1. Technical assistance
2. Intergovernmental processes
3. Research
4. Training
I. Activities of the technical secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development

- **Fourth session of the Regional Conference** (Santiago, June 2022).
- **Fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers** and **special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus”** (Santiago, November 2023).
- National and regional events for the tenth anniversary: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay.
- **Second regional report on implementation of the Consensus**: regional contribution to current five-year global review and appraisal cycle of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Declaration on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development* highlights importance of regional conference outcome documents (para. 1).
- **Survey for updating the Virtual Platform for Follow-up of the Consensus** (2023): (i) institutional framework; (ii) laws, policies and programmes. Support for countries: training workshops and systematic follow-up with UNFPA Regional Office. Countries reported some 1,000 measures and policies.

* Draft declaration submitted by the Chair of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session
II. Strengthening countries’ capacity to conduct the 2020 census round

- Technical assistance and capacity-building for 16 countries of the region in different census phases: planning, mapping updates and pre-census phase, survey design, operating structure, census tests, technological innovation and methodologies, including for data collection, processing and assessment
- Drafting of recommendations
- Fostering experience-sharing and South-South cooperation (e.g. working group of the Statistical Conference of the Americas)
- Collaboration with UNFPA
III. Processing tools and sociodemographic information systems

- Development of REDATAM: new generation —RedatamX— with multiplatform support
- Technical assistance for census processing and online access to census microdata, surveys and registers based on REDATAM Webserver platform: 20 countries of the region

- National capacity-building for use of REDATAM in microdata processing
- Incorporation of databases into CEPALSTAT
IV. Population estimates and projections

- Updated population estimates and projections for 20 Latin American countries (by age and sex, urban or rural location and labour force)
- Publication of Demographic Observatory (2022: demographic effects; 2023: labour force) and handbook for the use of death distribution methods

- Technical assistance for the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama and Peru
- Organization of events and participation in regional and international groups of experts
- Collaboration with demographic learning institutions
V. Youth, sexual health and reproductive health

• Follow-up of chapter B of the Consensus
  ✓ Drafting of a chapter of the second regional report on implementation of the Consensus
  ✓ Inclusion of indicators B.15 and B.18 for monitoring implementation of chapter B in the Virtual Platform

• Technical assistance
  ✓ Participation in events of governments, civil society (youth), academia and multilateral organizations (e.g. Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, Latin American and Caribbean Parliament)

• Databases
  ✓ Updated MATERNILAC with 2023 census data for Panama

• Interdivisional work
  ✓ Participation in preparation of the issue of the Challenges newsletter on early childhood, inequalities and rights in Latin America and the Caribbean
VI. Demographic changes and development challenges

• **Technical assistance**: capacity-building for the production of national transfer accounts, national time transfer accounts and national inclusion accounts (Guatemala and Colombia)

• **Workshops**: opportunities and challenges of the demographic transition and population ageing in the region (December 2022); capacity-building workshop on working towards a demographic and economic accounting system (United Nations Population Division and CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC, December 2022)

• **United Nations Development Account Project (fifteenth tranche)** on inclusive and sustainable growth in a society for all ages in the post-COVID-19 era in Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean, implemented jointly by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, ECLAC and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

• **Interdivisional work**: e.g. *Social Panorama* 2022 and 2023
VII. Ageing

• Fourth five-year review and appraisal of implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
  ✓ Fifth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons, 13–15 December 2022
  ✓ Position document Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean: inclusion and rights of older persons
  ✓ Santiago Declaration “Human rights and participation of older persons: towards an inclusive and resilient care society”

• Research and publications on ageing
• Organization of events
• Technical assistance
• United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)
• Inter-Agency Group on Ageing (IAGA)
VIII. International migration

- **United Nations Regional Network on Migration**: Co-Chair with IOM to monitor the implementation of the *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration*

- *Report on the regional review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean of 2022* (with IOM)

- First forum of the **Permanent Civil Society Dialogue Mechanism** with governments of Latin America and the Caribbean, with IOM (8 August 2023, Panama)

- United Nations Development Account project *"Harnessing the contribution of intra-region migration to socio-economic development in Latin American and Caribbean countries"*: national workshops in Chile, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru

- **Working group on international migration of the Statistical Conference of the Americas** of ECLAC (SCA/ECLAC): strengthening data production capacity for monitoring of the Global Compact in 10 countries of the region
IX. Internal migration

• Documents and manuals
  ✓ Migración interna y movilidad para trabajar y estudiar en cuatro megápolis de América Latina (2022)
  ✓ Methods for measuring internal migration and its sociodemographic effects, focusing on use of censuses and migration matrices (2023)

• Technical assistance, national capacity-building and training
  ✓ INEI Peru, ONEI Cuba, CONAPO Mexico, Chile, regional

• Computer applications
  ✓ ODISEA, REDATAM: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru

• Databases
  ✓ MIALC updated with data from Mexico and Panama
X. Indigenous Peoples and Afrodescendent populations

- **Technical Assistance to strengthen the statistical visibility** of Indigenous Peoples and Afrodescendent populations
- **Capacity-building** on the use and analysis of information on ethnicity and race

- **Preparation of studies**, including **policy recommendations** and participation in various seminars and conferences for the **promotion and protection of their rights**

- **Organization of seminars and events**: Afrodescendants and rural issues; sexual and reproductive health in Afrodescendent populations; Indigenous Peoples and economic recovery
XI. Persons with disabilities

- Participation of persons with disabilities in the **fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development**

- **Measurement of disability**
  - Support to countries of the region in measuring disability in population and housing censuses in the 2020 round
  - Training in the formulation of census questions to measure disability and in inclusive data and indicators
  - ECLAC serves as technical secretariat for the **Buenos Aires Group on disability statistics**
XII. Human resources training in population and development issues

• Regional Specialization Course on Demographic Analysis for Sustainable Development (CREAD) in 2022 and 2023: six-month course with total of 66 students from national statistical offices and other institutions; 17 countries of the region and 2 African countries

• Ad hoc workshops and courses for sociodemographic analysis, including REDATAM workshops
The outlook for 2024–2026

Technical secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development:

- Organization of the sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference (2025) and the sixth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development (2026)
- Monitoring implementation of the Montevideo Consensus
- Updating the Virtual Platform

Technical secretariat of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean

Support to countries in implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (together with IOM and other agencies of the United Nations system) within the framework of the United Nations Regional Network on Migration

Technical assistance on a wide range of population-related issues
# The outlook for 2024–2026

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