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**African Centre for Statistics**  
**Forum on African Statistical Development**

Ninth meeting  
Addis Ababa (online), 14 December 2020

**Annotated provisional agenda****Item 1**  
**Opening of the meeting**

The director of the African Centre for Statistics will welcome participants. Statements will be made by the major partners in the organization of the Forum on Statistical Development in Africa, namely, the African Development Bank, the African Union Commission, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, and the World Bank.

**Documentation**

*No documentation required.*

**Item 2**  
**Challenges and needs of national statistical systems within the context of the current and post-COVID-19 scenarios**

The discussion under this agenda item will: (a) highlight the challenges faced by national statistical systems in Africa in responding to data demands in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (b) determine the ways in which partners can support countries in achieving their statistical development goals.

**Documentation**

Reports on the global and regional surveys on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on national statistical systems

**Item 3**  
**Contributions to statistical development in African countries within the context of current and post-COVID-19 scenarios**

The discussion under this agenda item will allow pan-African and international institutions, along with bilateral and multilateral partners, to report on the statistical support that they have been providing to African countries, as well as their plans, strategies and initiatives to support statistical development in Africa and to assist countries in responding to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on national statistical systems.

**Documentation**

Report of the African Development Bank on phase 5 of the Statistical Capacity-Building Programme

Report of the World Bank on its support for statistics



Reports of the following partners: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; European Union; United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Global Partnership for Sustainable Development; International Monetary Fund; Governments of Canada, France, Norway and Sweden.

Various statistical programmes and support initiatives will be presented by partners that are active on the continent, with a view to creating the needed synergies.

**Item 4**  
**Maximizing the efficiency of partner support to modernize and transform national statistical systems**

A panel discussion under this agenda item will address issues relating to the modernization of official statistics, coordination and the creation of synergy among partner entities, along with their reporting on the statistical support that they provide to African countries.

**Documentation**

*No documentation required.*

**Item 5**  
**Closing of the meeting**

Under this agenda item, a communiqué will be presented in which member States and partners make recommendations on the creation of a partnership in the development of statistics.

The Director of the African Centre for Statistics and the head of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century will make closing remarks.

**Documentation**

*No documentation required.*

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