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Type of group		City	Friends of the Chair	Task Force	Working Group	Expert Group	Partnership	Committee	Inter-Agency and Expert Group	Other
Number of groups in this category		9	1	3	8	8	1	5	3	2
Pillar	Economic	Voorburg Group on Service Statistics, Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers, Delhi Group on Integrated Economic Statistics, Ottawa Group on Prices Indices		Interagency Task Force on International Trade Statistics, Interagency Task force on Finance Statistics	Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics	Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts, Expert Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics		Committee of Experts on Business Statistics		
	Environmental	London Group on Environmental Accounting, Oslo Group on Energy Statistics			Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on Energy Statistics	Expert Group on Environmental Statistics		Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, Global Steering Committee on the Implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics	Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics	
	Social	Titchfield Group Ageing- Related Statistics and Age Disaggregated Data, Washington Group Disability Statistics, Praia Group on Governance Statistics			Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys, Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics	Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics, Expert Group on Migration Statistics			Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics	
	Cross-cutting		Friends of the Chair on the Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors	Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics	Expert Group on Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks, Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications	Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development	Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities, Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System	Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators	High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training
Technical focus ¹	Capacity development	Washington Group on Disability Statistics (1)			Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics (1)					Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (1)
	Coordination			Inter-Agency Task force on Finance Statistics, Interagency Task Force on International Trade Statistics (2)	Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys, Intersecretariat Working Group on International Trade Statistics, Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on Energy Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics	Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, (1)		Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities, Global Steering Committee on the Implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System, Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, Committee of Experts on Business Statistics (5)	Inter-agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (1)	High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (2)
	Data			Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors (1)	Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (2)					

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	Methodology	London Group on Environmental Accounting, Washington Group on Disability Statistics, Voorburg Group on Service Statistics, Ottawa Group on Price Indices, Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics, Oslo Group on Energy Statistics, Praia Group on Governance Statistics, Titchfield Group on Ageing-Related Statistics and Age Disaggregated Data Wiesbaden Group on Business Statistics (9)	Friends of the Chair on the Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (1)	Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors (1)	Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys, Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics, Intersecretariat Working Group on Energy Statistics (5)	Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts, Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks, Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications, Expert Group on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, Expert Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics, Expert Group on Environment Statistics, UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics, (8)	Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development (1)	Committee of Experts on Business Statistics, Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (2)	Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, Inter-agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics, Inter-agency and Expert Group on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics (3)	
Members and observers ²	Member State	9	1	0	2	8	0	3	2	2
	UN Agency	9	1	3	8	8	1	5	3	2
	Non-UN Agency	7	1	3	7	8	1	4	2	1
	Academic institution	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Civil society organisation	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Level of membership	Managerial	0	1	1	5	0	1	5	0	1
	Technical	9	0	2	3	8	0	0	3	1
Current Chair or Co-chairs ²	Member State	9	1	0	1	6	0	3	2	1
	UN Agency	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	1	0
	Non-UN Agency	0	0	3	3	1	0	2	0	1
Internal substructure (subgroups)	Yes	3	1	1	4	4	1	5	2	2
	No	6	0	2	4	4	0	0	1	0
Lifespan	Short (<=4 years, est. 2015+)	2	1	0	2	4	0	1	1	2
	Medium (5-8 years, est. 2010-2014)	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	0
	Long (8+ years, est. 2009 or before)	7	0	2	5	1	1	2	1	0

¹ Counts do not add up to total due to the existence of groups with multi-pronged technical focus

² Counts do not add up to total because categories are not mutually exclusive