



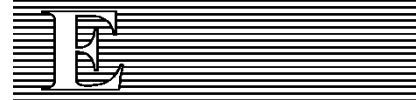
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1. Registration

Participants will be invited to register. Registration will take place from 6 to 11 December 2014, starting from 8.30 a.m.

2. Opening ceremony

Statements

This part of the Session will be jointly conducted with the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa).

- The Director of the Department of Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission will call the meeting to order.
- The Director of the *Institut national de la statistique* of Tunisia will make welcoming remarks.
- Official statements will follow by the representative of the Economic Commission for Africa, the representative of the African Development Bank and the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission.
- The Minister of Economy and Finance of Tunisia will open the meeting.

3. Plenary session I: procedural issues

Adoption of the terms of reference and the rules of procedure of the Joint Session

The Director of the Department of Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission will lead the session.

The proposed terms of reference and the rules of procedure for the Joint Session will be submitted to the participants for discussion and adoption.

Documentation:

- Draft terms of reference for the Joint Session of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices and the Statistical Commission for Africa
- Draft rules of procedure for the Joint Session of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices and the Statistical Commission for Africa

Election of the Bureau

The Director of the Department of Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission will lead the session.

The Bureau will comprise a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and two Rapporteurs. The Bureau will serve for one year, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Joint Session.

Adoption of the programme of work and other organizational matters

The Director of the *Institut national de la statistique* of Tunisia will lead the session.

Under this item, the draft agenda and the draft programme of work of the first Joint Session will be submitted, discussed, amended (if need be) and adopted. The secretariat of the Joint Session will also address any relevant administrative matters and make any announcements.

Documentation:

- Draft agenda
- Draft programme of work
- Draft annotated agenda

4. Plenary session II: support for agriculture and food security in Africa

Under this item, a keynote address will be given on the theme “Strengthening the production of agricultural statistics in Africa for better monitoring and evaluation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme”.

This will be followed by reports on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme and on the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics.

Documentation:

- Keynote address
- Report on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme
- Report on the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics

5. Plenary session III: reports of the specialized technical groups

The 14 specialized technical groups will report on the progress made and challenges faced in their respective statistical domains.

Documentation:

- Specialized technical group on governance, peace and security
- Specialized technical group on the external sector (external trade and balance of payments)

- Specialized technical group on money and finance
- Specialized technical group on national accounts and price statistics
- Specialized technical group on infrastructure, industries and tourism
- Specialized technical group on public finance, the private sector and investments
- Specialized technical group on science, technology and education
- Specialized technical group on demography, migration, health, human development, social protection and gender
- Specialized technical group on agriculture, environment and natural resources
- Specialized technical group on statistical training
- Specialized technical group on the labour market and the informal sector
- Specialized technical group on classification
- Specialized technical group on civil registration and vital statistics
- Specialized technical group on statistical data management

There will be also a presentation on the International Comparison Program.

6. Plenary session IV: ongoing and new or emerging issues

In this session, reports of selected ongoing activities and new or emerging issues will be presented; these include the African Charter on Statistics, the business plan of the African Union's Institute for Statistics, and the business plan of the Pan-African Statistical Training Centre.

Documentation:

- Progress report on the African Charter on Statistics
- Business plan of the African Union's Institute for Statistics
- Business plan of the Pan-African Statistical Training Centre

7. Plenary session V: Joint meeting of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices, the Statistical Commission for Africa and the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management Africa, on Population and Housing Censuses

This session will be jointly conducted with the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management Africa.

The main focus of the session will be population and housing censuses. A keynote address will be given, followed by presentations on the report of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in Africa and the report on GiSS: Making statistics count.

Documentation:

- Keynote address on population and housing censuses
- Report of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in Africa
- Report on GiSS: Making statistics count

8. Plenary session VI: coordination of statistical activities

Under this agenda item, presentations will be given on the report on statistical programmes and activities coordination with the United Nations agencies; the implementation of the reference regional strategic framework for statistical capacity-building in Africa; and the report of the Chair of the International Statistical Institute.

Documentation:

- Report on statistical programmes and activities coordination with the United Nations agencies
- Report on the implementation of the reference regional strategic framework for statistical capacity-building in Africa
- Report of the Chair of the International Statistical Institute

9. Plenary session VII: partnerships and side events

Under this item, summary reports of the side events organized on the margins of the Joint Session will be presented. Partners will present the progress of their statistical activities and initiatives.

Documentation:

- Report of the sixth Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDEV-VI)
- Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

- Report of the Continental Steering Committee for the African project on the 2008 System of National Accounts
- Report of the meeting on the Regional Integration Index
- African Geodetic Reference Frame
- Report of the expert group meeting on the use of mobile devices for data collection
- Swedish support for statistics development in Africa
- Report on the survey planning and budgeting tool
- Report on Tunisia's data portal
- Report on the new guidelines for national strategies for the development of statistics
- Report on the data revolution for Africa
- Report on the data quality framework
- Report on the goals, targets and indicators and the accountability framework for the development agenda beyond 2015

10. Plenary session VIII: statutory issues

The respective institutions will report on the statistical activities of the African Union Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank since the most recent sessions of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices.

A report on the City Group will then be presented.

Discussions will be held on the continent's representation and participation at the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, as well as preparations for the session on Africa's statistical development report.

In addition, a decision will be reached on the date, venue and agenda items for the second Joint Session.

Documentation:

- Report on the activities of the African Union Commission in 2013 and its proposed work programme for 2014-2015

- Report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa in 2013 and its proposed work programme for 2013-2015
- Draft provisional agenda of the second Joint Session (including provisional dates)

11. Plenary session IX: main conclusions and recommendations

Closing session

This Session will be jointly conducted with the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management Africa.

The conclusions and recommendations of the first Joint Session will be presented and adopted.

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Concluding remarks

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission, and the Chair of the Joint Session will make concluding remarks. A representative of the Government of Tunisia will declare the session closed.