

Draft TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic project data

▪ Country/Region:	Regional
▪ TC Name:	Regional Seminar on Strengthening the National Statistics System in Latin America and the Caribbean: The Korean Experience
▪ TC Number:	RG-T2282
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Mariko Russell (IFD/ICS); Janine Perfit (IFD/ICS); Gilberto Moncada (ICS/CBO); y Nathalie Hoffman (IFD/ICS)
▪ Indicate if: Operational Support, Client Support, or Research & Dissemination.	R & D
▪ If Operational Support TC, give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Reference to Request¹: (IDB docs #)	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	January 10, 2013
▪ Beneficiary:	National Statistics Systems of Latin America and the Caribbean
▪ Executing Agency and contact name:	The Bank (IFD/ICS)
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$185,000
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	US\$10,000
▪ Disbursement period:	9 months
▪ Required start date:	March 2013
▪ Types of consultants:	Individual
▪ Prepared by Unit:	IFD/ICS
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	IFD/ICS
▪ Included in Country Strategy (y/n);	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ GCI-9 Sector Priority:	Yes

II. Objective and Justification

While the countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region have generally made progress in statistical production in recent years, production, dissemination and the use of statistics do not function as a system in the majority of the countries of the region. Institutional capacities of the National Statistics Systems (NSS) are still limited, which limits the use of statistical information for decision making and policy formulation. The LAC region would benefit from learning from an experience of a country that has developed an effective coordination between organizations that provide data, statistics producers and data users. The Bank's preliminary research and dialogue with the authorities from the Republic of Korea (Korea) show that this country's statistical development experience is relevant for LAC.

The objectives of this regional TC are: i) build capacities in statistical development by sharing strategies and exchanging information on the current situation of the NSS between select countries in the LAC region and Korea; and ii) to identify areas of future collaboration between Korea and LAC related to statistical capacity development.

III. Description of activities and outputs

Activity: Sharing knowledge to promote statistical capacity. The TC will finance a joint seminar between the Bank and Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) to examine the Korean experience in statistical development and how the lessons learned apply to the LAC region. The seminar, to be held in Daejeon, Korea during the first semester of 2013, will bring together directors of national statistics offices (NSO) and policy makers to share experiences about strengthening the NSS with a focus on closing the gap between the production and use of statistics. Following the three-day seminar, KOSTAT will conduct a two-day study tour for the seminar participants to visit a statistics office outside of Daejeon. They also visit several data users from the private sector. The outcome will be that the participants from both Korea and LAC will be informed about each other’s experiences and lessons related to strengthening NSS.

The expected results of the seminar and study tour will be proposals for future KOSTAT cooperation in LAC in areas related to statistical capacity building. In order to begin this cooperation, the seminar’s discussions will lead to a concrete plan for KOSTAT to provide technical assistance to a NSO in the LAC region. The plan will detail the type of assistance, the area of focus, the target country, participants and timetable. The Bank will continue working with KOSTAT to promote the development and strengthening of NSS in the region, with an emphasis on knowledge sharing, capacity building and operational support.

IV. Budget

The total cost of the CT is US\$195,000 of which the Bank will finance US\$185,000 and US\$10,000 will be in-kind counterpart financing.

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	Description	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component 1	Regional seminar	168,000	4,000	
	Study tour	5,000	1,000	
Administration		12,000	5,000	
TOTAL		185,000	10,000	195,000

V. Executing agency and execution structure

The Bank, through the Institutional Capacity of the State Division, will execute the TC in close coordination with KOSTAT. Over the past year IFD/ICS and KOSTAT have been working together to

further their mutual interest in building statistical capacity in the LAC region. The Bank will execute the budget to finance the participation of the LAC participants and according to local arrangements made by KOSTAT.

VI. Project Risks and issues

The potential risk that could affect the implementation of this operation is a low participation of the LAC invitees in the seminar in Korea. As a mitigation measure, the Bank will encourage participation by supporting their travel expenses and also by extending invitations to the countries well in advance.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

The TC will not have any negative environmental or social effects. The TC has been classified as a “C” according to the Environmental and Social Impact Review (ESR) Committee. (See IDBDOCS No. 37388924 and 37388952).