

Annotated Provisional Agenda Sub-Committee on Statistics

8.1 Opening

The current Chairperson will call the meeting to order. Then the Chief of DISD will make an opening statement to be followed by that of the Chairperson

8.2 Election of officers and organization of work

The outgoing Chairperson will conduct the election of officers for the new Bureau comprising of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur as for the first meeting of CODI. The meeting will then adopt its agenda and organization of work.

Before closing, the Secretariat will address pertinent administrative matters and make announcements, if any.

Documentation: Draft Provisional Agenda for the second meeting of CODI (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/Rev.1) and Draft Programme of Work E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/Inf.2.

8.3 Country reports

Under this agenda item, the Sub-Committee will take note of the country reports. These reports are expected to address, *inter alia*, statistical organisational, relations between users and producers, statistical activities (current and future), challenges and prospects, data dissemination practices, the role of the PRSPs in strengthening statistical capacity, etc. Two panellists will make an overview of the issues raised in the reports and present them to the Sub-Committee for consideration. Country reports will subsequently be bound for dissemination.

Documentation: Country reports in language of submission.

8.4 Outcome of the evaluation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action (AAPA) for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s:

8.4.1 Results of the evaluation of the AAPA

Under this agenda item the Sub-Committee will have before it a report of an evaluation of the implementation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s as considered by the Coordinating Committee on African Statistical Development (CASD) at its meeting in April 2001. The Sub-Committee will address the findings of the evaluation, the achievements, successes, failures and facilitating factors. It will also consider the recommendations contained in the report.

Documentation: Report to CODI on assessment of the implementation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s

(E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/11) and Report of the Tenth meeting of CASD, 25 to 26 April 2001 (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/11/Add.1).

8.4.2 The way forward.

Under this agenda item the Sub-Committee will consider follow-up action to the evaluation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s and, as appropriate, make recommendations on the approach or strategy to follow, specifically whether the AAPA should be followed up by another Plan of Action, a framework or guiding principles for statistical development. The secretariat will make a presentation on the way forward.

Documentation: The way forward (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/11/Add.2)

8.4.2 Assessment of the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts (1993 SNA)

The Sub-Committee will consider an assessment of the implementation of the 1993 SNA in African countries.

The first purpose of this assessment is to explain i) the limitations of the present six milestones assessment and ii) the new approach for a better and more comprehensive assessment of the implementation of the 1993 SNA. Secondly, the document will present the results of a regional survey on the extent to which the SNA 1993 has been implemented by African countries on basis of the revised approach. The revised approach is based on compliance with 1993 SNA concepts and the scope of the compilation of 1993 SNA tables and accounts. The secretariat will introduce the agenda item.

Documentation: Progress report on the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts in Africa (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/12).

8.6 Use of statistical databases and information system systems for data dissemination and decision making.

Under this agenda item the Sub-Committee will consider issues related to: (i) the development of best practices in the application of information and communication technologies (ICT) and geographic information systems (GIS) in the development of databases for decision making; (ii) some success stories in applying ICT and GIS to statistical activities (Demographic and Health Survey in Africa (DHS-Africa), Spatial Databases, and the **ChildInfo** database of UNICEF). The objective is to promote the development of statistical information systems for decision making. Presentations will be made by the secretariat and UNICEF.

Documentation: Database development and management activities (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/14), Use of statistical databases and information systems for data dissemination and decision making (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/16) and additional documentation to be provided by UNICEF.

8.7 International Cooperation and interagency coordination and liaison in the area of statistics

Two presentations will be made under this agenda item, one by the Secretariat and the other by the PARIS 21. The presentation of the Secretariat will recall, briefly, the major recent agendas on the socio-economic development of Africa and will point out that all these initiatives require strong statistical capabilities and the promotion of evidence-based decision making. It will then discuss how subregional, regional, international and bilateral organizations can collaborate in assisting African governments in this context. Finally, the Secretariat will critically assess the various mechanisms that have been put or are being put in place to ensure proper co-ordination among the existing initiatives on African statistical development.

The second presentation by the PARIS 21 Secretariat will address regional integration and South-South cooperation.

Documentation: International Cooperation and interagency coordination and liaison in the area of statistics (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/17) and a paper by PARIS21.

8.8 Report of the working group on strengthening statistical capacity for poverty monitoring

The Sub-Committee will have before it the report of the Working Group on Strengthening Statistical Capacity for Poverty Monitoring.

Documentation: Report of the Working Group Strengthening Statistical Capacity for Poverty Monitoring.

8.9 Follow-up of the recommendations of the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on statistics

The Sub-Committee will consider the implementation of the recommendations of its first meeting. The report will highlight achievements and constraints of implementation.

Documentation: Follow-up to the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Statistics (E/ECA/DISD/CODI.2/13).

8.10 Report on ECA statistical activities during the period 1999-2001 and Programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003.

The Sub-Committee will consider the implementation of the statistical components of the Programme of work for the period 1999-2001 and the Programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003. The Sub-Committee will also consider proposals for the establishment of an Advisory Board to advise on statistical development in Africa during the biennium 2002-2003.

Documentation: Report on ECA Statistical Activities Report on ECA statistical activities during the period 1999-2001 and Programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003

8.11 Any other business.

8.12 Closure of the session

The Sub-Committee will adopt its report which will be submitted to the Plenary session of CODI. The Chairperson will then make some observations on the meeting and its achievements and then will call on the Chief DISD to also make closing observations. The Chairperson will close meeting.