Statistical Commission
Forty-eighth session
7-10 March 2017
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 forty-eighth 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 limits of the time and services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the forty-eighth session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 7 March 2017, at 10.30 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except on Tuesday, when the meeting will start at 10.30 a.m.), and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Provisional programme of work and timetable

Tuesday, 7 March 2017

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.3/2017/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable for the session (E/CN.3/2017/L.1)

Item 3. Items for discussion and decision

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 3 (a). Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

For discussion


For information

Report of the Secretary-General on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/CN.3/2017/4)

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3-4 p.m. Item 3 (b). Transformative agenda for official statistics

For discussion

Report of the Secretary-General on the transformative agenda for official statistics (E/CN.3/2017/5)

4-5 p.m. Item 3 (c). Regional statistical development

For discussion

5-6 p.m.  Item 3 (d). Big data for official statistics

For discussion


Wednesday, 8 March 2017

10-11 a.m.  Item 3 (e). Quality assurance in the global statistical system

For discussion

Report of the Secretary-General on quality assurance in the global statistical system (E/CN.3/2017/8)

11 a.m.-noon  Item 3 (f). Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

For discussion


noon-1 p.m.  Item 3 (g). Integration of statistical and geospatial information

For discussion


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3-4 p.m.  Item 3 (h). Social statistics

For discussion

Report of the Secretary-General on social statistics (E/CN.3/2017/11)

4-5 p.m.  Item 3 (i). Statistics on drugs and drug use

For discussion


5-6 p.m.  Item 3 (j). National accounts

For discussion

**Thursday, 9 March 2017**

10-11 a.m. Item 3 (k). Environmental-economic accounting

*For discussion*


11 a.m.-noon Item 3 (l). International Comparison Programme

*For discussion*


noon-1 p.m. Item 3 (m). Business registers

*For discussion*


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3-4 p.m. Item 3 (n). Tourism statistics

*For discussion*


4-5 p.m. Item 3 (o). Statistics for economies based on natural resources

*For discussion*

Report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources (E/CN.3/2017/18)

5-6 p.m. Item 4. Items for information

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

Item 4 (a). Demographic statistics

*For information*

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic statistics (E/CN.3/2017/19)

Item 4 (b). Household surveys
For information


Item 4 (c). Health statistics

For information


Item 4 (d). Education statistics

For information


Item 4 (e). Price statistics

For information


Item 4 (f). Short-term economic statistics

For information


Item 4 (g). Finance statistics

For information


Item 4 (h). International trade and economic globalization statistics

For information


Item 4 (i). Agricultural and rural statistics

For information

Item 4 (j). Coordination of statistical programmes

*For information*

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2017/28)


Item 4 (k). Statistical capacity-building

*For information*

Report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building (E/CN.3/2017/30)


Item 4 (l). 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.3/2017/32)

Item 4 (m). Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

*For information*

Note by 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.3/2017/33)

**Friday, 10 March 2017**

10-10.30 a.m. Item 5. Programme questions (Statistics Division)

Oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat concerning current activities, plans and priorities

10.30-11 a.m. Item 6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission

*For discussion*

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2017/L.2)
Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2017-2021 (E/CN.3/2017/34)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 7. Report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session

For discussion

Draft report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session

Informal paper with draft decisions

Closing of the session