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Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)

**Draft programme of work of the United Nations Statistics
Division for the biennium 2018-2019**

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft programme of work in the field of statistics for the biennium 2018-2019, which is contained in the Annex to the present note, is submitted for the consideration of the Statistical Commission in compliance with the revised Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2016/6).
2. The General Assembly has approved, in its resolution 71/274 of 17 January 2017, the biennial proposed programme budget outline for the period 2018-2019, which includes the elements of the “programme narrative”, namely, the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Statistics subprogramme.
3. The draft programme of work presented below includes, in addition to the programme narrative, a list of outputs formulated within the framework of subprogramme 4, Statistics, of programme 7, Economic and Social Affairs, for the period 2018-2019.
4. The Commission is invited to take note of the programme narrative and to review the proposed outputs to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, which will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly at its seventy second session.

Draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 for the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Objective of the Organization: To advance the global statistical and geospatial information system in order to produce high-quality, easily accessible comparable national statistics and geospatial information systems for policymakers and other users at the national and international levels.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened global statistical and geospatial information systems, with more active participation by Member States and increased collaboration among international organizations.	(i) Increased number of participants from Member States and international organizations attending the sessions of the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, high-level forums, workshops, expert group meetings and seminars. (ii) Increased number of joint events carried out with international organizations on Sustainable Development Goal indicators.
(b) Better and broader use by Member States, international organizations, research institutes, the private sector and the general public of statistical data and technical guidelines produced by the subprogramme, including by coordinating with national statistical entities of Member States.	(i) Increased number of requests for statistical data satisfied by the subprogramme (percentage). (ii) Increased number of visits, page views and unique users of the subprogramme's website (percentage). (iii) Increased number of followers of the subprogramme's Twitter account (percentage).
(c) Strengthened capacity of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries as well as countries with economies in transition, to routinely collect, compile, store, analyse and disseminate official statistics and indicators in the economic, social, demographic and environmental fields, in order to produce high-quality data, including data disaggregated by sex, for policymakers and the public in general.	(i) Increased number of national statistical staff who have been effectively utilizing knowledge and skills acquired at training and capacity development activities delivered by the subprogramme (percentage). (ii) Increase in the number of countries that have received guidelines and capacity development support for developing and implementing sustainable national statistical systems.

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the national statistical offices and the national geospatial information agencies will have the necessary national resources and capacity.

Subprogramme 4**Statistics****Outputs**

During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered:

Categories of outputs and final outputs

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)	
<i>General Assembly</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings:	
1. Fifth Committee formal meetings: Scale of assessments	20
Parliamentary documentation:	
2. Fifth Committee: Supplementary information to the Report of the Committee on Contributions	2
<i>Statistical Commission</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings:	
3. Forty-ninth session	7
4. Fiftieth session	7
Parliamentary documentation:	
5. Reports of the Secretary-General to the Forty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission	16
6. Reports of the Secretary-General to the Fiftieth session of the Statistical Commission	16
<i>Committee on Contributions</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings:	
7. Seventy-eighth session	35
8. Seventy-ninth session	35
Parliamentary documentation:	
Note by the United Nations Statistics Division:	
9. Review of the methodology for the preparation of the scale of assessments	1
10. Systematic criteria for identifying market exchange rates causing excessive fluctuation and distortion in income	1
11. Low per capita income adjustment threshold: some alternative definitions	1
12. National accounts data and related statistics: summary tables	2
13. Review of the methodology for the preparation of future scale of assessments	1
Other services provided:	
Ad hoc expert groups:	
<i>United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings:	
14. Thirty-first session	10

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Parliamentary documentation:	
15. Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its thirty-first session	1
<i>Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings:	
16. Eighth session	6
17. Ninth session	6
Parliamentary documentation:	
18. Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its eight session	1
19. Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its ninth session	1
Other ad hoc expert groups:	
Expert Group Meeting:	
20. Big Data for Official Statistics	2
21. Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)	2
22. Demographic Statistics	2
23. Energy statistics	1
24. Environment Statistics	2
25. Extended international and global accounts	2
26. Green Economy Statistics	1
27. Industrial Statistics	1
28. Integration of statistical and geospatial information	2
29. International Statistical Classifications	1
30. International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics	2
31. Land administration and management	2
32. National Accounts	2
33. Technical Subgroup on the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC)	4
34. Technical Subgroup on the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP) revision	1
35. UN World Data Forum 2018	1
36. United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting	2
37. Working group on Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) of the IAEG-SDGs	2
38. 7 th Global Forum on Gender Statistics	1
Inter-Agency and Expert Group Meeting:	
39. Gender Statistics	2
40. Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)	4
41. High-level Group (HLG-PCCB) for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	4

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Other substantive activities (regular budget):	
Recurrent publications:	
42. Demographic Yearbook	2
43. Electricity Profiles	2
44. Energy Balances	2
45. Energy Statistics Pocketbook	2
46. Energy Statistics Yearbook	2
47. Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook, Volumes I and II	4
48. Industry Statistics Pocketbook	2
49. International Trade Statistics Yearbook, Volumes I and II	4
50. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics	24
51. National Accounts Statistics: Analysis of Main Aggregates	2
52. National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, Part I-V	10
53. Population and Vital Statistics Report, Series A	2
54. Statistical Yearbook	2
55. The Sustainable Development Goals Report	2
56. World Statistics Pocketbook	2
57. 2020 World's Women-Trends and Statistics	1
Mandated non-recurrent publications:	
58. International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics	1
59. Classifications of Expenditure According to Purpose	1
60. Compilers Manual for the Tourism Satellite Account and Sustainable Tourism indicators	1
61. Environmental Economic Accounting compilation in practice	1
62. Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Persons with Disabilities	1
63. Handbook on National Accounting: National Accounts compilation in practice	1
64. Handbook on the compilation of Statistical Business Registers	1
65. Handbook on the use of Mobile Phone Data for Official Statistics	1
66. Manual for the International Classification of Business Functions	1
67. Manual on Environment Statistics	1
68. Quality framework for international organizations	1
Studies in Methods:	
69. Use of Current Technology for Population and Housing Censuses	1
70. Legal Framework for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	1
71. Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses	1
72. Statistics on Emerging Gender Issues in the Context of SDGs	1
Technical material:	
Analytical Tables:	
73. Environmental indicators	2
74. International Merchandise Trade Statistics	2
75. Statistics of International Trade in Services	2

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76. Tourism Statistics	2
Databases and platforms development and maintenance:	
77. Development (SDG) Indicators database	2
78. Development indicators database technical development and maintenance, including documentation and training	2
79. Development (SDG) data, analysis and visualization platform: data update	2
80. Development (SDG) data, analysis and visualization platform: technical development and maintenance	2
81. Sustainable Development Goals indicator Metadata repository	2
82. UN Comtrade - International Trade Statistics Database	2
83. UNdata Database technical development and maintenance including documentation and training	2
Newsletters:	
84. Classifications	4
85. Energy Statistics	4
86. Environment Statistics	4
87. Environmental-economic accounting	4
88. International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics	4
89. National Accounts	2
90. Task Force on International Trade Statistics	2
91. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names Information Bulletin	4
Online compilation guidance and knowledgebase:	
92. Compilation of environmental censuses and surveys	1
93. Economic Statistics online knowledge base	2
94. E-learning website portal	2
95. E-learning materials for international trade statistics	2
96. Environmental-Economic Accounting online knowledge base/archive	2
97. Industrial and energy statistics	2
98. International Merchandise Trade Statistics	2
99. Statistical Business Registers	2
100. Statistics of International Trade in Services	2
101. Technical reference manual for the standardization of geographical names	1
102. Tourism Statistics	2
103. United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management best practices case studies	8
Preparation of technical material for meetings:	
104. Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts	2
105. United Nations system entities and cluster 10, Statistics, Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs	4
106. Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities	4
107. Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting	4
108. Interagency group on economic and financial statistics	4

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109. Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) ownership group on national accounts and its technical subgroup	4
110. Task Force on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) for International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)	4
111. Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) for development indicators	2
Other technical material:	
112. Country environmental snapshots	2
113. CountryStats App (Android and iOS)	4
114. Glossary of terms for the standardization of geographical names	1
115. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (electronic)	24
116. Progress Chart on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators	2
117. Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users for information on concepts and methods, as well as national practices, in the various fields of statistics information hotlines	5
118. Secretary-General's SDG progress report	2
119. Statistical annex to the Secretary-General's SDG progress report	2
120. Update of the national time use statistics and related metadata	2
121. World Statistics Pocketbook (electronic)	2
Website design, maintenance and update:	
122. City Groups	2
123. Classifications	4
124. Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities	4
125. Demographic and Social Statistics	8
126. Development (SDG) Indicators	2
127. Energy Statistics	4
128. Environmental-economic accounting	2
129. Environment statistics	4
130. Gender Indicators	2
131. Global Geospatial Information Management	4
132. High-level Group (HLG-PCCB) for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	2
133. Industry statistics	4
134. Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)	2
135. National Accounts	2
136. National Statistical Systems	2
137. Standards and Methods	2
138. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) mobile responsive website	2
139. Statistical capacity building	8
140. Statistical Commission	2
141. Statistics Division	8
142. Statistics Division publication archive	2
143. Tourism Statistics	2

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144. UNdata	12
145. UN Expert Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics	2
146. UN Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics	2
147. UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names	4
148. UN Task Force on International Trade Statistics	2
149. UN World Data Forum	1
150. Vital Statistics, Series A	24
151. Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers	2
152. World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses	8
