

# Introduction to the United Nations and the Statistical Commission



United Nations

Orientation session for new delegates  
49<sup>th</sup> Statistical Commission  
Monday 5 March 2018, New York





UNHQ  
New York, USA  
July 1985

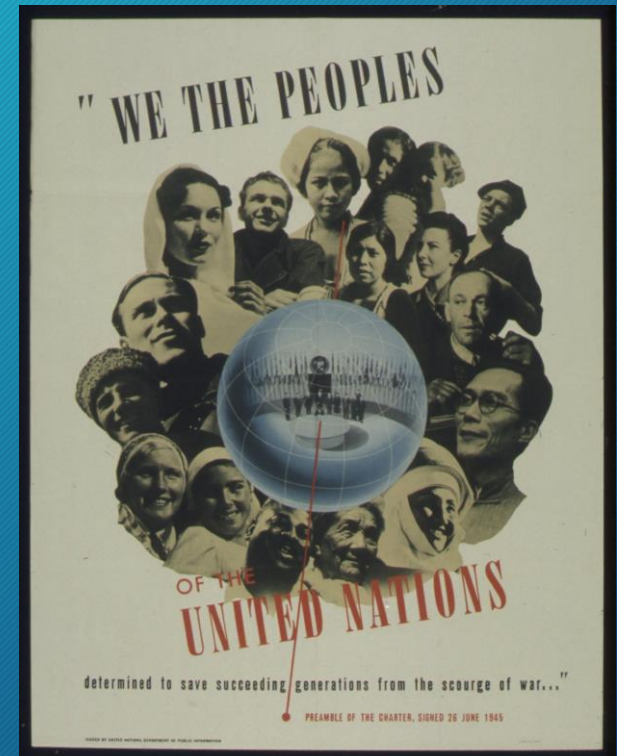


Signing of UN Charter  
San Francisco, USA  
26 June 1945

# Purposes of the UN



- To maintain international peace and security [...]
- To develop friendly relations among nations [...]
- To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights [...]
- To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends



# UN principal organs



- General Assembly (GA)
- Security Council (SC)
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Secretariat
- International Court of Justice
- Trusteeship Council



# The United Nations System

## UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

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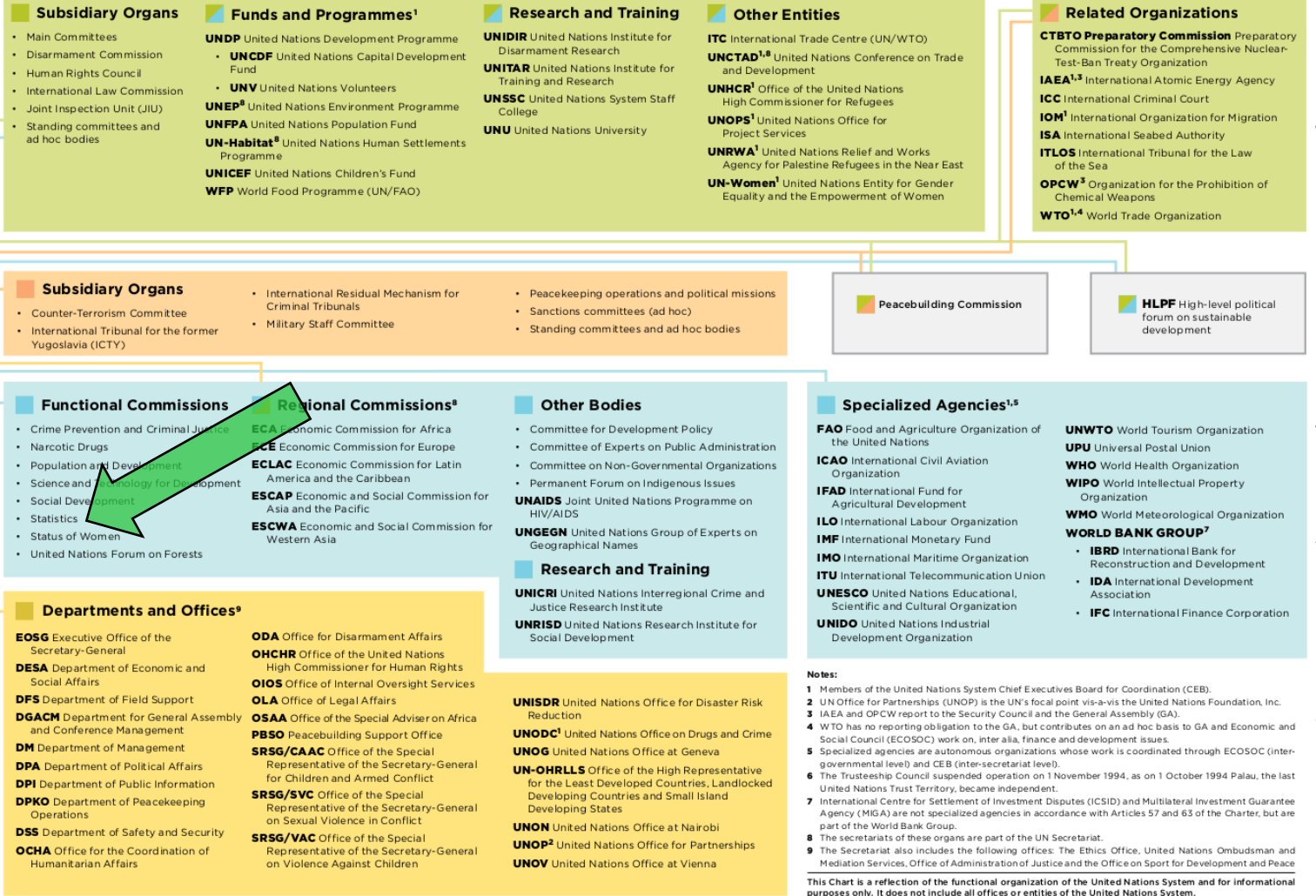
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1st Statistical Commission  
Lake Success, USA  
27 January 1947

# Statistical Commission mandate



- The terms of reference of the Commission state that it shall assist the Council:
  - In promoting the development of national statistics and the improvement of their comparability;
  - In the coordination of the statistical work of specialized agencies;
  - In the development of the central statistical services of the Secretariat;
  - In advising the organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical information;
  - In promoting the improvement of statistics and statistical methods generally.



# Statistical Commission membership



- Nowadays, Commission consists of 24 Member States of the UN elected by the ECOSOC
- 4 year terms
- Based on an equitable geographical distribution
- All other states are considered Observers
- Bureau = Chair + 3 vice-chairs + rapporteur



3<sup>rd</sup> Statistical Commission  
Lake Success, USA  
26 April 1948

14<sup>th</sup> Statistical Commission  
Geneva, Switzerland  
10 October 1966



47<sup>th</sup> Statistical Commission  
New York, USA  
11 March 2016





48<sup>th</sup> Statistical Commission  
70<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
GA hall, NY, USA  
26 April 2018



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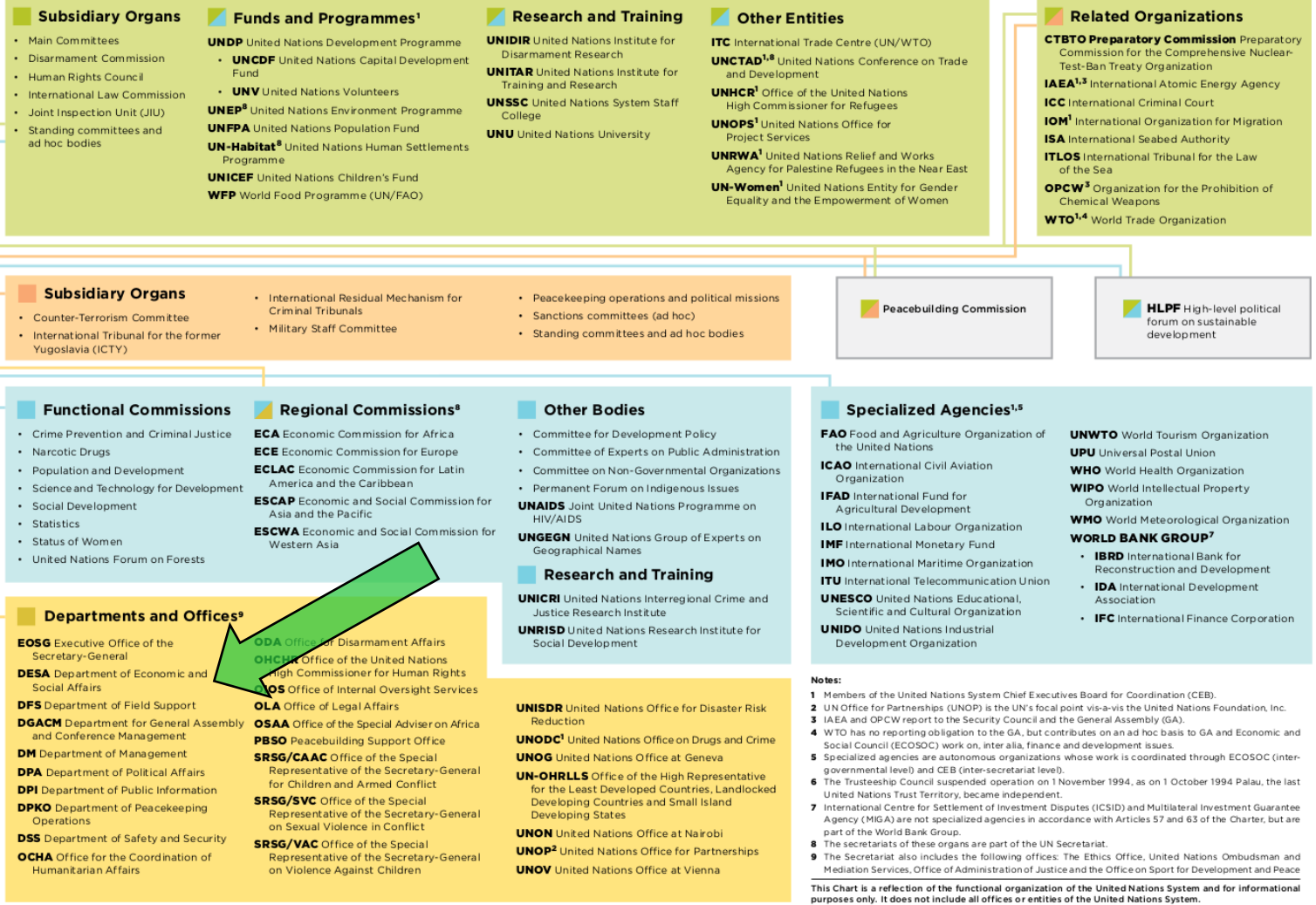
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**Notes:**

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, Office of Administration of Justice and the Office on Sport for Development and Peace

This chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

# Statistics Division functions



- Secretariat of the UN Statistical Commission
- Data
- Methodology
- Capacity development
- Coordination

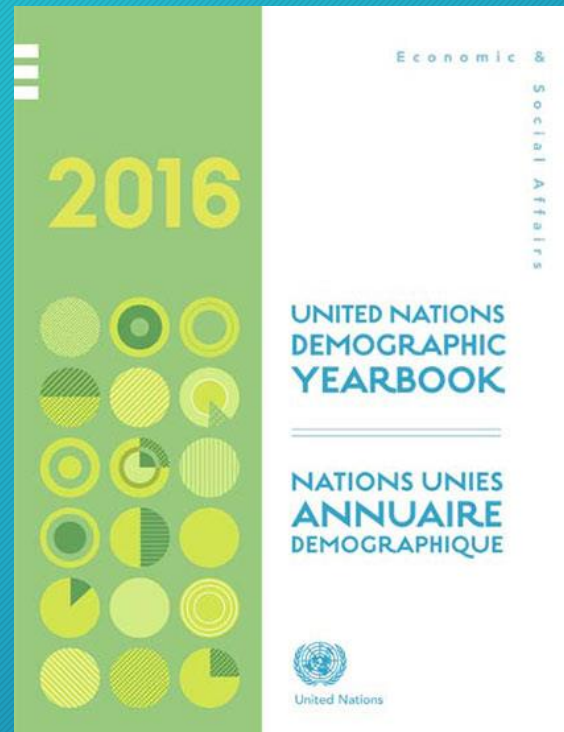
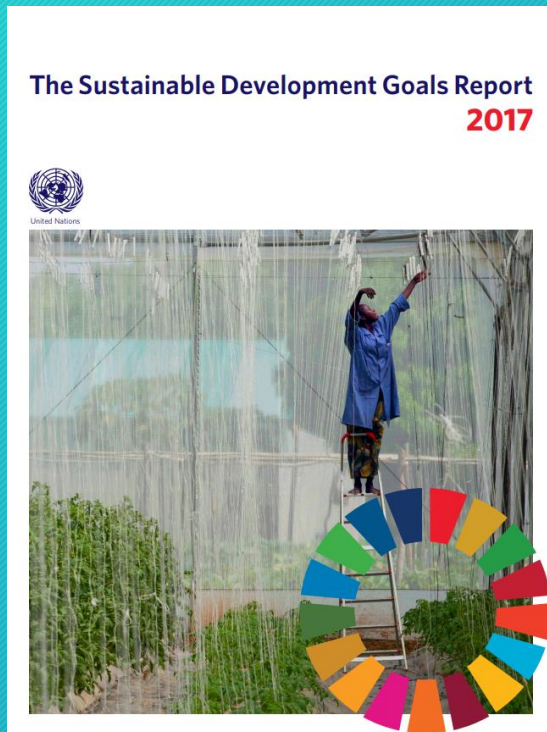
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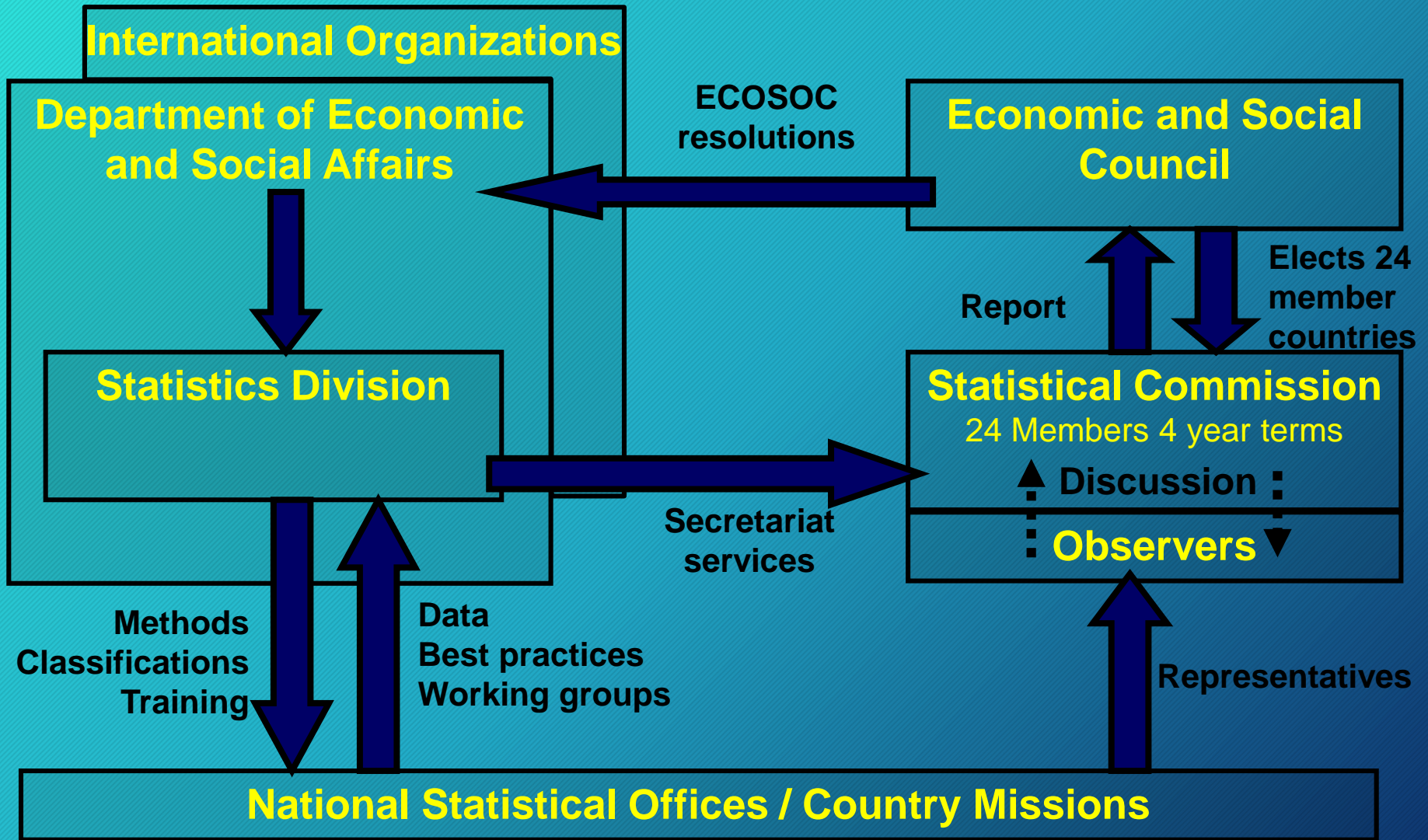


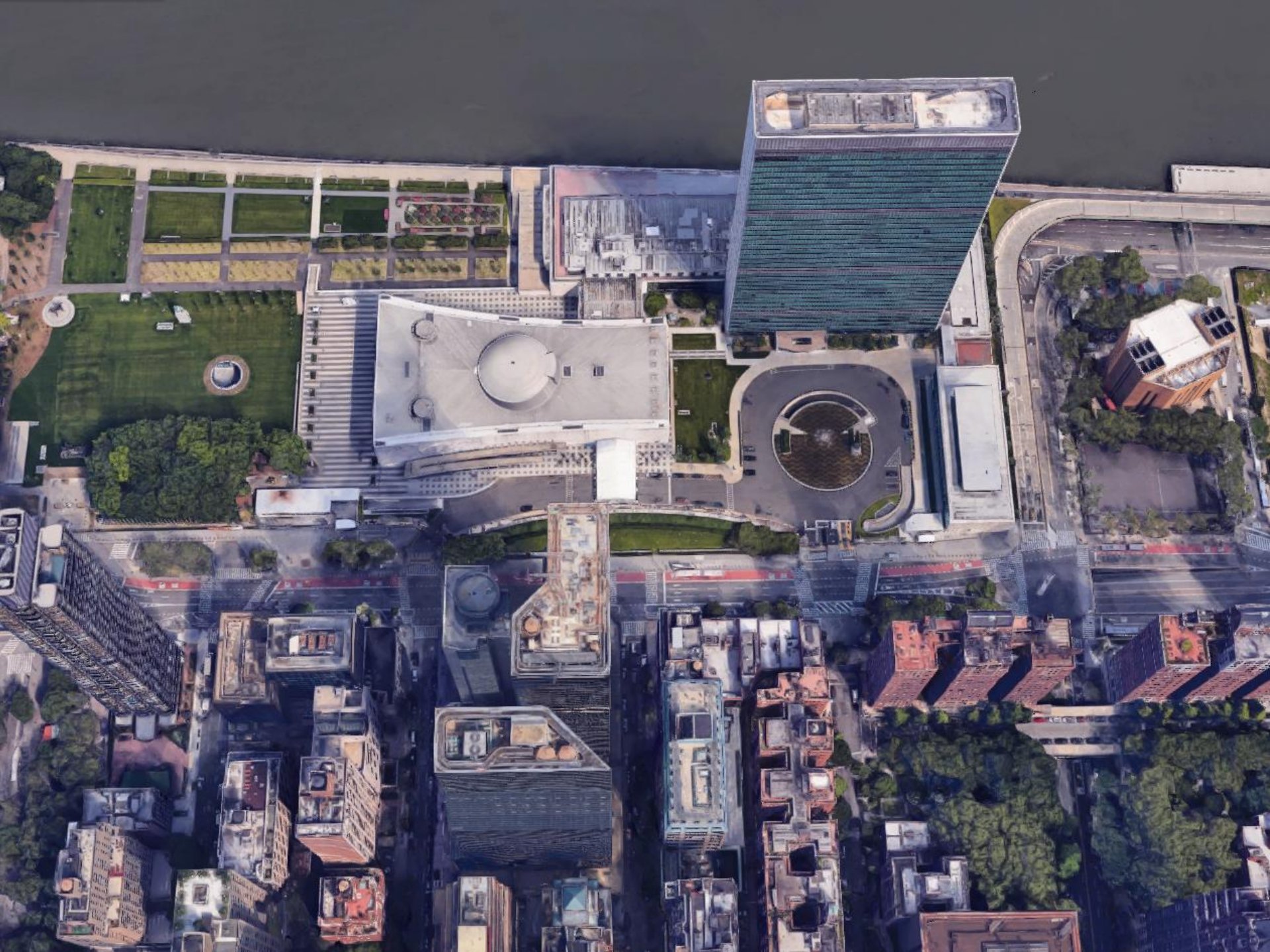
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- Gender Statistics
- Industry Statistics
- National Accounts
- Tourism Statistics
- Trade Statistics
- Big data for official statistics
- Demographic and Social Statistics
- Development indicators
- Environmental-Economic Accounting
- Environment Statistics
- Geospatial Information
- Statistical Classifications



# Statistics Division publications

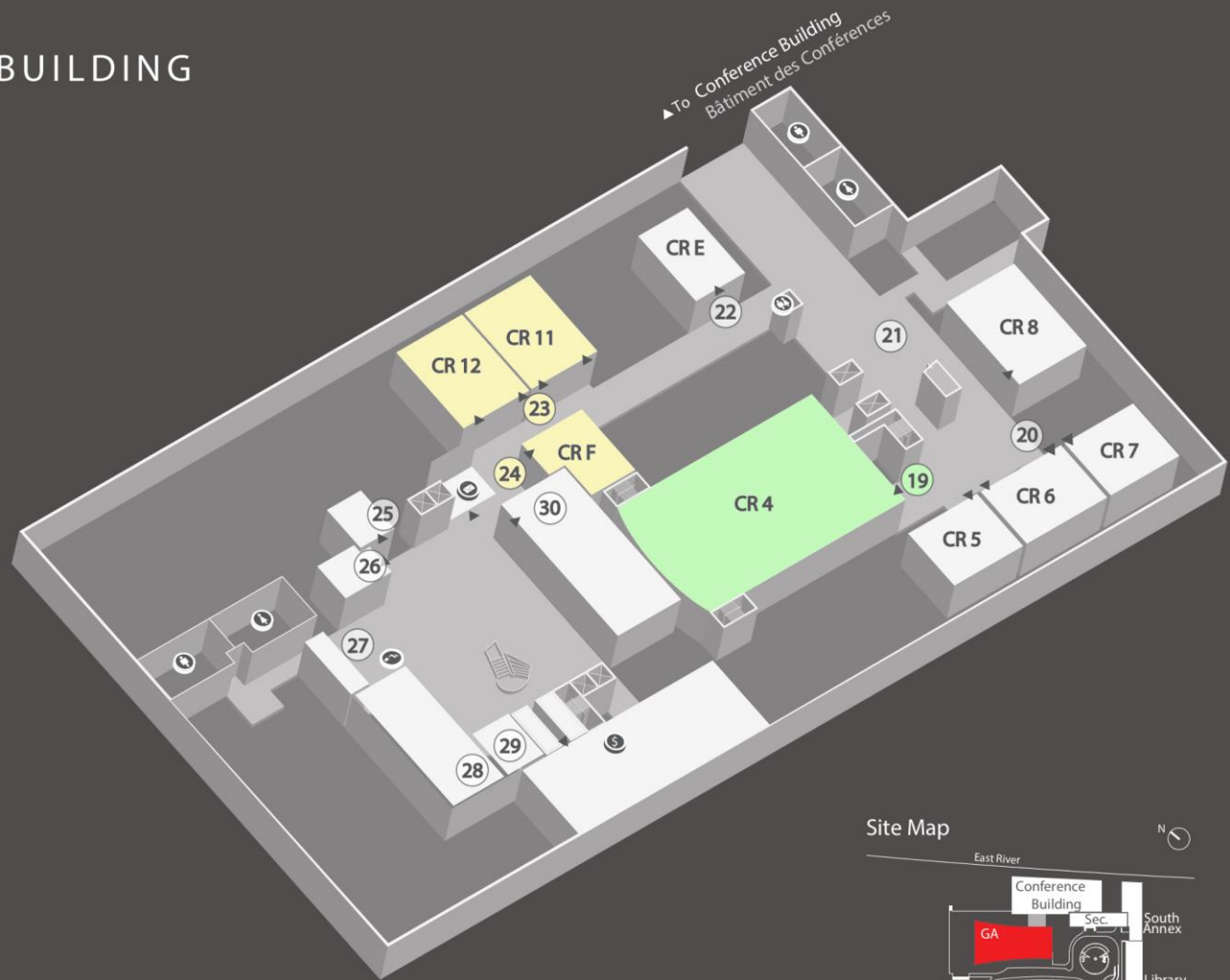














# GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING FIRST BASEMENT

- 19** Conference Room 4  
Salle de conférence 4
- 20** Conference Room 5, 6, 7, 8  
Salles de conférence 5, 6, 7, 8
- 21** Vienna Café  
Café Vienne
- 22** Conference Room E  
Salle de conférence E
- 23** Conference Room 11, 12  
Salles de conférence 11, 12
- 24** Conference Room F  
Salle de conférence F
- 25** Briefing Room  
Salle d'accueil et d'information
- 26** Visitor's briefing room  
Salle des exposés
- 27** Visitor's Cafe  
Café des visiteurs
- 28** UN Gift Centre  
Boutique-cadeaux de l'ONU
- 29** Agencies Kiosk  
Comptoir de souvenirs des Nations Unies
- 30** UN Bookstore  
Librairie de l'ONU



## Map Key – Légende :

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|--|--|--|
|  Stair<br>Escalier          |  Women's Restroom<br>Toilettes des femmes |  Bank<br>Banque   |
|  Elevator<br>Ascenseur      |  Men's Restroom<br>Toilettes des hommes   |  UN Postal Administration<br>Administration postale des Nations Unies |
|  Information<br>Information |  Drinking Fountains<br>Fontaines        |  |

# CONFERENCE BUILDING FIRST BASEMENT

- 23 Conference Room 1  
Salle de conférence 1
- 24 Conference Room 2  
Salle de conférence 2
- 25 Conference Room 3  
Salle de conférence 3

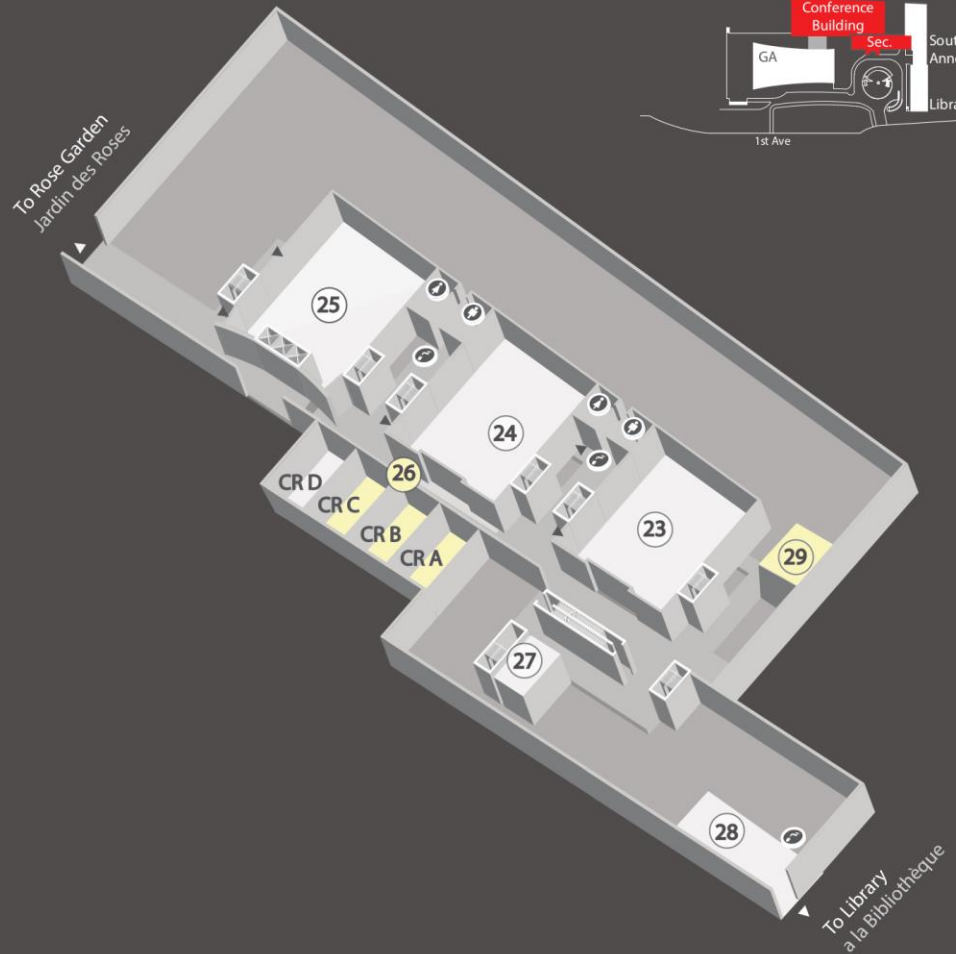
26 Conference Room A, B, C, D  
Salle de conférence A, B, C, D

27 Accessibility Centre  
Centre d'accessibilité

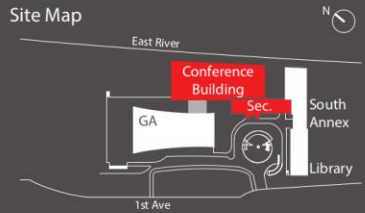
28 Café de La Paix  
Café de la paix

29 Conference Room 9  
Salle de conférence 9

To Rose Garden  
Jardin des Roses



Site Map



## Map Key – Légende :



Stair  
Escalier



Women's Restroom  
Toilettes des femmes



Nursing room  
Salle d'allaitement



Elevator  
Ascenseur



Men's Restroom  
Toilettes des hommes



Drinking Fountains  
Fontaines



Information  
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Note : All entrances, public restrooms, routes and exits are wheelchair accessible.

Remarque : Les entrées, les toilettes, les couloirs et les sorties sont tous accessibles aux personnes en fauteuil roulant.



# BETTER DATA BETTER LIVES

6–9 March 2018  
United Nations, New York

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