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Sixth meeting**

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The sixth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa is being convened jointly with the African Symposium on Statistical Development. The joint meeting will be opened at 9 a.m. on Monday, 1 October 2018, and will be hosted by the African Centre for Statistics of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). The Director of the African Centre for Statistics will give welcoming remarks in his capacity as moderator of the meeting.

Opening statements will be offered by the following speakers: the Director of the Statistics Division; the Statistician General of Statistics South Africa, as secretariat of the African Symposium on Statistical Development; a representative of the African Capacity-Building Foundation; the Chief of the Economics and Statistics Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB); and a representative of the African Union Commission.

Welcoming remarks will be offered by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and will be followed by words of welcome from the minister in charge of statistics of Ethiopia.

2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Documentation

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Draft programme of work: E/ECA/STATCOM/6/INF/2

The Director of the Institut national de la statistique of Côte d'Ivoire, as outgoing Chair of the Statistical Commission for Africa, will lead the discussion.

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations with the heads of delegation. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, two Vice-Chairs and two rapporteurs, elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The Bureau will serve for two years and will include representatives of the five Africa subregions.

Following brief remarks, the incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings. The Statistical Commission for Africa will be invited to consider

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and adopt the agenda and the programme of work, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.

3. New strategic areas for the Economic Commission for Africa and statutory reports

Documentation

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[follow-up to recommendations of fifth meeting of STATCOM]

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Under this agenda item, the ECA secretariat will present reports on new strategic areas for ECA, including information on its statistics programme. The topics covered include the following: a comprehensive programme of support for statistics in Africa (2018–2021); statistical capacity development in Africa; regional report on Sustainable Development Goal indicators; population and housing censuses; civil registration and vital statistics; and 2008 System of National Accounts.

In addition, the ECA secretariat will present reports on various statutory issues relating to its work.

To conclude the discussion under this item, a presentation will be given on the report of the follow-up to the recommendations of the fifth meeting, which was held from 28 November to 2 December 2016 in Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire.

4. Report on side events

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Under this item, summary reports of the side events organized in the margins of the sixth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa will be presented. The reports are based on the proceedings of the following bodies: the thirteenth African Symposium on Statistical Development; the eighth Forum on African Statistical Development; the African Group on Statistical Training and Human Resources; Training on Multidimensional Poverty; the Quality Workshop; and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data.

5. Outcomes of the forty-ninth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

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Selected member States will make presentations on key issues raised at the recent session of the Statistical Commission, with a view to agreeing an African common position. The topics will cover considerable ground, including: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the global indicator framework and coordination and capacity-building for statistics; open data; a household survey; big data for official statistics; environmental economic accounting; statistics for economies based on natural resources; agriculture and rural statistics; and work and employment.

6. Integration of statistics and geospatial information

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Under this item, the discussion will be conducted jointly with the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management Africa. The main objective of this item is to engage participants in the question of how to benefit from the integration of statistics with geospatial information. A report on the integration of statistics and geospatial information and a report on GeoSpace communication will be considered.

7. Partner statistical capacity-building programmes

Documentation

Reports from a number of organizations: AfDB, the International Monetary Fund, the Statistics Division, the World Bank, the Department for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the African Union Commission, the African Capacity-Building Foundation, the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and Statistics Canada.

Partners will present their relevant statistical capacity-building programmes in order to discuss how member States can benefit from them, how they are implemented on the continent and how to synergize their statistical support.

8. Preparation of the fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission

Documentation

1. Preparation of the fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission
2. Draft provisional Agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the commission

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Under this item, discussions will be held on the continent's representation and participation at the fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission. The provisional agenda for the fiftieth session and the proposal on task assignments will be the focus.

9. Date, venue and key topics of the ninth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa

The ninth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa will be held in [place] in [month] 2020, unless it decides otherwise.

Participants may wish to consider selected topics for discussion at the ninth meeting and to provide comments thereon, with a view to endorsing specific ones for submission to the Statistical Commission for Africa.

10. Consideration of main conclusions and recommendations

Conclusions and recommendations of the sixth meeting will be presented for the consideration and endorsement of the Statistical Commission for Africa.

11. Closing of the meeting

The Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the sixth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa will highlight the outcomes of the proceedings and close the meeting.
