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# **WORKING GROUP**

## **Documents on good practices for the adoption of new international standards of the ILO**

**Progress report**  
8 April 2021

# Objectives

- **General objective**

Advance statistical harmonization for the measurement of statistics on work relationships through the incorporation of good practices of the countries of the region.

- **Specific objectives**

- Promote the conceptual and methodological harmonization of labour statistics with the new international standards of the ILO, which were approved during the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (2018) for statistics on work relationships.
- Prepare a methodological document that gathers the advances and good practices in this area.

# Progress on final document

Chapter	Brief description	% progress
<b>Chapter 1: Introduction.</b>	Overview of the new ILO recommendations on "statistics on work relationships" to help readers understand the objectives and scope of the document. The document is based on the official resolution approved at the 20th ICLS.	100%
<b>Chapter 2: Preliminary assessment of countries [Baseline].</b>	Regional assessment based on a regional inquiry on the level of implementation by countries of the latest ILO recommendations. This chapter focuses on how countries are currently adopting the classification of status in employment into their labour force (or household) surveys.	90% (Results presented at the 2nd regional workshop in March 2021)
<b>Chapter 3: Regional experiences. Classification of countries by low, medium, and high levels of implementation.</b>	Using the baseline from the regional inquiry, countries will be asked to describe their experiences with implementation.	50% (Guidelines were provided to the countries for the development of this chapter.)

# Progress on final document

Chapter	Brief description	% progress
<b>Chapter 4: [ILO] Calculation algorithms/ approaches.</b>	The construction of a standard algorithm will be approached from two dimensions. First, it will consider the advances that the ILO has been developing at the international level. Second, it will consider a proposal for an algorithm through the recommendations from countries participating in the Working Group.	25% (documentation was shared with the countries)
<b>Chapter 5: Recommendations on standards or good practices.</b>	A broad compilation of good practices will be available to guide and support countries at various stages of development in this area.	0%
<b>Chapter 6: Conclusions.</b>	This chapter will describe the main conclusions of the document and highlight the challenges that lie ahead.	0%

# Main obstacles encountered

- The COVID-19 pandemic severely affected all statistical offices in the region, the main challenge being to provide **operational continuity in the production of labor market indicators**.
- Accordingly, the project had to **adjust its activities in 2020** to support the initiatives led by the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) in **sharing experiences and best practices of countries of the region in view of the COVID-19 pandemic**.
- The process of **drafting the chapters of the document** has been slower than expected. Therefore, efforts will be focused on accelerating progress in this area during the first half of 2021 while requesting the collaboration and prioritization of member countries.

# Best practices implemented

- Since January 2021, we have promoted the implementation of **regional online workshops** → to date, two workshops have been held.
- The positive reception of the participating countries has allowed us to advance with the objectives of the project and to **disseminate the discussions of the ILO Global Group of experts throughout the region.**
- We are expecting **to be able to upload the videos to the KTN.**

# Next steps

- **Systematization of national experiences**
- Guidelines sent to the countries
- Preparation of national experiences [30 April]
  - Completion of chapter 3.
- **3rd regional workshop (May 2021)**
  - Documentation sent for reading [ILO]
  - Focus of discussion: incorporation of the new International Classification of Status in Employment [ICSE-18] into household surveys.
  - Systematization of results in order to complete chapter 4.
- **Workshops will be held in the second half of 2021 to continue regional discussion.**
- **Completion of final chapters of the document by the deadline (1 November).**