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# 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in Africa



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# Introduction

- At the first joint session of (StatCom-Africa), which was held in Tunis 2014, it was decided that the ASSD should resume its focus on helping countries to undertake the 2020 round of population and housing censuses.
- On 10 June 2015, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2015/10 on the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme running from 2015 to 2024
- ECA has developed the 2020 Africa Programme on Population and Housing Censuses Decade (2015 – 2024). A work plan for 2016 – 2020 has been prepared with the collaboration of AfDB.
- At its ninth session, held in Libreville on 29 and 30 November 2015, the Committee of Directors General decided to establish the Africa Census Coordinating Committee at the continental level in 2016 to guide and coordinate the development and implementation of the 2020 census round. The Committee included representatives of ECA, AfDB, UNFPA and the census offices of a number of countries from the continent's various subregions.
- Census Technical Advisory Team (ECA, ONS(UK), UNFPA)

# Preparations for the 2020 Round

The revised Africa Addendum to the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses

The use of geo-referenced dwelling frames for census cartography during the 2010 round

Guidelines on the Use of Electronic Data Collection Technologies in Population and Housing Censuses

The United Nations Regional Workshop on the 2020 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses: International Standards and Contemporary Technologies was convened in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 29 May to 1 June 2017 and Lusaka from 20 to 23 March 2017

In partnership with the United Nations Statistics Division, ECA organized a regional training workshop on the use of the Internet and electronic devices, which was held in Yaoundé from 26 to 30 March 2018, in collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics of Cameroon and its National Bureau of Census and Population Studies.

2020 Census Preparedness: Preliminary Report on the Status of Country Preparedness for the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in Africa

# Progress Over the Last 3 Rounds

Census Round	Number of Countries
1990 round (1985-1994)	44
2000 round (1995-2004)	38
2010 round (2005-2014)	47
2020 round (2015-2024) Expected	50

# Census Completed

<b>Country</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Equatorial Guinea	2015	June/July	Confirmed
Sierra Leone	2015	December	Confirmed
Lesotho	2016	April	Confirmed
Comoros	2017	December	Confirmed
Egypt	2017	March/April	Confirmed
Eswatini	2017	April/May	Confirmed
Mozambique	2017	August	Confirmed
Madagascar	2018	May/June	Confirmed
Malawi	2018	September	Confirmed
Burkina Faso	2019	November/December	Confirmed
Kenya	2019	August	Confirmed

# Expected in 2020 with no New Date

Algeria	2020		
Cameroon	2020		
Congo	2020	June	
Côte d'Ivoire	2020		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2020		
Djibouti	2020		
Liberia	2020	December	
Sierra Leone	2020	December	Mid-term
Togo	2020	November	

# Expected in 2021

Zambia	2021		
Botswana	2021		
Cabo Verde	2021	June	Postponed from June 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic
Chad	2021	April	
Ethiopia	2021		Postponed from 2020
Ghana	2021	March	
Guinea-Bissau	2021	March	
Mali	2021		Postponed from 2020
Namibia	2021	August	Confirmed
Niger	2021		
Mauritius	2020		Postponed
Seychelles	2021	August	Postponed from August 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
South Africa	2021		Confirmed
Sudan	2021		Postponed from 2020

# Expected in 2022

Burundi	2022	August	
Central African Republic	2022		Confirmed
Libya	2022		Confirmed
Nigeria	2022		
Rwanda	2022		
Sao Tome and Principe	2022	May	
United Republic of Tanzania	2022		
Zimbabwe	2022	August	



# Expected in 2023

Benin	2023		
Gabon	2023		Confirmed
Gambia	2023		
Mauritania	2023		
Senegal	2023		

# Expected in 2024

Angola	2024		Confirmed
Guinea	2024		
Morocco	2024		
Tunisia	2024		
Uganda	2024		

# To Be Determined

Eritrea	To be determined		
Somalia	To be determined		
South Sudan	To be determined		

# Issues To be Considered

- a) To conduct a census during the period 2015–2024, given that population and housing census data are indispensable for effective development planning; for monitoring population, socio-economic and environmental trends, policies and programmes; and for research and analysis of social and economic phenomena.
- b) To mitigate the adverse impact of conflict, so that countries can undertake censuses within the 2020 round time frame. Innovative approaches, such as hybrid censuses, need to be considered for conflict zones that cannot be reached by enumerators owing to safety issues.
- c) To adopt carefully planned, mixed methods for censuses, including combinations of traditional and Internet-based data collection and registry-based censuses.
- d) To transition from manual to digital systems that use of better methods and new technologies, which will increase the reliability and accessibility of statistics in a timely manner;
- e) To consider new census methods for the 2030 round, including online, register-based, electronic and hybrid censuses. Such approaches would require extensive planning and the laying of groundwork well in advance.



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