

## Directory of statistical services of international organisations



<p><b>Brief description of the organisation<sup>1</sup></b></p>	<p>The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), headquartered in Washington, D.C. and established in 1959, is the principal multilateral source of resources and knowledge for the development of the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region.</p> <p>The Institutional Capacity of the State Division, responsible for public sector governance, as well as citizen security and justice, leads the work of the IDB on statistical capacity building.</p>
<p><b>Mission<sup>2</sup></b></p>	<p>Together with the governments, businesses and civil society of 48 member countries, the Bank supports the efforts of the region in the fight against poverty and inequality, and the achievement of sustainable growth.</p> <p>For the Statistics Group of the Institutional Capacity of the State Division, better statistics make better governments. Therefore, the IDB strengthens national statistical systems in LAC by (i) supporting the countries' most important and strategic statistical activities for formulation and monitoring of their public policies; and (ii) supporting the countries' measurement and monitoring capabilities in activities aligned with the priority sectors.</p>
<p><b>Fields of Activity/ structure</b></p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>The IDB is headed by the Board of Governors, which delegates oversight of Bank operations to the Board of Executive Directors. Day-to-day operations are run by the management team. The Bank supports clients in the design of projects, and provides financing, technical assistance and knowledge services to support development interventions. The IDB focuses on empirical evidence for making decisions and measuring the impact of these projects to increase its development effectiveness.</p> <p>The Statistics Group of the Institutional Capacity of the State Division Bank builds statistical capacity in the LAC region by targeting four areas: i) institutional framework; ii) production of statistics; iii) use of statistics; and iv) innovation in statistics. The instruments that the Bank uses to help the national statistical offices and national statistical systems achieve these objectives include loans for investment, non-reimbursable technical assistance, technical assistance services, applied research, South-South cooperation and strategic partnerships.</p>
<p><b>Mandate</b></p>	<p>The main mandate emanating from the charter of the Bank is to foster the economic and social development of the IDB's borrowing member countries, both individually and collectively.</p> <p>In the Ninth General Capital Increase, the Board of Governors mandated the Bank to</p>

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	pursue two overarching objectives: reducing poverty and inequality and achieving sustainable growth. Alongside these objectives are two strategic goals: addressing the special needs of the less developed and smaller countries and fostering development through the private sector.
<b>Statistical work programme</b>	<p>The Bank strengthens the statistical capacity of institutions by focusing on national statistical offices, to position them as effective policy-making and coordinating agencies of national statistical systems. As such, statistical production is strengthened primarily by fostering the quality of basic statistics from household surveys and administrative registers, as well as the most relevant derived statistics. This does not preclude support for other core activities such as population/housing, agricultural, and other censuses. Promoting the use of statistics as evidence in decision-making and the design and management of public policies, programs, and projects is also a priority, which necessarily entails capacity-building for the end users of such information. Moreover, the Bank strengthens innovation which means optimizing and increasing the use of modern technology to produce, access, and disseminate statistical information.</p> <p>Additionally, applied research and knowledge generation provide feedback on the effectiveness of the Bank's support to the statistics sector. Lastly, the Bank works with strategic partnerships and other international and regional entities that support development in the region, as well as with key stakeholders that can guide statistical development through South-South cooperation.</p>
<b>Number of staff</b> <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	<p>About 2,000 staff with headquarters in Washington, DC, and country offices in 26 borrowing countries, plus a regional office in Asia and office in Europe.</p> <p>The Statistics Group of the Institutional Capacity of the State Division has 3 professional staff and 1 consultant dedicated to statistical activities.</p>
<b>Flagship Publications</b>	<p>The Bank has compiled and organized over 1,000 searchable statistics and indicators for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, creating a comprehensive dataset for the region.</p> <p>Better Statistics, Better Governments: Operational Framework for Statistical Capacity Building in Latin America and the Caribbean</p>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.iadb.org">www.iadb.org</a>

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