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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and past practices, the Statistical Commission, at the commencement of its first meeting at a regular session, elects, from among the representatives of its members, a Bureau comprising a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

The Bureau serves for two years, to the extent possible. That duration is achieved by electing the Bureau for a period of one year and re-electing the members of the Bureau who continue to be representatives to the Commission at the following session. The Bureau is elected on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution, with a member of the Bureau elected from each of the regions represented on the Commission.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were proposed by the Commission at its forty-fifth session (New York, 4-7 March 2014) and were adopted by the Council in its decision 2014/219. The Bureau of the Commission has subsequently approved some changes. The proposed provisional programme of work and timetable for the session is also before the Commission. The Commission is invited to adopt the agenda and provisional programme of work and timetable for its forty-sixth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations ([E/CN.3/2015/1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable ([E/CN.3/2015/L.1](#))

3. Items for discussion and decision

(a) Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda

(i) Broader measures of progress

The Commission will have before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress. The report provides a road map for the development and implementation of an indicator and monitoring of the framework for the post-2015 development agenda. The report also describes the activities undertaken by the group since the previous session of the Statistical Commission and the key activities of other entities involved in the implementation of such a framework for the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda. Information on an expert group meeting on the topic, which will be held prior to the next session of the Commission, will be provided in a background document. The report also examines expected data requirements and data gaps, based on initial survey results received from countries. The final results will be presented in a second background document. The report also examines actions to close the data gaps, along with recommendations and a time frame for carrying the work forward. In addition, the report provides a work plan and points for discussion. The Commission is invited to express its views on the proposals made in the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair group on broader measures of progress ([E/CN.3/2015/2](#))

(ii) Emerging issue: the data revolution

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the data revolution as an emerging issue, highlighting the main recommendations of the report of the Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development, which is available as a background document. The Group was created by the Secretary-General to advise on ways to close the data gaps and strengthen national statistical capacities; assess new opportunities linked to innovation, technical progress and the surge of new public and private data providers; and utilize the data revolution for sustainable development. The

Commission is invited to express its views on the report and on the proposals for follow-up made by the secretariat of the Group.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues ([E/CN.3/2015/3](#))

(iii) Big data

The Commission will have before it the report of the global working group on big data for official statistics. The report sets out the outcome of the International Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics and describes the first meeting of the global working group. The Commission is invited to express its views on progress achieved by the global working group, including an inventory of big data projects for official statistics, and to comment on plans for collaborative work between national, regional and international institutions in official statistics related to communication and advocacy, data access and partnerships, capacity-building and the use of specific big data sources, such as mobile phone data and remote sensing data, including satellite imagery.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the global working group on big data for official statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/4](#))

(iv) Transformative agenda for official statistics

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Global Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics to be held in New York on 15 and 16 January 2015. The Commission will also have before it a background document on the outcome of the Conference. The report addresses the need for guidance from the Commission on practical modalities for moving ahead in an internationally collaborative way to implement, at the country and international levels, a transformative agenda for official statistics in support of the post-2015 development agenda. The Commission is invited to discuss the outcome of the Conference and express its views on the work accomplished to date and on the proposed follow-up actions.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on a transformative agenda for official statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/5](#))

(b) Population and housing censuses

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme and on preparations for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme. The report provides an overview of the implementation of the 2010 Programme, including information on national participation in the 2010 census; successes and challenges faced; and an overview of activities carried out by the Statistics Division in support of the 2010 Programme. The report also describes the preparatory activities for the 2020 Programme. The Commission is invited to express its views regarding the

information represented in the report. In particular, the Commission is invited to review and endorse the draft principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses, revision 3; approve the draft resolution on the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme; and provide guidance on the proposed activities of the Statistics Division for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme and on preparations for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme ([E/CN.3/2015/6](#))

(c) Crime statistics

The Commission will have before it a report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) describing the main features of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes, which is the first full classification structure at the international level on criminal offences, and a related background document. The classification structure aims to provide a standard for the systematic production and comparison of statistical data across different criminal justice institutions as well as between different sources of data. It also describes the consultation process for developing the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes, its founding principles and the activities planned to support its progressive implementation and maintenance. The Commission is invited to endorse the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and to provide guidance and advice on future activities to support its progressive implementation at the national and international levels.

The Commission will also have before it, for information purposes, the joint report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) and UNODC on crime statistics, which provides a brief review of activities undertaken to implement the road map to improve the quality and availability of crime statistics at the national and international levels. Two years after the adoption of the road map, a number of achievements can be identified in respect of the three priority areas to improve crime statistics, namely, the upgrading of methodological standards; technical support to countries; and the improvement of international reporting on crime. The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and technical support to countries on victimization surveys figure prominently among those achievements. The joint report also identifies the next steps and international activities to be carried out to further enhance data on crime. It proposes actions aimed at improving crime and criminal justice statistics systems in order to adequately monitor the targets on security and justice included in the current proposal by the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. The Commission is invited to take note of the joint report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the International Classification on Crime for Statistical Purposes ([E/CN.3/2015/7](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on crime statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/8](#))

(d) Refugee statistics

The Commission will have before it the joint report of Statistics Norway and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the main challenges in the collection, and the production and dissemination of refugee statistics at the national and international levels. It is the first time since the establishment of the Commission that the topic is being discussed as an independent item. With war and armed conflict having pushed the global number of forcibly displaced persons to the highest level since the end of the Second World War, the report outlines the current challenges faced by countries and international and regional organizations in the collection and dissemination of statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons. It provides an overview of the various data sources and collection methods used as sources of information and proposes a set of actions to improve the availability and quality of forced displacement statistics at the national, regional and international levels. The Commission is invited to express its views regarding the information provided in the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of Statistics Norway and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons ([E/CN.3/2015/9](#))

(e) Household surveys

The Commission will have before it a report on issues in household surveys, and on their critical importance in the post-2015 development agenda. The report, prepared by the World Bank in consultation with multiple organizations, provides an overview on such issues as the availability, quality, relevance and sustainability of household survey data, with a focus on low- and middle-income countries. The recommendations formulated in the report include the establishment of a more adequate institutional framework, the provision of adequate funding, the piloting of an international code of practice for surveys and the implementation of more ambitious programmes in respect of capacity-building and research on survey methods. The Commission is invited to express its views on the issues described in the report; on the necessity to include in the Commission's agenda for discussion the progress made in respect of the design, implementation, funding and coordination of household surveys; and on the desirability of establishing a technical standing group to foster coordination and harmonization of household survey activities across agencies and member countries. The Commission is also invited to endorse the interim role of the Management Group of the International Household Survey Network in establishing the proposed standing group; endorse the piloting of a code of practice for surveys by the International Household Survey Network; and recommend the preparation of a report on priorities for cross-cutting research work in survey methods to be submitted for information at the forty-seventh session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank on improving household surveys in the post-2015 development era: issues and recommendations for a shared agenda ([E/CN.3/2015/10](#))

(f) National accounts

The Commission will have before it the report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts. The report provides information on issues emerging from the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA). In particular, the report describes the outcome of the meeting of the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts; the SNA research agenda; and an update on the finalization of publications supporting the implementation of the 2008 SNA. It also provides the work programme of the Working Group and of the regional commissions and the scope and timeliness of the implementation of SNA. The Commission is invited to express its views and provide guidance on the elements of the programme of work of the Working Group.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts ([E/CN.3/2015/11](#))

(g) International trade and economic globalization statistics

The Commission has before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group (on the measurement of international trade and economic globalization. The group was established by the Commission at its forty-fourth and was tasked with preparing a concept paper on the scope and structure of the measurement framework and the coordination of the work in that area. The report describes the activities of the group and the outcomes of the International Conference on the Measurement of Trade and Economic Globalization and the subsequent meeting of the group. The outcomes include the conceptual challenges of measuring trade and other economic statistics inside global value chains and the corresponding compilation issues. The report also sets out the rationale for and the main elements of a new system of extended international and global accounts, and concludes with proposals for the work programme in that area and in respect of the coordination mechanism. The Commission is invited to express its views on the proposals contained in the final paragraphs of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair group on the measurement of international trade and economic globalization ([E/CN.3/2015/12](#))

(h) Environmental-economic accounting

The Commission will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting. The report describes the progress made in the programme of work of the Committee, with particular focus on activities related to the use of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) in the

context of the post-2015 development agenda, the implementation of the SEEA Central Framework and the testing and experimentation on the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting. It will also discuss progress made in the drafting of the SEEA for agriculture, forestry and fisheries. The Commission is invited to express its views on the progress of work of the Committee.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting ([E/CN.3/2015/13](#))

(i) International Comparison Programme

The Commission will have before it the report of the Friends of the Chair on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme, which describes the establishment and composition of the Friends of the Chair and highlights the main activities undertaken since the previous session of the Commission. The report also describes the initial findings of the Friends of the Chair based on the information-gathering and analysis done so far and the methodology used by the Friends of the Chair to arrive at their conclusions. The report points to the activities that the Friends of the Chair will carry out during the remaining part of the evaluation process in order to prepare its final report for the Commission at its forty-seventh session, in 2016. The Commission is invited to express its views on the progress of work of the Friends of the Chair, comment on the initial findings and provide comments and advice on for the continuation of the evaluation process, including the final report and the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair for the next session of the Commission.

The Commission will also have before it, for information purposes, the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme. The report outlines the final stages of implementation of the 2011 round. It describes the concluding governance activities undertaken for the round and the release of the results of the 2011 International Comparison Programme and accompanying documentation. The report contains additional information regarding the outreach activities and uses of the 2011 results and provides an overview of the involvement and activities of the World Bank in the Friends of the Chair evaluation of the 2011 Programme, which was initiated by the Commission. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme ([E/CN.3/2015/14](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme ([E/CN.3/2015/15](#))

(j) Agriculture and rural statistics

The Commission will have before it a report on food, agricultural and rural statistics, which covers the report of the Global Strategy Steering Committee and the key activities of the Committee undertaken to implement the Global Strategy to

Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics; the report summarizing the work undertaken to date by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Agricultural and Rural Statistics (IAEG), including a proposed work programme on improving the relevance and reliability of food data from surveys on household consumption and expenditure; and the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) introducing the current work on the development of the new guidelines for the World Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020) programme for the period 2016-2025.

The Commission is invited to comment on the developments and to provide further guidance to the Global Steering Committee, IAEG and FAO on the implementation of global efforts to strengthen the capacity of national food, agricultural and rural statistical systems.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on new developments in food, agricultural and rural statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/16](#))

(k) Governance, peace and security statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of Cabo Verde on governance, peace and security statistics. The report was prepared by Cabo Verde, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The report provides an overview of the initiatives on governance statistics since 2000. It describes how the interest in governance has led to the inclusion of goal 16 of the outcome document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. The report includes a proposal to form a new city group, the Praia group on governance statistics, to address the conceptualization, methodology and instruments for producing such statistics, with the aim of supporting the establishment of international recommendations on governance statistics. The Commission is invited to express its views on the proposal to establish the group on governance statistics and its proposed terms of reference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of Cabo Verde on governance, peace and security statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/17](#))

(l) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

The Commission will have before it the final report of the Friends of the Chair on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, which was established by the Commission at its forty-second session. The report makes reference to the earlier work undertaken by the Friends of the Chair, such as the preparation of a revised preamble for the Fundamental Principles, the conduct of an implementation survey and the development of guidelines for strengthening implementation of the Principles. It also provides the considerations of the Friends of the Chair on ways to effectively address perceived non-compliance. The Commission is invited to comment on the final report of the Friends of the Chair and the recommendations provided therein.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics ([E/C.3/2015/18](#))

(m) Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Commission will have before it the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean entitled “Statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean: recent achievements and upcoming challenges”. Part I of the report includes a brief chapter on the institutional mechanisms of the region for statistical activities, including the Statistical Conference of the Americas, its executive committee, the working groups and inter-institutional coordination activities. The second chapter of Part I highlights recent achievements and lessons learned, in particular in respect of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme; the strength of institutional capacities in accordance with the code of good practices and the ongoing review mechanism undertaken by experts and peers; regional activities on monitoring the Millennium Development Goals; key activities on gender statistics; the 2010 census round; and statistical dissemination in the region.

Part II of the report addresses the Latin American and Caribbean region perspective on the post-2015 development agenda and the statistical challenges faced by the region in that regard. It includes reflections on challenges to strengthening basic statistics; the use of administrative registers for statistical purposes; ways to achieve synergies in the context of the processes related to the data revolution and big data; and ways to approach a possible agenda, taking into consideration such phenomena and heterogeneity in the development of the national statistical systems of the region. The Commission is invited to comment on the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean entitled “Statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean: recent achievements and upcoming challenges ([E/CN.3/2015/19](#))

4. Items for information

The items below are presented to the Commission for information. Limited time will be allocated for interventions under the item.

(a) Health statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the World Health Organization outlining current work on health statistics, with special reference to the post-2015 development agenda, and its normative work. The report describes recent developments in terms of overall post-2015 goals, targets and indicators in the health sector and describes related activities to reduce the reporting burden on countries. It also highlights the potential role of the health sector in strengthening civil registration and vital statistics systems and provides an update on the work being undertaken in respect of the 11th revision of the International Classification of Diseases. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Health Organization on health statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/20](#))

(b) Gender statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics. The report provides a summary of the recent activities undertaken by the Statistics Division and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics under the umbrella of the Global Gender Statistics Programme, including the organization of the fifth Global Forum on Gender Statistics and the implementation of the Evidence and Data for Gender Equality Initiative, jointly executed by the Division and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). It also describes preparations undertaken for *The World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics*; the results of capacity-building efforts to strengthen programmes of gender statistics in countries; and the organization of the eighth meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics. The Commission is invited to take note of the ongoing work and future priorities on gender statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/21](#))

(c) Civil registration and vital statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on civil registration and vital statistics. The report discusses the growing recognition of the value of civil registration and vital statistics systems as an essential underpinning of the post-2015 development agenda and introduces recent initiatives undertaken at the regional and global levels to advance the system in countries. It also provides an update on the progress of the programme of work of the Statistics Division in the field of civil registration and vital statistics, including the establishment of the Global Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Group, and activities to support the implementation of the principles and recommendations contained in *Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 3*. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on civil registration and vital statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/22](#))

(d) Business registers

The Commission will have before it the report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers summarizing recent developments and planned activities of the Group, including the international guidelines on statistical business registers and the Wiesbaden Group meeting held in Vienna in 2014. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers ([E/CN.3/2015/23](#))

(e) Service statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics. The report describes the progress of the Group since its previous report to the Statistical Commission in 2012, including its best practices in several new industries and its continuing discussion of several cross-cutting issues, such as quality adjustment practices for producer price indices. The Group indicates that it has applied a content development framework to develop best practices in the collection of output and price statistics for over 85 service industries defined in the *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 4*. The Group's work product and tangible outputs are available from its website (<http://www.voorburggroup.org>). The report also addresses changes the Group is considering in the content development framework that guides its continued efforts. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/24](#))

(f) Finance statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics. The report presents progress made by the Task Force since the forty-third session of the Commission, held in 2012, on external debt statistics and public sector debt statistics (methodological work, data availability, capacity-building). The report includes the future work programme of the Task Force. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/25](#))

(g) Environment statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics. The report describes developments in the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013), namely: (a) the first meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics, its activities in 2014 and work plan for 2015; (b) progress made in the preparation of methodological guidelines for the Basic Set of Environment Statistics and the Core Set of Environment Statistics; (c) the finalization of the Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool; (d) the application of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics in countries; and (e) technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in environment statistics in 2014 and plans for 2015. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics ([E/CN.3/2015/26](#))

(h) Statistics for economies based on natural resources

The Commission will have before it the report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources. The report summarizes the operations of the Ulaanbaatar Group since its previous report, including its second and third meetings, and provides information on its programme of work. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources ([E/CN.3/2015/27](#))

(i) World Statistics Day

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General describing the progress made in the preparations for the 2015 observance of World Statistics Day in the following areas: adoption of a resolution on the Day by the General Assembly; finalization by the Bureau of the Commission of the slogan for the Day; and development of a logo and a suitable platform for the Day by the secretariat of the Commission in consultation with the Bureau. The Commission decided at its forty-fifth session to observe the second World Statistics Day on 20 October 2015. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day ([E/CN.3/2015/28](#))

(j) Coordination of statistical programmes

The Commission will have before it a report that summarizes the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities in the past year, including the main conclusions of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions of the Committee, held in New York on 3 March 2014 and in Rome on 11 and 12 September 2014, respectively. The main topics addressed in the report include the Committee's involvement in and contribution to measuring sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda; its current work in strengthening the implementation of the principles governing international statistical activities; and its role in managing the organizational aspects of implementing the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange.

The Commission will also have before it a background document on the main results of a member survey regarding the implementation of the principles governing international statistical activities. In its discussions under relevant agenda items, the Commission may wish to take into account the views expressed by the Committee. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

The Commission will also have before it the first report of the meeting of the chief statisticians of the United Nations system. The report summarizes the work of the meeting held in the past year, including the main conclusions of the first and

second formal sessions held in New York on 6 March 2014 and in Rome on 10 September 2014, respectively. The main topics addressed in the report include the formal establishment of the group of chief statisticians, including its working methods; its contribution to measuring sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, its current work in strengthening the implementation of the principles governing international statistical activities; and its work towards a common quality assurance framework for the United Nations system. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities ([E/CN.3/2015/29](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of statistical programmes in the United Nations system ([E/CN.3/2015/30](#))

(k) Statistics of human development

The Commission will have before it the report of UNDP on the statistics of human development, including the statistical content of the relevant editions of the *Human Development Report* and its related statistical activities carried out from 2012 to 2014. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Programme on the statistics of human development ([E/CN.3/2015/31](#))

(l) International statistical classifications

The Commission will have before it the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications. The report provides updated information on work related to the development and implementation of international statistical classifications in various fields. The report also describes work carried out by the Expert Group in the coordination of classifications and the family of international classifications. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications ([E/CN.3/2015/32](#))

(m) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata

The Commission will have before it the progress report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) sponsors on SDMX, which summarizes recent developments and planned activities by the initiative. The Commission is requested to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors ([E/CN.3/2015/33](#))

(n) Statistical capacity-building

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building, which outlines the current approach of the Statistics Division, highlights the key achievements of its capacity-building programme over the past two years according to statistical domain, including the Millennium Development Goals indicators, and discusses the future plans of the Division to further develop its capacity-building strategy and approach in a way that will support countries in their national efforts to respond to the post-2015 development agenda challenge.

The Commission will also have before it a report of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) and the World Bank on recent initiatives to draw attention to the importance of strengthening statistical capacity, especially in the context of supporting the post-2015 development agenda. The report highlights progress in implementing the Busan Action Plan for Statistics and addresses emerging topics likely to affect national statistical systems, such as the data revolution. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building ([E/CN.3/2015/34](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century on statistical capacity-building ([E/CN.3/2015/35](#))

(o) Development indicators

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on development indicators for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals. The report describes the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Millennium Development Goal Indicators and the Statistics Division in the following areas: improving the methodology for monitoring progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; strengthening statistical capacity-building for national monitoring; and preparing for the final stage in monitoring and assessing progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It also summarizes the preparation of the yearly reports on progress towards achievement of the Goals and presents an assessment of data availability for the indicators. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on development indicators for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals ([E/CN.3/2015/36](#))

(p) Integration of statistical and geospatial information

The Commission will have before it the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information on its recent activities since the previous session of the Commission. The report summarizes the main findings of the international workshop on integrating geospatial and statistical information, held in Beijing from 9 to 12 June 2014, and the major outcomes of the Global Forum on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, held in New York on 4 and

5 August 2014, in conjunction with the fourth session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. The report also provides information on the consultative meeting of the Expert Group with regard to the review of its work programme and the establishment of plans for future progress. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information ([E/CN.3/2015/37](#))

(q) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing extracts from resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council or other functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission. The report contains a description of the actions taken so far by the Statistical Commission and the Statistics Division and those suggested to be taken in response to the decisions and mandates of the parent bodies. The Commission may wish to take those actions into account in its discussions under relevant agenda items. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission ([E/CN.3/2015/38](#))

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division)

The Commission will receive an oral report from the Director of the Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities.

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item. The Commission will also have before it a proposal for the dates of the session. In accordance with a request of the Council (see Council resolution 1999/51), the Commission will have before it a draft multi-year programme of work for the period 2015-2019. The Commission is invited to approve the date, provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-seventh session, as well as to approve the multi-year programme.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2015/L.2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2015-2018 ([E/CN.3/2015/39](#))

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session

The Commission will have before it the procedural report of the forty-sixth session of the Commission covering organizational matters relating to the Commission's work. The Commission will also have before it an informal paper containing the draft decisions submitted by the Rapporteur.

The Commission is invited to adopt the draft report on its forty-sixth session, which will include the draft decisions and will be submitted to the Council, and to entrust the Rapporteur with streamlining and finalizing it.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session

Informal paper with draft decisions
