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ABSTRACT

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ECLAC's Statistical Conference of the Americas is mandated to promote the development and improvement of national statistics and work to ensure that they are comparable at the international level as well as developing a biennial Programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region. For the 2020-2021 period Chile, Colombia and Mexico highlighted the need for a better to establish coordination mechanisms to produce high quality statistical information from censuses, surveys and the statistical use and linking of different administrative records, as well as the need to update surveys, by including additional questions or specific sampling method.

Eleven Working Groups were created, one of them focusing on the assessment of the capacities of statistical systems to measure international migration. This working group is co-led by Chile, Colombia and Mexico and has Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Paraguay, Peru, and the Dominican Republic as members. The expected impact of this WG is to generate quality statistical information that enables the countries of the region to meet national migration policy objectives as well as to comply with the existing agreements (eg: Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration among others)

The aim of submitting this abstract to the UNECE Online Meetings on Migration Statistics is twofold. Firstly, we would like to present the different advances that we have reached as a group since the creation of the Working Group in 2019. The core of these developments are focused on the construction of a questionnaire to determine which are the methodological resources and platforms related to international migration statistics available at the regional level and the identification of good practices in the use of administrative records.

Secondly, we firmly believe that this exercise could both enrich or work on progress by the discussions and opinions that will take place during the UNECE online meetings and that will help to strengthen the inter-regional cooperation.