ESCWA countries agree with the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair group on economic statistics (E/CN.3/2021/7).

The future work on economic statistics should consider the need for a responsive, comprehensive and coordinated system of economic statistics that includes macroeconomic accounts, statistical business records, international rankings and accurate data from household and business and business statistics. Such system of economic statistics should also address global development priorities, such as those related to globalization, digitization, welfare and sustainability, the informal economy and human capital;


ESCWA countries also support (i) short-term projects, based on the needs of developed and developing countries, to experiment with new working methods and to connect networks of statistical groups to support the modernization of the economic statistics system; (ii) development of detailed guidance notes addressing implementation of emerging conceptual approaches in nationals statistical systems.