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## Draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2021–2025

### Note by the Secretariat

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/51, the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission for the period 2021–2025 is set out below. Reflecting comments from members and observers of the Commission and a review of its workplans by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the draft constitutes a revision of the draft multi-year programme of work for the period 2020–2024 ([E/CN.3/2020/36](#)), which was considered by the Commission at its fifty-first session.

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\* [E/CN.3/2021/1](#).



## Draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2021–2025

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Current frequency (approximate)</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>
<b>1. Demographic and social statistics</b>						
(a) Demographic statistics/population and housing censuses	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(b) Human settlements statistics	5 years		X			
(c) Health statistics	2 years		X		X	
(d) Disability statistics, including Washington Group on Disability Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(e) Social statistics	5 years		X			
(f) Gender statistics	2 years		X		X	
(g) Poverty statistics	10 years					
(h) Statistics on drugs and drug use	3 years		X			X
(i) Crime statistics	3 years		X			X
(j) Migration statistics	4 years	X				X
(k) Refugee statistics	3 years			X		
(l) Work and employment statistics	5 years			X		
(m) Education statistics	3 years		X			X
(n) Culture statistics	5 years	X				
(o) Household surveys	2 years	X		X		X
(p) Civil registration and vital statistics	2 years		X		X	
(q) Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data, including Titchfield Group on Ageing-Related Statistics and Age-Disaggregated Data	2 years		X		X	
<b>2. Economic statistics</b>						
(a) National accounts	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(b) Agricultural and rural statistics	2 years		X		X	
(c) Industrial statistics	3 years		X			X
(d) Business registers, including Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers	2 years		X		X	
(e) Energy statistics, including Oslo Group on Energy Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(f) International trade and economic globalization/business statistics <sup>a</sup>	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(g) Digital trade and e-commerce statistics	3 years		X			X
(h) Service statistics, including Voorburg Group on Service Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(i) Information and communications technology statistics	2 years		X		X	
(j) Tourism statistics	3 years		X			X
(k) Finance statistics	2 years		X		X	
(l) International Comparison Programme	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(m) Price statistics, including Ottawa Group on Price Indices and Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(n) Statistics on science, technology and innovation	5 years			X		
(o) Informal economy statistics	3 years		X			X
(p) Short-term economic statistics	3 years			X		
(q) Future of economic statistics	10 years	X				

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Current frequency (approximate)</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>3. Natural resources and environment statistics</b>						
(a) Environment statistics	2 years		X		X	
(b) Environmental-economic accounting, including London Group on Environmental Accounting	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(c) Climate change statistics	3 years	X			X	
(d) Disaster-related statistics	3 years	X			X	
<b>4. Activities not classified by field</b>						
(a) Coordination of statistical programmes	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(b) Statistics of human development	5 years					X
(c) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and principles governing international statistical activities	5 years				X	
(d) International statistical classifications	2 years	X		X		X
(e) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata	2 years	X		X		X
(f) Presentation of statistical data and metadata	10 years	X				
(g) Statistical capacity development	2 years	X		X		X
(h) Dissemination of statistics through the Statistics Division and its publications	5 years	X				
(i) Development indicators/Sustainable Development Goals	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(j) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(k) Working methods of the Statistical Commission	5 years					X
(l) National quality assurance frameworks	2 years	X		X		X
(m) Integration of statistical and geospatial information	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(n) Big data	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(o) World Statistics Day	5 years	X				
(p) Regional statistical development	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(q) Governance, peace and security statistics, including Praia Group on Governance Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(r) Open data	2 years		X		X	
(s) Transformative agenda/Handbook of Statistical Organization/management and modernization of statistical systems	2 years	X		X		X
(t) Programme questions (Statistics Division)	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Total number of items</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes international trade statistics and statistics of international trade in services.

## **Programme reviews (2003–2021)**

2021: Economic statistics

2014: Broader measures of progress

2013: Integration of statistical and geospatial information

2012: Population and housing censuses

2011: Gender statistics

2010: National quality assurance frameworks

2009: Climate change and official statistics

2008: Employment statistics

2007: Education statistics

2006: Industrial statistics

2005: Energy statistics

2004: Social statistics

2003: Statistics of services

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