

# Inclusive Data Communities of Practice: Advancing Statistical Cooperation for Diversity in Latin America and the Caribbean



**Organization:** Multilateral

**Data Type:** Official statistics, Survey data, Administrative data, Civil registration and vital statistics, Census

**Region:** Regional

**Timeline:** The implementation of this commitment will officially begin with its launch at the Fifth United Nations World Data Forum, scheduled for November 2024. The commitment's initial phase will extend through December 2027.

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## **Sponsoring Organization:**

Inter-American Development Bank

## **Supporting Organization(s):**

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean National Statistics Institute of Chile

## **Objective:**

The objective of this commitment is to foster regional dialogue focused on strengthening the production of data concerning sexual orientation, gender identity, race, and ethnicity. The commitment seeks to reinforce regional cooperation by establishing communities of practice, which will provide a collaborative platform for sharing knowledge and resources.

## **Description:**

The commitment aims to address the challenges related to the production of statistical data on diverse population groups in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly focusing on Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant and LGBTQ+ individuals. While significant progress has been made, common challenges that can be best addressed through regional cooperation persist. That includes designing representative samples, standardizing data collection instruments, and improving dissemination strategies as well as communication with both citizens and policy makers.

This commitment will materialize through the establishment of two communities of practice: one focused on statistics related to sexual orientation and gender identity, and the other on statistics concerning race and ethnicity. Both communities of practice will be facilitated by the Inter-American Development Bank and hosted by the Knowledge Transfer Network of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, a collaborative space coordinated by INE Chile and the Statistics Division of ECLAC. Activities will include meetings

among regional NSOs and open webinars with subject-matter experts and policymakers, where NSOs will have the opportunity to learn about how their data is being used and discuss emerging thematic needs. The knowledge generated within these communities will be documented and shared through technical papers, blogs, and recordings of the webinars, providing a replicable regional model.

The success of this commitment will be measured by the number of countries from Latin America and the Caribbean actively participating in the activities of the communities of practice, as well as by their sustained involvement over time.