



52nd Session
of the United Nations

Statistical
Commission

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Preparations for the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission “Global Chat”

- Welcome and introductory comments from the Director, Mr. Stefan Schweinfest
- Side events
- Overview of discussion items
- Frequently asked questions
- Logistical arrangements
- Written statements
- Process
- Open discussion



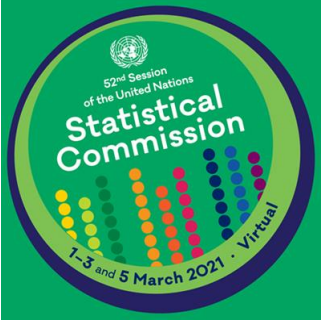
Side events



- 22 side events held as of 15 February
- 40 more side events to be organized virtually over the coming weeks
- Upcoming High level event
 - **National statistical systems' response to Covid-19**
 - Wednesday, 24 February 2021, 8:00 – 9:30 am

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

Overview -discussion items for 52nd session



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

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Frequently asked questions



REGISTRATION



PLATFORM



WRITTEN
STATEMENTS



SIDE EVENTS



GENERAL
QUESTIONS

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/resources/FAQ-9Feb2021.pdf>

Logistical arrangements



- Registration process
 - Register the composition of delegations in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC/Statistical Commission) through your Permanent Mission to the UN in NY.
 - Encouraged to kindly limit delegations to the experts who will actively participate in the session's work.
 - Essential to register through the PMs, including emails, for onboarding and access to the meeting platform

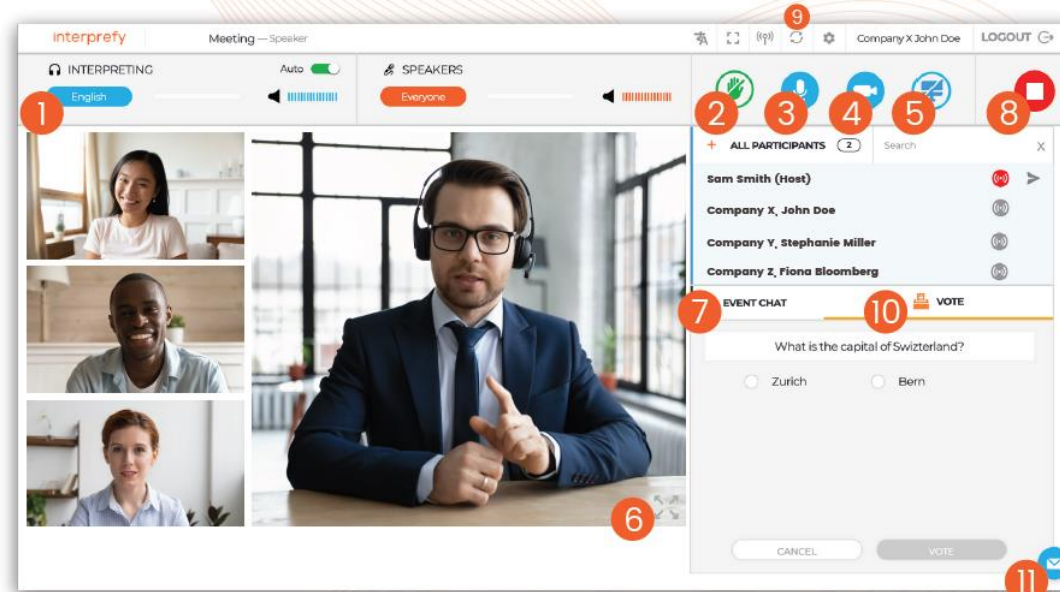
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- 1 **Select your preferred language** - Select "none" to listen to the floor language. Select other language, if interpretation is available, click "save".
- 2 **Raise your hand to ask for the floor** - Click on the green hand icon to request to take the floor and wait for approval. Select "audio only" to enable your microphone. Select "audio and video" to enable both microphone and webcam.
- 3 **Mic** - Turn on/off microphone, when you have the floor.
- 4 **Webcam** - Turn on/off webcam, when you have the floor.
- 5 **Screen sharing** - Turn on/off screen sharing, when you have the floor.
- 6 **Full screen mode** - Enter/exit full screen mode.
- 7 **Event chat** - Use, if available, to address all event participants.



- 8 **Stop streaming** - Click to stop streaming, when finished speaking. This does not disconnect you from the meeting.
- 9 **Restart All Lines** - In case of any audio or video issues, click R.A.L. as a quick fix to refresh your connection.
- 10 **Vote** - Participate in polling, if available.
- 11 **Private chat & moderator chat** - Report technical issues to the moderator or send a private message to individual participants.

Online platform.

Simultaneous interpretation into all six official UN languages.

Onboarding to familiarize delegates.

Access links.

- Delegate/Primary
- Viewer

Logistical arrangements



- During the session, please use the chat window to communicate with the Secretariat.
- Webcasting on UN WebTV.
- Encourage advanced submission of written statements to the Secretariat by 19 February.

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Current session

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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

All documents

Guidelines

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

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

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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

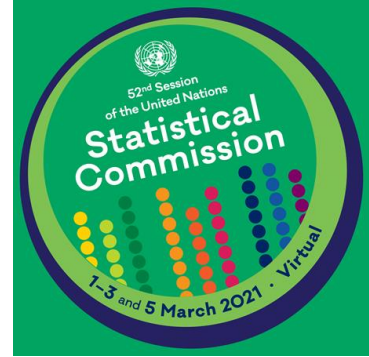
Tweets by @UNStats



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

Written statements

Process of the 52nd Statistical Commission



- Due to the virtual nature of the session and the limited time of the meetings, Member States and entities are encouraged to submit **written statements** (preferably in English) by Friday, 19 February 2021.
- Written statements:
 - Provide an opportunity for delegations to contribute to the substantive discussion on the agenda items of the 52nd session.
 - Need to refer to a specific agenda item.
 - May be submitted by or on behalf of the Head of Delegation, Representative or Designated official.

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Submission of written statements

- Early submission of written statements will:
 - Help facilitate discussions and general debate.
 - Allow for the Secretariat to review and summarize them and facilitate informal discussions between relevant delegations to find consensus language, in case of apparent disagreements.
- Please submit the forms, preferably as pdf files, to the Secretariat (hooper@un.org and wangl@un.org).
- All forms received will be date-stamped and uploaded to the 52nd session website, in the language received, as soon as feasible (except over weekends).

Process of the 52nd Statistical Commission

Monday 1st March

- Opening;
- Election of officers;
- Adoption of the agenda

Tuesday 2nd March

Wednesday 3rd March

Friday 5th March

Thursday 4th



←-----Items for discussion and decision-----→

- Items for information
- UNSD programme
- Report of the Commission on its 52nd session
- Dates for the 53rd Statistical Commission

All official documents will be available electronically both on the Commission website (<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/>) and on the PaperSmart portal.

Draft decisions and report



- On 3 March, Wednesday
 - Draft decisions of the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission available online for comment.
- By 2PM EST, 4 March, Thursday
 - Member States and relevant observers submit comments against draft decision items (form online).
- Early evening EST, 4 March, Thursday
 - “Bracketed” version of the draft decisions available online.
- 9AM EST, 5 March, Friday
 - **Fourth virtual meeting of the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission** considers the draft decisions and agrees on final language for the ‘informal’ adoption of the report. Silence procedure then initiated.

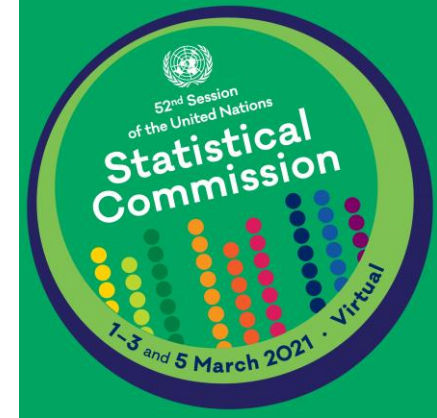
Global chat – open discussion

Moderator: Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD

Communications and engagement

- Weekly updates from the Director
- Forthcoming information on platform connectivity

Open discussion





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