



Economic Commission for Africa
Statistical Commission for Africa
Eighth session

Addis Ababa, 24–26 October 2022

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Joint opening of the eighth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa, the eighth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, and the expert segment of the sixth session of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration

The joint segment will begin at 9 a.m. (Addis Ababa time (UTC+3)) on Monday, 24 October 2022, at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa. The session will begin with welcoming remarks by the Director of the African Centre for Statistics, which is the secretariat of the three meetings.

That will be followed by statements delivered by the Chairs of each of the three Bureaux, the ECA Executive Secretary a.i., followed by special guests.

The session will be opened officially with an address delivered by a senior official of the Government of Ethiopia.

The joint session will continue with a keynote address delivered by the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development of Uganda, Chris Baryomunsi.

Lastly, three special guests who have been invited as discussants will provide comments on the keynote address.

2. Organizational matters

Documentation

- Provisional agenda (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/1)
- Draft programme of work (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/2)
- Provisional annotated agenda (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/3)
- Follow-up report on the main conclusions and recommendations of the seventh session of the Statistical Commission for Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/11)

The Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Statistical Commission for Africa will preside over the election of the new Bureau. Following the election, the Commission will adopt the proposed agenda and programme of work presented

by the secretariat. The representative of the secretariat will then present a report on the follow up to recommendations made by the Commission at its seventh session.

3. Statistics programme of the Economic Commission for Africa: statutory issues

Documentation

- ECA statistical work programme for the biennium 2023–2024 (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/5)
- Report on statistical capacity development in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/6)
- Regional report on the Sustainable Development Goal indicators (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/7)
- Report on the 2020 round of population and housing censuses (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/8)
- Report on the African Gender Statistics Programme (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/9)
- Report on progress in the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/10)
- Report of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management on regional activities in Africa (E/C.20/2022/7/Add.XX–E/ECA/GGIM-A/8/5)
- Report on civil registration, vital statistics and the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda

Representatives of the secretariat will introduce each report. Following each introduction, participants will have the opportunity to make comments.

4. Modernizing the data ecosystem in Africa

Documentation

- Report on the roadmap for the transformation and modernization of official statistics in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/12)

This session will highlight pertinent guidance on how to modernize and transform official statistics in Africa. The representative of the secretariat will introduce the report, after which participants will be invited to take up the issue for discussion.

5. Other initiatives to modernize and transform statistical systems

Documentation

- Dissemination of statistics
- Tracking national development plans and the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063: turning data into action
- Two reports on the leadership programme
- Two reports on statistical training

Speakers will present various initiatives in support of the transformation and modernization of official statistics for the information of the Commission.

6. Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa

Documentation

- Reports by African countries on geocoding and the integration of statistical information on the basis of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework

In this session, focus will be placed on the strong connections between geospatial information and statistics. It will begin with a key note address on the contribution made by geospatial information to the dissemination of statistics.

That will be followed with presentations by representatives of African countries relating the experience of their countries in that area.

7. Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the expert segment of the sixth session of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration

Documentation

- Report of the United Nations Population Fund
- Report of the Economic Commission for Africa
- Reports from representatives of various African countries

The session will emphasize the role of civil registration in complementing the gaps in statistics, referring to examples of practices currently deployed in Africa in the production and use of civil registration-based vital statistics. Presentations will be made by representatives of various African countries and representatives of partner institutions. This will be followed by a panel discussion on the status of and experiences in the digitalization of civil registration and vital statistics systems.

8. Reports on pre-events

The organizers of the pre-events held on 22 and 23 October will provide oral reports on the proceedings and outcomes of those events. The ensuing discussion will provide session participants an opportunity to table two to three key recommendations during the plenary sessions of the Statistical Commission for Africa.

9. Statistical capacity-building programmes of partner entities

Documentation

- Reports of partners entities

Partners entities will present their respective statistical capacity-building programmes, with a view to seeking feedback from African countries on the benefit that those programmes provide and to promoting synergies with the efforts already underway among African countries to build statistical capacity.

10. Preparation for the fifty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council

A discussion will be held on the continent's representation at, participation in and contribution to the fifty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council, which is scheduled to be held from 28 February to 3 March 2023.

11. Joint closing of the eighth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa, the eighth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, and the expert segment of the sixth session of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration

Documentation

- Draft conclusions and recommendations of the session (E/ECA/STATCOM/8/2022/L.1)

The rapporteur of the Bureau will present the draft conclusions and recommendations of the eighth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa for consideration and adoption. Closing remarks will be made by a representative of the secretariat and the Chair of the Bureau.
