Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed programme of work and timetable for the fifty-first 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 time and services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the fifty-first session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 3 March 2020, 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. (except Tuesday when the meeting starts at 10:30) to 1 p.m., afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Provisional programme of work and timetable

Tuesday, 3 March 2020

10:30 – 11:00  
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.3/2020/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable for the session (E/CN.3/2020/L.1)

Item 3: Items for discussion and decision

11:00 – 13:00  
Item 3 (a): Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

For discussion

Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (E/CN.3/2020/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/CN.3/2020/3)


15:00 – 15:45  
Item 3 (b): Coordination of statistical programmes

For discussion


For information

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2020/6)

15:45 – 16:30  
Item 3 (c): Future of economic statistics

For discussion


16:30 – 17:00  
Item 3 (d): National accounts
For discussion

17:00 – 17:30  Item 3 (e): International trade and business statistics

For discussion

17:30 – 18:00  Item 3(f): Price indices

For discussion

Wednesday, 4 March 2020

10:00 – 10:30  Item 3 (g): International Comparison Programme

For discussion

10:30 – 11:00  Item 3 (h): Environmental-economic accounting

For discussion
Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (E/CN.3/2020/12)

11:00 – 11:30  Item 3(i): Agricultural and rural statistics

For discussion

11:30 – 12:00  Item 3 (j): Demographic statistics

For discussion
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme and on the Methodology for Delineation of Urban and Rural Areas for International Comparison Purposes (E/CN.3/2020/14)

12:00 – 12:30  Item 3 (k): Civil registration and vital statistics

For discussion
12:30 – 13:00  Item 3 (l): Health statistics

For discussion


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15:00 – 15:30  Item 3 (m): Gender statistics

For discussion

Report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics (E/CN.3/2020/17)

15:30 – 16:00  Item 3 (n): Refugee statistics

For discussion


16:00 - 16:30  Item 3 (o): Governance, peace and security statistics

For discussion

Report of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics (E/CN.3/2020/19)

16:30 – 17:00  Item 3 (p): Regional statistical development

For discussion

Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on cooperation for regional statistical development (E/CN.3/2020/20)

17:00 – 17:30  Item 3 (q): Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

For discussion


17:30 – 18:00  Item 3 (r): Management and modernization of statistical systems

For discussion

Report of the Secretary-General on management and modernization of statistical systems (E/CN.3/2020/22)

Thursday, 5 March 2020
10:00 – 10:30  Item 3 (s): Information and communications technology statistics

For discussion


10:30 – 11:00  Item 3 (t): Big data

For discussion


11:00 – 11:30  Item 3 (u): Integration of statistical and geospatial information

For discussion


11:30 – 12:00  Item 3 (v): Open data

For discussion


12:00 – 12:30  Item 3 (w): Working methods of the Statistical Commission

For discussion

Report of the Bureau on working methods: Towards more coordinated and coherent structure and functions of groups (E/CN.3/2020/27)

12:30 – 13:00  Item 3 (x): World Statistical Day

For discussion


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15:00 – 18:00  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): Follow-up to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council policy decisions

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
Item 4 (b): Short-term economic statistics

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on short-term economic statistics (E/CN.3/2020/30)

Item 4 (c): Price statistics

For information


Item 4 (d): Service statistics

For information


Item 4 (e): Environment statistics

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics (E/CN.3/2020/33)

Item 4 (f): Disability statistics

For information

Joint report of the Secretary-General, the Washington Group on Disability Statistics and international agencies (E/CN.3/2020/34)

Item 4 (g): Statistics of human development

For information


Friday, 6 March 2020

10:00 – 10:30  Item 5: Programme questions (Statistics Division)

Oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities

10:30 – 11:00  Item 6: Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-second session of the Commission

For discussion

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-second session
of the Commission (E/CN.3/2020/L.2)

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission 2020-2024 (E/CN.3/2020/36)

11:00 – 13:00  **Item 7: Report of the Commission on its fifty-first session**

*For discussion*

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-first session

Informal paper with draft decisions

Closing of the session