

SEMINAR ON USES OF TECHNOLOGIES IN CENSUS AND STATISTICAL OPERATIONS HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED

Caracas, may 2013: with the participation of 23 international guests has successfully concluded the Seminar on Uses of Technologies in Census and Statistical Operations, which was held from 06 to 08 of may at the Avila Hotel, in Caracas, Venezuela.

The National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Venezuela in its role of Coordinator of the Population Census Workgroup of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA/ECLAC), with the support of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographics Center (CELADE) as Technical Secretary and the Inter American Bank of Development (IADB), organized and conducted a seminar in which each one of the participant countries, displayed and explained their experiences in the use of technologies in Census and Statistical Operations.

This seminar had representatives from 17 National Statistics Offices around the continent, such as: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay; also representatives of the Inter American Development Bank (IADB), UNFPA-Haiti, Latin American and Caribbean Demographics Center (CELADE) and the DevInfo Support Group.

In such manner, the participants shared their experiences in the census activities performed and the various statistical operations for achieving and obtaining quality statistics, highlighting the use of PDA's as a tool for data collection, the use of CensusInfo and Redatam for the dissemination of census results, improvements on free access to statistical websites in order to provide timely and relevant information; the inclusion of social networks as promotional tools, the advances in the field of mapping with statistical purposes, new technologies in geo-reference and the activities carried out by the UNFPA-Haiti in supporting the cartographic updating systems in that country.

Thus, the INE-Venezuela represents an unifying element, bringing together the efforts made all across Latin America and the Caribbean in the fields of census statistical development, dissemination and cartography.