Sixth Session of the Statistical Commission for Africa

Session V: Preparation of fiftieth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

The 50th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) is scheduled in New York, from 5 to 8 March 2019. The draft provisional agenda and expected documentation were adopted by the 49th session, see document E/CN.3/2018/L.2. The adopted provisional agenda without distinguishing includes both items for discussion and decision as well as for information. The final list of items for discussion and decision will be made available by UNSD before the end of 2018.

As with previous sessions of UNSC, it is important for African countries to agree on Africa common position on items for discussion and decision in order to speak with one voice. It is also important to coordinate and harmonize the contributions during the deliberations of the Commission.

It is therefore proposed that countries be assigned or select items on the agenda and take the lead in preparing Africa’s common positions. Countries are requested to indicate their willingness to lead the preparation and make the intervention on behalf of the continent. Comments are also welcome from other countries on the issues to be considered by the drafting country and they should be sent to both ECA and the assigned countries.
Way forward

a. The Commission is invited to express views and guidance on the contribution of Africa to the 50th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
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Forty-ninth session
6–9 March 2018
Item 6 of the provisional agenda*
Provisional agenda and dates for the fiftieth session of
the Commission

Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth
session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat

The draft provisional agenda is based on the multi-year programme of work (E/CN.3/2018/36). It may be orally amended during the consideration of item 6 of the provisional agenda taking into account decisions taken by the Statistical Commission during its current session.
Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

   **Documentation**
   
   Provisional agenda and annotations
   
   Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:
   
   (a) Demographic statistics;

   **Documentation**
   
   Report of the Secretary-General

   (b) Human settlements statistics;

   **Documentation**
   

   (c) Health statistics;

   **Documentation**
   
   Report of the World Health Organization

   (d) Crime statistics;

   **Documentation**
   
   Report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

   (e) International migration statistics;

   **Documentation**
   
   Report of the Secretary-General

   (f) Education statistics;

   **Documentation**
   

   (g) Civil registration and vital statistics.

   **Documentation**
   
   Report of the Secretary-General.

4. Economic statistics:

   (a) National accounts;

   **Documentation**
   

   (b) Industrial statistics;
Documentation
(c) Business registers;

Documentation
Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers
(d) International trade and economic globalization statistics;

Documentation
(e) Finance statistics;

Documentation
Report of the International Monetary Fund
(f) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation
Report of the World Bank
(g) Price statistics.

Documentation
Report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices
Report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

5. Natural resources and environment statistics:
   Environmental-economic accounting.

Documentation
Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

6. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) Coordination of statistical programmes;
       Documentation
       Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities
   (b) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
       Documentation
       Report of the Secretary-General
   (c) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
       Documentation
       Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors
   (d) Statistical capacity-building;
       Documentation
       Report of the Secretary-General
(e) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

**Documentation**

Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

Report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Report of the Secretary-General on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

(f) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) National quality assurance frameworks;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

**Documentation**

Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

(i) Big data;

**Documentation**


(j) Regional statistical development.

**Documentation**

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

7. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-first session of the Commission.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission