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Third Meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa
(StatCom Africa - III)

18-23 January 2012
Cape Town, South Africa

Annotated Agenda

1. Registration and consultation with Heads of delegations

Participants will be invited to register. Registration will be from 18 to 21 January 2012 at 9h30 a.m.

2. Opening

- a. The Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will call the meeting to order and make welcoming remarks.
- b. Official statements will follow by the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission (AUC).
- c. The Minister in the Presidency responsible for Planning of the Republic of South Africa will open the meeting.

3. Award Ceremony

An Award Ceremony will take place as follows:

- a. The African Centre for Statistics (ACS) will present an award and three certificate of recognition on behalf of the African statistical community to four individuals who have contributed to the advancement of statistical work in Africa.
- b. Statements will be made by Award winners. This will give the audience the opportunity to share the Award winners' experiences in statistical development in Africa.
- c. As a follow-up to the opening ceremony, a keynote address will be made on the theme of StatCom-Africa III.

Documentation:

- The interventions of the Prize winners during the session will be recorded and transcribed and later published.
- A brochure highlighting the contributions of the award winners will be distributed after the ceremony. (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/inf.3)

Following these joint sessions of StatCom-Africa III and 7th ASSD in the morning, the ASSD will then start its conference in the afternoon and that will end on Wednesday 25 January 2012. This gives ample time for consultations with Heads of delegations for the Bureau composition.

4. Election of Bureau

The outgoing chairperson of STATCOM-Africa II will conduct the election of officers for the new Bureau. The Bureau will comprise a Chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and two rapporteurs. The Bureau will serve for two years in accordance with the terms of reference of STATCOM-Africa.

5. Adoption of the Agenda and Organizational Matters

Under this item, the provisional agenda and the draft provisional programme of work will be discussed, amended, if need be, and adopted. The Secretariat will also seize the opportunity to address pertinent administrative matters and make announcements, if any.

Documentation:

- Draft Provisional Agenda of STATCOM-Africa III (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/1)
- Draft Programme of Work of STATCOM-Africa III (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/inf.1)
- Draft annotated Agenda of STATCOM-Africa III (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/add.1)

6. Report on StatCom Africa Working Groups

The seven working groups will report on the progress made and challenges faced in their respective field of assignment: Data Management, Development Indicators, Gender Statistics, Informal Sector, National Accounts, Statistical Training, and Harmonization of Statistics in support of the African regional integration agenda. Two proposed groups namely in GIS and Environment and related Statistics will also be presented.

Documentation:

- Reports of the African Group on Data Management (AGDAM) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/2)
- Report of the African Group on Development Indicators (AGDI) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/3)
- Report of the African Group on Gender Statistics (AGGES) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/4)
- Report of the African Group on National Accounts (AGNA) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/5)
- Report of the African Group on Informal Sector (AGIS) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/6)
- Report of the African Group on Statistical Training (AGROST) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/7)
- Proposed African Group on Environment and Related Statistics

7. Support for Economic, Monetary and Social Integration

The review will be presented by AUC and UNECA and it shall focus on regional integration data requirements and NEPAD. The presentations shall also include one on the data requirements for regional integration and another on the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA) by ACS, AfDB and AUC.

Documentation:

- Report on the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa in Support African regional integration process (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/10)
- Presentations by other AUC and UNECA divisions

8. Ongoing and New/Emerging Issues

In this session, reports of selected ongoing activities, that is, the report of the 7th ASSD on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses will be tabled. Likewise, developments in relation to ICP-Africa will also be presented. As far as other initiatives and emerging issues are concerned, there will be a presentation on the implementation of NSDS in Africa and the Africa's implementation plan for the Global strategy for improving agricultural statistics in Africa. There will also be reports on Civil Registration in Africa, Vital Statistics in Africa and a report on the assessment of CRVS systems in Africa. The reports will address problems, implications, recent developments, current commitments and future engagements by regional organizations, national governments, institutions and development partners.

Documentation:

- Report on the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/9)
- Report on the International Comparison Programme (ICP-Africa) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/10)
- Report of the implementation of NSDS in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/11)

- Report on the African Implementation Plan for the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/12)
- Report on Civil and Registration and Vital Statistics in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/13)
- Assessment of the status of CRVS systems in Africa (E/ECA/ASSD/7/2)

9. Coordination of Statistical Activities

Under this agenda item, there is a report of the African Statistical Coordination committee (ASCC) on the implementation of the Reference Regional Strategic Framework for Statistical Capacity Building in Africa (RRSF), the African Charter for Statistics, and on Measuring Progress towards Statistical Development in Africa.

Documentation:

- Report on the Reference Regional Strategic Framework for Statistical Capacity Building in Africa (RRSF) (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/15)
- Report on the African Charter for Statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/16)
- Measuring progress towards statistical development in Africa: The African Statistical Development Index (E/ECA/STATCOM/3/14)

10. Information Management in Africa

Under this agenda item, the Commission will receive the draft of the Gaborone Action Plan for geographical names activities in Africa, which was developed in response to one of the recommendations of the second meeting of StatCom-Africa; and a proposal for the collection of data from member States by the pan-African organizations. It will also receive the draft strategic plan for developing Africalnfo in response to a resolution of the joint meeting of the ECA and AUC conferences of ministers.

Documentation:

- Botswana Plan of Action on Geographical Names
- Data Collection and Management Proposal for Africa.

11. Statutory Issues

The Secretariat will report on ACS's activities in 2010-2011 and the proposed work program for 2012-2013, and discussions will be held on the region's representation and participation in the forthcoming UN Statistical Commission session. In addition, a decision will be reached on the date, venue and agenda items for the 4th Session of StatCom-Africa.

Documentation:

- Report on ACS's activities in 2010-2011 and proposed work program for 2012-2013 (E/ECA/ STATCOM/3/17)
- Draft Provisional Agenda of STATCOM-Africa IV (E/ECA/ STATCOM/3/18)

12. Closing

The Conclusions and Recommendations of the third meeting of StatCom will be presented and adopted. Finally, the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the Chairperson of STATCOM-Africa III will make concluding remarks before closing the session.