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Cabo Verde would like to express on behalf of the Africa Group a contribution to the subject matter.

African countries, through their representatives in CCSA namely ECA, AfDB and AFRISTAT have been actively contributing to the CCSA activities.

African countries commend efforts made during the recent past years to raise new and emerging statistical issues.

In particular, we support the annual items such as population and housing census, national accounts, international comparison programme and international trade. The current global pandemic has affected activities and programmes related to all these important subjects. Thus, few countries in our region were expected to conduct their censuses during the current cycle of PHCs. We were in a good track to implement the 2008 SNA but the situation halted this momentum. Further, poverty statistics should be in the agenda every five years knowing that methodologies evolve less than 10 years frequency.

In addition to subjects indicated in the programme, we would like to see for the coming years the following items:

1. Urban statistics: Africa's urban population has been growing at a very high rate (i.e. from about 27% in 1950 to 40% in 2015 and projected to reach 60% by 2050 (UN-DESA, 2014). Urbanization is key in African countries policies in the coming years.
2. Infrastructure statistics: one of the major priority programmes in the region is the development of infrastructure. To this extent, our Heads of States created the former New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) that has been transformed in the African Union Development Agency (AUDA). Therefore, statistics in this domain become key to accompany national and regional policies.

Thus, any development of suitable methodologies in these two subjects would help.

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