

Progress Report on Information Society Statistics

IBGE is starting to develop a project related to "Information system and information society in Brazil" that involves distinct activities and products.

On one hand, we are planning to prepare a publication (like the ones of the OECD, Canada and Nordic European Countries) with the existing IBGE statistical data related to the ICT sector and with some household information about access and use of ICT. We also intend to add to the publication administrative data, especially the data about infrastructure from other institutional sources.

The national classification of activity was revised and some adjustments were made in order to improve permit the construction of the Information Sector as defined by OCDE.

On the other hand, IBGE has participated on a joint project, financed by PNUD, with INEI/Peru and INEGI/Mexico, that aimed to suggest an ICT indicator system for Latin America and Caribbean countries. The system is composed of what we have considered to be the minimum requirement of variables and indicators that must be available in the short run. It contains already existing ICT data and also includes suggestions for the respective statistical systems to apply enterprise and households questionnaires to each country. This project was presented at the "Segunda Reunion de la Conferencia Estadística das Americas" promoted by CEPAL, that took place on July. The work developed is very important in our regional context.