Decision

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Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session and provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 2012, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session;¹

(b) Decided that the forty-fourth session of the Commission should be held in New York from 26 February to 1 March 2013;

(c) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fourth session of the Commission as set out below.

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
   
   Documentation
   Provisional agenda and annotations
   Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session
3. Programme review: topic to be determined.
   
   Documentation
   Report of the programme reviewer
4. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
      
      Documentation
      Report of the Secretary-General
   (b) Human settlements statistics;
      
      Documentation
   (c) Health statistics;
      
      Documentation
   (d) Education statistics;
      
      Documentation

¹ E/2012/24.
5. Economic statistics:
   (a) National accounts;
       Documentation
   (b) Agricultural statistics;
       Documentation
       Report of the inter-agency and expert group on agricultural and rural statistics
       Report of the Global Steering Committee
   (c) Industrial statistics;
       Documentation
       Report of the Secretary-General
   (d) Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers;
       Documentation
       Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers
   (e) Energy statistics;
       Documentation
       Report of the Secretary-General
(f) Service statistics;
   *Documentation*
   Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics

(g) Tourism statistics;
   *Documentation*

(h) International Comparison Programme;
   *Documentation*
   Report of the World Bank

(i) Price statistics;
   *Documentation*

(j) Statistics of science and technology;
   *Documentation*

(k) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;
   *Documentation*

(l) Integrated economic statistics.
   *Documentation*
   Report of the Friends of the Chair

6. Natural resources and environment statistics:

(a) Environment statistics;
   *Documentation*
   Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Environmental-economic accounting;
   *Documentation*
   Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

(c) Statistics for economies based on natural resources.
   *Documentation*
   Report of the Ulaanbaatar Group

7. Activities not classified by field:
(a) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;
   Documentation
   Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(b) Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
   Documentation
   Report of the Friends of the Chair

(c) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
   Documentation
   Report of the Task Force to Establish Standards on Data and Metadata Exchange

(d) Statistical capacity-building;
   Documentation
   Report of the Secretary-General

(e) Development indicators;
   Documentation
   Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;
   Documentation
   Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Working methods of the Statistical Commission;
   Documentation
   Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Regional statistical development;
   Documentation
   Report of the Economic Commission for Africa

(i) National quality assurance frameworks;
   Documentation
   Report of the Secretary-General

(j) Coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations.
   Documentation
   Report of the Friends of the Chair

9. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission

Note by the Secretary-General on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission