

**ACTIVITIES OF ECLAC IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION,
HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT**

The resolution also called for the creation of an inter-agency group on migration, coordinated by ECLAC. In 2007, preparations began for the implementation of this mandate. This initiative will establish a platform to align the work of international and intergovernmental organizations, with the collaboration of expert networks, civil society organizations and intergovernmental forums.

ECLAC initiated two studies on census information in 2007. One constitutes an exhaustive analysis of census information based on microdata from the new questions included by some countries in the 2000 round, with view to making proposals concerning the 2010 round. The second study is a comparative analysis of census information in the Caribbean countries, the aim of which is to consider setting up a database.

In 2007, the project “Migration and development: The case of Latin America”, financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) was completed. The international migration component of the project was implemented by the ECLAC Economic Development Division. An international seminar held in August 2007 summarized the content of the project, which included a summary of the conceptual approach and a presentation of the main empirical results regarding the role of country differences in per capita income, business cycles, frence4rsummfrease.

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C. PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

In the 2008-2009 biennium, ECLAC through CELADE intends to implement the project “Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration: Maximizing development benefits and minimizing negative impact” in the context of the United Nations Development Account. The project will involve all five regional commissions (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) as implementing agencies. In its capacity as lead agency for the project, ECLAC submitted the project for approval by the Programme Manager of the Development Account in late 2007. The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will consider the fascicle on the Development Account in the context of the review of the proposed programme budget.

The general objective of this project is to strengthen national capacities to incorporate international migration issues into national development strategies in order to maximize the development benefits of international migration and minimize its negative impacts. Specific objectives of the project include improving data quality and availability on international migration, highlighting female migration, increase, SA for Europe