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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional programme of work and timetable

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed programme of work and timetable for the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Statistical Commission in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Commission.
2. The first meeting of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, at 10.30 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. (except Tuesday when the meeting starts at 10.30 a.m.) to 1 p.m., and afternoon meetings from 3 to 6 p.m.

* [E/CN.3/2025/1](#).



Provisional programme of work and timetable¹

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

10.30–11 a.m.

Opening of the session

Item 1: Election of officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

For discussion

Provisional agenda and annotations ([E/CN.3/2025/1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable ([E/CN.3/2025/L.1](#))

Item 3: Items for discussion and decision

11–11.45 a.m.

Item 3 (a): National accounts

For discussion and decision

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts ([E/CN.3/2025/2](#))

11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Item 3 (b): Population and housing censuses

For discussion and decision

Report of the Secretary-General on the 2020 and 2030 World Population and Housing Census Programmes ([E/CN.3/2025/3](#))

12.30–1 p.m.

Item 3 (c): Working methods of the Statistical Commission

For discussion and decision

Report of the Bureau of the Statistical Commission on the working methods of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/4](#))

3–3.15 p.m.

Item 3 (c): Working methods of the Statistical Commission (continued)

For discussion and decision

Report of the Bureau of the Statistical Commission on the working methods of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/4](#))

3.15–4 p.m.

Item 3 (d): Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

For discussion and decision

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/5](#))

¹ All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time.

4–5 p.m.

Item 3 (e): Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*For discussion and decision*

Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators ([E/CN.3/2025/6](#))

Report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([E/CN.3/2025/7](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals ([E/CN.3/2025/8](#))

5–5.45 p.m.

Item 3 (f): Social and demographic statistics*For discussion and decision*

Report of the Friends of the Chair group on social and demographic statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/9](#))

5.45–6 p.m.

Item 3 (g): Migration statistics*For discussion and decision*

Report of the Secretary-General on migration statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/10](#))

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

10–10.30 a.m.

Item 3 (g): Migration statistics (continued)*For discussion and decision*

Report of the Secretary-General on migration statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/10](#))

10.30–11.15 a.m.

Item 3 (h): Work and employment statistics*For discussion and decision*

Report of the International Labour Organization on work and employment statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/11](#))

11.15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Item 3 (i): Economic statistics*For discussion and decision*

Report of the Network of Economic Statisticians ([E/CN.3/2025/12](#))

12–12.45 p.m.

Item 3 (j): Environmental-economic accounting*For discussion and decision*

Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting ([E/CN.3/2025/13](#))

12.45–1 p.m.

Item 3 (k): Business and trade statistics

For discussion and decision

Report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/14](#))

3–3.30 p.m.

Item 3 (k): Business and trade statistics (continued)

For discussion and decision

Report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/14](#))

3.30–4.15 p.m.

Item 3 (l): Price statistics

For discussion and decision

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/15](#))

4.15–5 p.m.

Item 3 (m): Crime and criminal justice statistics

For discussion and decision

Joint report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Organization for Migration on crime statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/16](#))

5–5.45 p.m.

Item 3 (n): Food security and nutrition

For discussion and decision

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization on food security and nutrition data and statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/17](#))

5.45–6 p.m.

Item 3 (o): International statistical classifications

For discussion and decision

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications ([E/CN.3/2025/18](#))

Thursday, 6 March 2025

10–10.30 a.m.

Item 3 (o): International statistical classifications (continued)

For discussion and decision

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications ([E/CN.3/2025/18](#))

10.30–11.15 a.m.

Item 3 (p): Household surveys

For discussion and decision

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys ([E/CN.3/2025/19](#))

11.15 a.m.–12 p.m.	<p>Item 3 (q): Data science</p> <p><i>For discussion and decision</i></p> <p>Report of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (E/CN.3/2025/20)</p>
12–12.45 p.m.	<p>Item 3 (r): National Quality Assurance Frameworks</p> <p><i>For discussion and decision</i></p> <p>Report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks (E/CN.3/2025/21)</p>
12.45–1 p.m.	<p>Item 3 (s): Regional statistical development</p> <p><i>For discussion and decision</i></p> <p>Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on cooperation for regional statistical development (E/CN.3/2025/22)</p>
3–3.30 p.m.	<p>Item 3 (s): Regional statistical development (continued)</p> <p><i>For discussion and decision</i></p> <p>Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on cooperation for regional statistical development (E/CN.3/2025/22)</p>
3.30–4.15 p.m.	<p>Item 3 (t): World Statistics Day</p> <p><i>For discussion and decision</i></p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day (E/CN.3/2025/23)</p> <p>Items 4: Items for decision</p> <p>Note: The following items are presented to the Commission for decision. Limited time has been allocated for interventions under these items.</p>
4.15–4.45 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (a): Education statistics</p> <p><i>For decision</i></p> <p>Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Institute for Statistics on education statistics (E/CN.3/2025/24)</p>
4.45–5.15 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (b): Environment and climate change statistics</p> <p><i>For decision</i></p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on environment and climate change statistics (E/CN.3/2025/25)</p>

5.15–6 p.m.

Item 5: Items for information

Note: The following items are presented to the Commission for information. Limited time has been allocated for interventions under this item.

Item 5 (a): Informal economy statistics

For information

Report of the International Labour Organization on informal economy statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/26](#))

Item 5 (b): Energy statistics

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on energy statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/27](#))

Item 5 (c): Financial statistics

For information

Report of the International Monetary Fund on financial statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/28](#))

Item 5 (d): Industrial statistics

For information

Report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/29](#))

Item 5 (e): International Comparison Programme

For information

Report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme ([E/CN.3/2025/30](#))

Item 5 (f): Price statistics

For information

Report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices ([E/CN.3/2025/31](#))

Item 5 (g): Statistics of human development

For information

Report of the United Nations Development Programme on statistics of human development ([E/CN.3/2025/32](#))

Item 5 (h): Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata

For information

Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors on common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata ([E/CN.3/2025/33](#))

Item 5 (i): Management and modernization of statistical systems

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on the management and modernization of statistical systems
([E/CN.3/2025/34](#))

Item 5 (j): Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/35](#))

Friday, 7 March 2025

10–10.30 a.m.

Item 6: Programme questions (Statistics Division)

Oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities

10.30–11 a.m.

Item 7: Provisional agenda and dates of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission

For discussion

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/L.2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2025–2029 ([E/CN.3/2025/36](#))

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 8: Report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

For discussion

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

Informal paper with draft decisions

Closing of the session