Draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2017-2021

Note by the Secretariat

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/51, the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission for the period 2017-2021 is set out below. Reflecting comments from members and observers of the Commission and a review of its workplans by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the draft constitutes a revision of the draft multi-year programme of work for the period 2016-2020 (E/CN.3/2016/33), which was considered by the Commission at its forty-seventh session.
### Proposed multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2017-2021

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### Agenda item

**Informal sector statistics, including Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics**
- Frequency: 3 years
- Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

**Transformative agenda (2015 and later)**
- Frequency: 2 years
- Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

**Short-term economic indicators**
- Frequency: 3 years
- Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

### 3. Natural resources and environment statistics

- **Environment statistics**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Environmental-economic accounting, including London Group on Environmental Accounting**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Climate change statistics**
  - Frequency: 5 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Statistics for economies based on natural resources, including Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

### 4. Activities not classified by field

- **Coordination of statistical programmes**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Statistics of human development**
  - Frequency: 5 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and principles governing international statistical activities**
  - Frequency: 5 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **International statistical classifications**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Presentation of statistical data and metadata**
  - Frequency: 10 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Statistical capacity-building**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Dissemination of statistics by Statistics Division/Statistics Division publications**
  - Frequency: 5 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Development indicators/Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Working methods of the Statistical Commission**
  - Frequency: 5 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **National quality assurance frameworks**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Integration of statistical and geospatial information**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Big data**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **World Statistics Day**
  - Frequency: 5 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Regional statistical development**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Governance, peace and security statistics, including Praia Group**
  - Frequency: 2 years
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

- **Programme questions (Statistics Division)**
  - Frequency: Annual
  - Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

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* Includes international trade statistics and statistics on international trade in services.
Programme reviews (2003-2014)

2014: Broader measures of progress
2013: Integration of statistical and geospatial information
2012: Population and housing censuses
2011: Gender statistics
2010: National quality assurance frameworks
2009: Climate change and official statistics
2008: Employment statistics
2007: Education statistics
2006: Industrial statistics
2005: Energy statistics
2004: Social statistics
2003: Statistics of services