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Annotated Agenda (CODI-Stat.)

FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

SESSIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

A Sub-committee on Statistics Agenda

The meeting of the Sub-committee will be organized in plenary sessions, technical material demonstration, poster sessions, and technical exhibitions. In order to allow enough time for the presentation and discussion of the papers, the secretariat will make a selection of those to be presented at the plenaries. The remaining papers will be either presented at exhibition or will only be distributed for information to the participants. The second meeting of the Advisory board on Statistics in Africa (ABSA) and the launching meeting of an African statistical association will be organized as special events of the Sub-committee.

1. Opening

The outgoing Chairperson, the representative of Senegal, who presided over the second meeting of the Sub-committee, will call the meeting to order. The Director of Economic and Social Policy Division (ESPD) of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will make an opening statement to be followed by that of the Chairperson.

2. Election of Officers and Organization of Work

The outgoing chairperson will conduct the election of officers for the new Bureau comprising a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur. The Bureau will hold office for the duration of the meeting. The meeting will adopt its agenda and the programme of work.

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

Documentation: Draft Provisional Agenda for the fourth meeting of CODI (E/ECA/CODI/4/1) and Draft Programme of Work (E/ECA/CODI/4/1)

Information as an Economic Resource

Discussions will focus on issues and challenges arising from the keynote speech and the panel discussion in CODI plenary sessions if needed.

Documentation: Papers presented at the CODI plenary sessions (E/ECA/CODI/CODI/4/7, E/ECA/CODI/4/7/Add.1, E/ECA/CODI/4/7/Add.2, E/ECA/CODI/4/7/Add.3, and E/ECA/CODI/4/7/Add.4)

1. Country reports

Under this agenda item, the sub-Committee will take note of the content of country reports. These reports are expected to address, inter alia, statistical organizational relations between users and producers, statistical activities (current and future), challenges and prospects, data dissemination practices, the role of PRSPs in strengthening statistical capacities, etc. Two panelists will present 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: Synthesis of country reports (E/ECA/CODI/4/CRP/12)

4. Progress reports, Policy and Technical Issues

4.1 ECA statistical activities during the period 2003-2005 and the proposed work programme for the biennium 2006-2007

The sub-Committee will consider ECA statistical activities during the period 2003-2005 and the proposed work programme for the biennium 2006-2007. The secretariat will also bring to the attention of the participants the implementation of the recommendations of the third meeting of CODI. The related report will highlight achievements and constraints related to the implementation of the recommendations.

Documentation: Report on ECA Statistical Activities during the period 2004-2005 and on the Statistical Component of the Programme of Work for the biennium 2006-2007 (E/ECA/CODI/4/4) and Report on the Follow-up to the third meeting of the Sub-committee on Statistics of the Committee on Development Information (E/ECA/CODI/4/29).

4.2. Report on Advisory Board on Statistics in Africa (ABSA) activities.

ABSA was established during CODI-III following one of the major recommendations of CODI-II.

Documentation: Report on the follow-up to ABSA recommendations and Report on the first meeting of ABSA (E/ECA/CODI/4/CRP/8) and (E/ECA/CODI/4/CRP/9)

4.3. Report on the Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDEV).

A Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDEV) was established in May 2004 by ADB, ECA, PARIS 21 and the World Bank. The secretariat will report on its first meeting and also on the way forward.

Documentation: Report on the follow-up to FASDEV recommendations and Report on the first meeting of FASDEV (E/ECA/CODI/4/CRP/10) and (E/ECA/CODI/4/CRP/11)

4.4. Assessment of the Implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts (1993 SNA)

This agenda item will also focus on SNA 93 implementation in Africa. Sub-regional organizations will be invited to present the work done in terms of harmonization.

The Sub-Committee will consider an assessment on the implementation of the 1993 SNA in African countries. The purpose of this assessment is: (i) to share information about national plans and strategies for the implementation of the 1993 SNA, including the impeding factors, data source problems, institutional issues, assistance requirements of individual African countries in this context, and the expected role to be played by ECA.. Compliance with the 1993 SNA could be assessed reasonably by concentrating on the extent to which countries significantly apply the concepts and definitions of the 1993 SNA.

Documentation: Progress report on the implementation of the 1993 System of national Accounts (1993 SNA) in Africa (E/ECA/CODI/4/11)

4.5 Development of an ECA Regional Statistical Database

The meeting will examine the agenda item related to statistical databases. A report on the development of the ECA regional statistical database will be presented followed by a demonstration of the prototype already developed.

Documentation: Progress report on the development of a Regional Statistical Database (E/ECA/CODI/4/38)

5. International Cooperation and Interagency coordination and liaison in the area of statistics.

Multilateral and bilateral partners may report on their achievements and current programmes relevant to the African region.

Documentation: Documents from partners will be made available to participants during the meeting

6. Perspectives

Two presentations will be made under this agenda item in order to inform the Sub-committee on (i) an ECA project funded by the United Nations Development Account and (ii) the world-wide project on population and housing census and (iii) the Commission for Africa's concern about statistics.

6.1. Gender and Statistics Project

6.2 The 2010 Round on Population and Housing Censuses

6.3 The Commission for Africa Statement on Statistics

7. Any Other Business

8. Adoption of the report and closing

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 of ESPD to make concluding remarks. The Chairperson will close the meeting.

Documentation: Report on Sub-Committee on Statistics (E/ECA /CODI/4/17)

B. Special Events

1. Second Meeting of the Advisory Board on Statistics in Africa (ABSA)

Refer to the draft provisional agenda of this meeting.

2. The Establishment of an African Statistical Association (AFSA)

The Sub-committee will discuss the opportunity of the creation of an African Statistical Association.

Documentation: Draft Status of AFSA (E/ECA/CODI/4/CRP/14)

3. Information sharing

ECA divisions will present to the participants in CODI-IV meeting an overview on their respective ongoing activities, which directly or indirectly relate to statistics.

3.1 Gender Statistics

3.2 Information society statistics

3.3 Governance statistics

3.4 The African Peer Review Mechanism