

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STATISTICS AND INDICATORS

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY PRIORITIES AND INFORMATION NEEDS ISSUES FOR A NEW STRATEGY IN S&T STATISTICS

1.3.A Regional characteristics

1. More than 40% of respondents were from the Americas - Northern America, Latin America, and the Caribbean -, with 96% of this group coming from Latin America and the Caribbean (Table 1.1 and Graphs 1.1 and 1.2). Africa accounted for 24% of respondents, Europe and Asia (including Oceania¹) each accounted for 18%.²
2. Some specific facts regarding regional participation can be highlighted:
 - The high degree of participation of Latin American respondents was obtained because of the very effective support received during the consultation process from the Ibero American Network on Science and Technology Indicators (RICYT).
 - The large number of responses from Africa can be explained by the participation of UIS at the 2002 Meeting of the African Technology Policy Studies (ATPS) Network.
 - **Many of the responses from Eastern Europe were collected during a Policy Analysis and Implementation Training Seminar conducted in Budapest by the Centre for Innovation Policy Research and Education for Central and Eastern Europe (CIPRE).**
 - ROSTLAC, other UNESCO Regional Offices and UNESCO National Commissions also played an important role in increasing the survey's response rate.

RECOMMENDATION 1

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL NETWORKS AND ACTIVITIES, ALONGSIDE DIRECT CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN S&T STATISTICS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION FOR THE FUTURE UIS STRATEGY IN S&T STATISTICS.

¹ Unfortunately only one questionnaire was received from Oceania.

² A different regional breakdown is provided in Appendix I, which includes Latin America & Caribbean, Transition Countries, Sub-Saharan Africa, Rest of Asia & Oceania, Arab States and Triad Countries as separate regions.