

Preliminary Agenda
Third Meeting of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics

Date: Sunday March 1, 9:15am to 11:15am

Venue: UN DC 2 Building Room 2330 (next to the Millennium Hotel, E 44th street)
United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA

1. Welcome remarks (10 minutes)
 - a. Mr. Anil Arora, Chair of the Friends of Chair Group and Chief Statistician of Canada
 - b. Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, DESA
2. Preparation for the agenda item on the Friends of the Chair Group at the 51st session of the UN Statistical Commission (30 minutes)
 - a. Oral introduction of the report to Statistical Commission by Chair of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics
 - i. Supporting document: Draft introduction
3. Review of the work program of the Group for 2020
 - a. Present and proposed future state of statistical groups (20 minutes)
 - i. Supporting document 1: infographics on present and future state of statistical groups
 - ii. Supporting document 2: background note on present and future state of statistical groups
 - b. Projects and use cases for the new working methods (20 minutes)
 - i. Supporting document 1: project note on globalization: role of the MNEs
 - ii. Supporting document 2: project note on digitization: role of digital platforms
 - iii. Supporting document 3: project note on inequality: household distribution accounts and statistics
 - iv. Supporting document 4: project note on classifications: metadata driven systems
 - v. Supporting document 5: project note on digital standards
 - c. Communication and engagements of the Group (20 minutes)

Annotation: As the FOC Group heads into the second and final year of operation, it will be essential to increase communication efforts with the heads of NSOs of the statistical community, to discuss findings thus far and the proposed avenues of work.

It is also needed to develop strategies and mechanisms that build engagement with a broader set of stakeholders including users, technology partners, data providers, and academics. Engagement should be built into regular ongoing activities and is critical for the relevance and responsiveness of the economic statistics system.

Supporting document: background note prepared by Eurostat - UN Global Forum on the Future of Economic Statistics for late 2020.

4. Contributions from the Group members for the agreed-upon actions and projects in 2020 (15 minutes)

Annotation: the contributions of the Group members are essential in order to successfully implement the work program of the Group for 2020

5. Date and venue of fourth meeting of the Group (5 minutes)

Option:

- UN Global Forum on the Future of Economic Statistics, Brussels, Belgium, November 2020