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Item 2 of the provisional agenda**

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional programme of work and timetable

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed programme of work and timetable for the fifty-second session of the Statistical Commission has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Statistical Commission in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the limits of the time and services allocated to the Commission.
2. Taking into account the continued impact of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the working arrangements for the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and guidance provided by the President of the Council, the Bureau has recommended that the fifty-second session of the Statistical Commission will be held in a scaled-down format on a virtual platform from 1 to 3 and on 5 March 2021.
3. All informal meetings of the fifty-second session of the Commission will be convened at 9 a.m. for two hours each day from 1 to 3 and on 5 March.

* The dates of the session have been adjusted from those mandated in Economic and Social Council decision 2020/211 as a result of the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Provisional programme of work and timetable¹

Monday, 1 March 2021

9–9.20 a.m.	Opening of the session Item 1. Election of officers Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.3/2021/1) Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable (E/CN.3/2021/L.1) Item 3. Items for discussion and decision
9.20–10.20 a.m.	Item 3 (a). Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <i>For discussion</i>
9.20–9.40 a.m.	Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (E/CN.3/2021/2)
9.40–10 a.m.	Report of the Secretary-General on work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/CN.3/2021/3)
10–10.20 a.m.	Report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/CN.3/2021/4)
10.20–10.40 a.m.	Item 3 (b). Coordination of statistical programmes <i>For discussion</i> Report of the Committee of Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System on coordination within the United Nations statistical system (E/CN.3/2021/5) <i>For information</i> Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (E/CN.3/2021/6)
10.40–11 a.m.	Item 3 (c). Economic statistics <i>For discussion</i> Report of the Friends of the Chair group on economic statistics (E/CN.3/2021/7)

¹ All times given are New York time.

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

- 9–9.20 a.m. Item 3 (d). National accounts
For discussion
Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts ([E/CN.3/2021/8](#))
- 9.20–9.40 a.m. Item 3 (e). Business and trade statistics
For discussion
Report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/9](#))
- 9.40–10 a.m. Item 3 (f). Environmental-economic accounting
For discussion
Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting ([E/CN.3/2021/10](#))
- 10–10.20 a.m. Item 3 (g). Migration statistics
For discussion
Report of the Secretary-General on migration statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/11](#))
- 10.20–10.40 a.m. Item 3 (h). Regional statistical development
For discussion
Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on regional cooperation for development of official statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/12](#))
- 10.40–11 a.m. Item 3 (i). Management and modernization of statistical systems
For discussion
Report of the Secretary-General on management and modernization of statistical systems ([E/CN.3/2021/13](#))

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

- 9–9.20 a.m. Item 3 (j). Big data
For discussion
Report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/14](#))
- 9.20–9.40 a.m. Item 3 (k). International statistical classifications
For discussion
Report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications ([E/CN.3/2021/15](#))

- 9.40–10 a.m. Item 3 (l). Household surveys
For discussion
Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys ([E/CN.3/2021/16](#))
- 10–10.20 a.m. Item 3 (m). Data and metadata presentation and dissemination
For discussion
Report of the Secretary-General on data and metadata presentation and dissemination ([E/CN.3/2021/17](#))
- 10.20–10.30 a.m. Item 4. Items for information
Note: The following items are presented to the Commission for information. Limited time has been allocated for interventions under these items.
Item 4 (a). Demographic statistics
For information
Report of the Secretary-General on demographic statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/18](#))
Item 4 (b). Culture statistics
For information
Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Institute for Statistics on cultural statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/19](#))
Item 4 (c). Climate change statistics
For information
Report of the Secretary-General on climate change statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/20](#))
Item 4 (d). Disaster-related statistics
For information
Report of the core group of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics ([E/CN.3/2021/21](#))
Item 4 (e). International Comparison Programme
For information
Report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme ([E/CN.3/2021/22](#))
Item 4 (f). Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata

For information

Report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors ([E/CN.3/2021/23](#))

Item 4 (g). Statistical capacity development

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity development ([E/CN.3/2021/24](#))

Item 4 (h). Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

For information

Report of 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.3/2021/25](#))

Item 4 (i). National Quality Assurance Frameworks

For information

Report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks ([E/CN.3/2021/26](#))

Item 4 (j). Integration of statistical and geospatial information

For information

Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information ([E/CN.3/2021/27](#))

Item 4 (k). World Statistics Day

For information

Report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day ([E/CN.3/2021/28](#))

10.30–10.40 a.m.

Item 5. Programme questions (Statistics Division)

Oral report by the Director of the Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities

10.40–11 a.m.

Item 6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-third session of the Commission

For discussion

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2021/L.2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2021–2025 ([E/CN.3/2021/29](#))

Friday, 5 March 2021

9–11 a.m.

Item 7. Report of the Commission on its fifty-second session

For discussion

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-second session

Informal paper with draft decisions

Closing of the session
