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Session V: Preparation of fiftieth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

The 50th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) is scheduled in New York, from 5 to 8 March 2019. The draft provisional agenda and expected documentation were adopted by the 49th session, see document E/CN.3/2018/L.2. The adopted provisional agenda without distinguishing includes both items for discussion and decision as well as for information. The final list of items for discussion and decision will be made available by UNSD before the end of 2018.

As with previous sessions of UNSC, it is important for African countries to agree on Africa common position on items for discussion and decision in order to speak with one voice. It is also important to coordinate and harmonize the contributions during the deliberations of the Commission.

It is therefore proposed that countries be assigned or select items on the agenda and take the lead in preparing Africa's common positions. Countries are requested to indicate their willingness to lead the preparation and make the intervention on behalf of the continent. Comments are also welcome from other countries on the issues to be considered by the drafting country and they should be sent to both ECA and the assigned countries.

Way forward

- a. The Commission is invited to express views and guidance on the contribution of Africa to the 50th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.



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Item 6 of the provisional agenda*

**Provisional agenda and dates for the fiftieth session of
the Commission**

Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat

The draft provisional agenda is based on the multi-year programme of work (E/CN.3/2018/36). It may be orally amended during the consideration of item 6 of the provisional agenda taking into account decisions taken by the Statistical Commission during its current session.

* E/CN.3/2018/1.



Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

- (a) Demographic statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (b) Human settlements statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

- (c) Health statistics;

Documentation

Report of the World Health Organization

- (d) Crime statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- (e) International migration statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (f) Education statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Institute for Statistics of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- (g) Civil registration and vital statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General.

4. Economic statistics:

- (a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

- (b) Industrial statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

- (c) Business registers;

Documentation

Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

- (d) International trade and economic globalization statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Expert Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics

- (e) Finance statistics;

Documentation

Report of the International Monetary Fund

- (f) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

- (g) Price statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices

Report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

5. Natural resources and environment statistics:

Environmental-economic accounting.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

6. Activities not classified by field:

- (a) Coordination of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

- (b) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (c) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors

- (d) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (e) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Documentation

Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

Report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Report of the Secretary-General on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

- (f) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (g) National quality assurance frameworks;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (h) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

Documentation

Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

- (i) Big data;

Documentation

Report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

- (j) Regional statistical development.

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

7. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-first session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission

9. Report of the Commission on its fiftieth session.
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