



52nd Session
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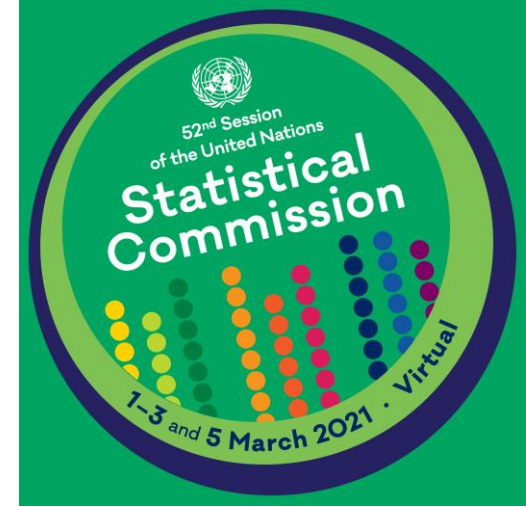


The 52nd session of the
Statistical Commission -
Preparations

“Global Chat”

20 January 2021
9:00 – 10:00 AM Eastern

Statistical Commission – Global Chat

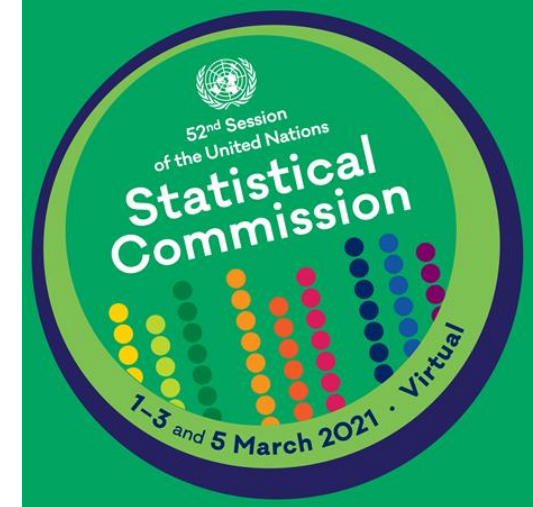


Moderator: Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductory comments.
2. Status and overview of substantive reports and background documents.
3. Update on proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines.
4. Update on logistical arrangements, protocols, and timing.
5. Open discussion.

Welcome and introductory comments



Some virtual meeting house rules:

- Please always keep your microphone muted while you are not speaking.
- Please keep your video turned off unless speaking.
- Please use the chat if you wish to make any comments and/or ask questions.
- If you want to ask a question, please indicate your name and organization in the chat. In respect to time limitations, preference will be given to representatives from countries and international organizations.
- Please silence your cellphone, especially when you are speaking.

We have allowed plenty of time for questions and discussion during our global chat.

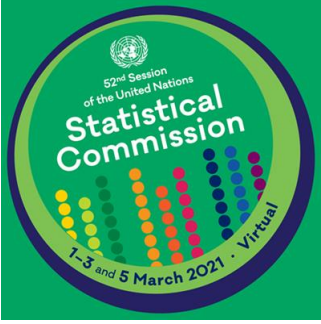
Status and overview of substantive reports and background documents



- All official documents (in six languages) are now available on the Commission's Website.
- Background materials will be uploaded by the end of January.

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents/>

Items for discussion (13).



3(a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

3(b) Coordination of statistical programmes

3(c) Economic statistics

3(d) National accounts

3(e) Business and trade statistics

3(f) Environmental-economic accounting

3(g) Migration statistics

3(h) Regional statistical development

3(i) Management and modernization of statistical systems

3(j) Big data

3(k) International statistical classifications

3(l) Household surveys

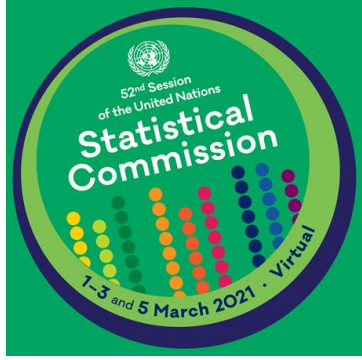
3(m) Data and metadata presentation and dissemination

1 – 3 and 5 March 9-11 AM (Eastern)



Monday, 1 March	Tuesday, 2 March	Wednesday, 3 March	Thursday, 4 March	Friday, 5 March
Opening Items 3 (a – c)	Items 3 (d – j)	Items 3 (j – m) Item 4 (Items for info) Item 5 Programme questions (UNSD) Item 6 Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-third session of the Commission	No meeting	Item 7 Report of the Commission on its 52nd session

Proposed working modalities - Submission of written statements



- The prior submission of written statements will help facilitate discussions and general debate.
- Member States and entities invited to participate in the work of the 52nd session are invited to submit written statements.
- Time period: between 19 January and 19 February (encouraged submission deadline).
- Make reference to specific agenda items
- Use templates available from the 52nd session's website.
- Please use a separate form for each agenda item.
- Can be submitted by the Heads of Delegation or designated officials on their behalf.
- Please submit the forms, preferably as pdf files, to the Secretariat (hooper@un.org and wangl@un.org).
- All forms received will be time-stamped and uploaded to the 52nd session website, in the language received, as soon as feasible (except over weekends).

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Overview > 52nd Session (2021) > Documents



Current session

52nd session

Activities

Inter-sessional activities

Archive

- Past sessions
- Reports of past sessions
- Chairs of past sessions
- Bureaus of past sessions
- Photo gallery
- 70th anniversary
- 60th anniversary
- Decisions

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents/#statements>

All documents

Guidelines

Due to the virtual nature of the session, delegations are encouraged to submit written statements starting 19 January 2021.

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Written statements provide an opportunity for delegations to contribute to the substantive discussion on the agenda items of the 52nd session. The official documents contain "Action to be taken by the Statistical Commission" which the Commission is invited to discuss. Written statements are expected to address these points raised but might include more

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Join us on Wednesday, 20 Jan, for the first Global Chat on the #UN52SC bit.ly/3qjZQ73

Timeline (January – February)

18 January 2021	All documents available online in 6 official languages
20 January 2021	Webinar 1. on the 52 nd session (Global Chat)
Around 30 January 2021	All background documents available online in English only
19 January – 19 February 2021	<u>Written statements submission period</u> Guidelines for submission of written statements against each agenda item and forms available on the 52 nd session
17 February 2021	Webinar 2. On the 52 nd session (Global Chat 2)
19 February 2021	Submission of written statements encouraged by this date to assist the Secretariat in consolidation
Around 15 February	Onboarding of delegates into Online platform

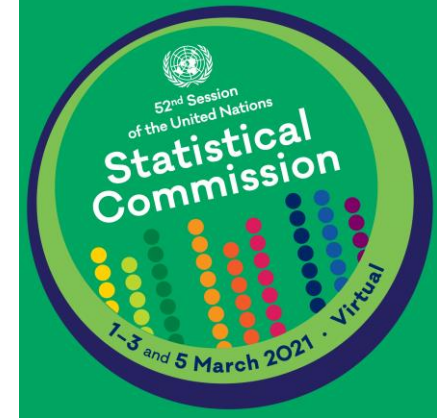


Timeline (Commission week)



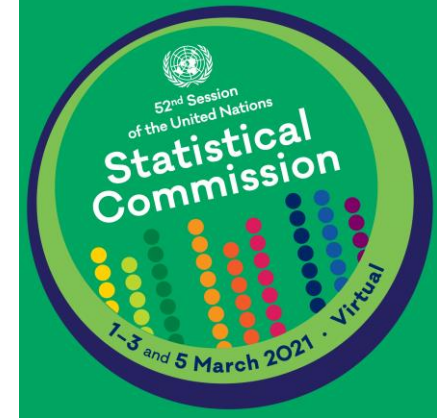
1 March, Monday	First virtual meeting of the 52 nd session of the Statistical Commission
2 March, Tuesday	Second virtual meeting of the 52 nd session of the Statistical Commission
3 March, Wednesday	Third virtual meeting of the 52 nd session of the Statistical Commission
3 March, Wednesday (early evening NY)	Draft decisions of the 52 nd session of the Statistical Commission available online
By 2PM NY (Eastern) 4 March	Member States and relevant observers submit comments against each draft <u>decision</u> item
5 March, Friday	Fourth virtual meeting of the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission , considers the draft decisions (with all comments received) and agrees on final language for the ‘informal’ adoption of the report. Silence procedure then initiated.

Side events



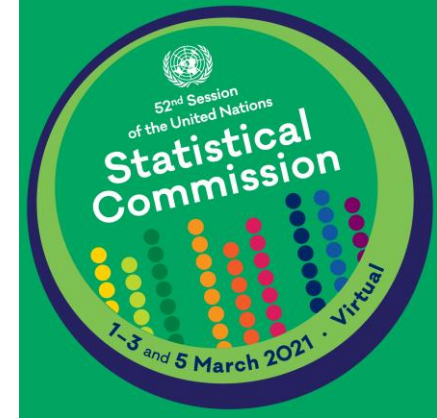
- Around 50 side events are being organizing virtually over the coming weeks.
- Two High level events
 - **Data stewardship and the role of National Statistical Offices in the changing data landscape**
 - Wednesday, 10 February 2020, 8:00 – 9:30 am
 - **National statistical systems' response to Covid-19**
 - Wednesday, 24 February 2020, 8:00 – 9:30 am
- UNSD is hosting the calendar.

Update on logistical arrangements



- Registration process
 - Register the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC/Statistical Commission) through your Permanent Mission.
 - Include names and emails of all members of the delegation of their Government who will attend the session
 - Essential to register through the PMs, including emails, for onboarding and access to the meeting platform

Update on logistical arrangements



- Vice-chairs will share presiding over each 2-hour session.
- Simultaneous interpretation and timing of the sessions.
- Web platform: online system will be communicated.
- Webcasting on UN WebTV.
- For each agenda item – 2 min oral introduction, 3-5 statements, summary, etc.
- During the session please use the chat window, to communicate with the Secretariat.
- Encourage written statements to be provided to the Secretariat by 19 February. Additional statements could be posted, including on the chat during the actual session. However, they may not be fully captured immediately in the summary read out, but can be added at a later stage.
- Other?

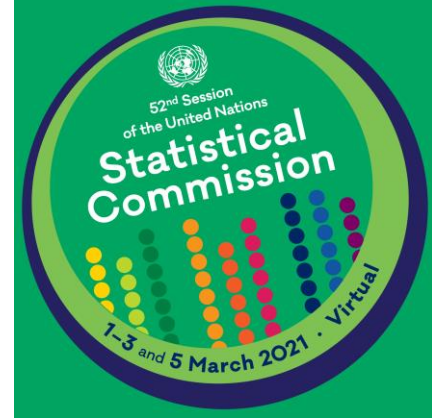
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Communications and engagement

- Intention to provide regular updates to prospective delegates and observers, and include information on technical and logistical arrangements when available.

Open discussion





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