Statistical Commission
Fiftieth session
5–8 March 2019
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 fiftieth 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 fiftieth session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 5 March 2019, 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. to 1 p.m. (except Tuesday, when the meeting starts at 10.30 a.m.) and afternoon meetings from 3 to 6 p.m.
Provisional programme of work and timetable

Tuesday, 5 March 2019

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.3/2019/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable for the session (E/CN.3/2019/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


Report of the Secretary-General on the work on the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/CN.3/2019/3)


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3–3.45 p.m. Item 3 (b) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

For discussion

Report of the Friends of the Chair Group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and on open data (E/CN.3/2019/5)

3.45–4.30 p.m. Item 3 (c). Open data

For discussion

Report of the Friends of the Chair Group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and on open data (E/CN.3/2019/5)

4.30–5.15 p.m. Item 3 (d). National quality assurance frameworks

For discussion

5.15–6 p.m. Item 3 (e). Regional statistical development

For discussion

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on statistical development in Asia and the Pacific (E/CN.3/2019/7)

Wednesday, 6 March 2019

10–10.45 a.m. Item 3 (f). National accounts

For discussion


10.45–11.30 a.m. Item 3 (g). Finance statistics

For discussion


11.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m. Item 3 (h). International trade and business statistics

For discussion


12.15–1 p.m. Item 3 (i). Industrial statistics

For discussion


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3–3.45 p.m. Item 3 (j). Price statistics

For discussion


3.45–4.30 p.m. Item 3 (k). International Comparison Programme

For discussion

Item 3 (l). Environmental-economic accounting

*For discussion*


Item 3 (m). Disaster-related statistics

*For discussion*

Joint report of the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction on disaster-related statistics (E/CN.3/2019/16)

Thursday, 7 March 2019

10–10.45 a.m. Item 3 (n). International migration statistics

*For discussion*

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration statistics (E/CN.3/2019/17)

10.45–11.30 a.m. Item 3 (o). Human settlements statistics

*For discussion*


11.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m. Item 3 (p). Crime statistics

*For discussion*


12.15–1 p.m. Item 3 (q). Drugs and drug use statistics

*For discussion*


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3–3.45 p.m. Item 3 (r). Education statistics

*For discussion*

3.45–4.45 p.m. Item 3 (s). Working methods of the Statistical Commission

For discussion

Report of the Bureau on working methods: comprehensive review of the structure and functions of groups (E/CN.3/2019/22)

4.45–6 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.3/2019/23)

Item 4 (b). Health statistics

For information


Item 4 (c). Household surveys

For information


Item 4 (d). Price indices

For information


Item 4 (e). Big data for official statistics

For information


Item 4 (f). Statistical capacity development

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity development (E/CN.3/2019/28)

Item 4 (g). Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata

For information
Progress report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors (E/CN.3/2019/29)

Item 4 (h). Coordination of statistical programmes

For information

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2019/30)

Item 4 (i). Integration of statistical and geospatial information

For information


Item 4 (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.3/2019/32)

Friday, 8 March 2019

10–10.30 a.m. Item 5. 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 6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-first session of the Commission

For discussion

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2019/L.2)

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2019–2023 (E/CN.3/2019/33)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 7. Report of the Commission on its fiftieth session

For discussion

Draft report of the Commission on its fiftieth session

Informal paper with draft decisions

Closing of the session