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**Draft programme of work**

Day 1 (pre-events)	22 October 2022		
Time	Topic	Organizer	Venue
8.30–11 a.m.	Transforming and modernizing national statistical systems in Africa	African Centre for Statistics, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	
10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Young African statisticians	African Centre for Statistics, ECA	
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	United Nations Legal Identity Agenda	African Centre for Statistics, ECA  West and Central Africa Regional Office, United Nations Children's Fund	
2–4 p.m.	The “beyond GDP” initiative to explore the feasibility of measuring the relationships among the economy, society, and human capital	Macroeconomic Policy and Governance Division, ECA  Technology Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA  African Centre for Statistics, ECA  Statistics Division, United Nations  Global Network of Economic Statistics	
2–4.30 p.m.	New advances and best practices in the inclusion of citizen-generated data in national statistical systems and data systems in East Africa	Global Partnership for Sustainable Development  Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century  United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	



2.30–4.30 p.m.	Statistical leadership training to assist in the modernization and transformation of official statistics	Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	
2.30–5 p.m.	Strengthening data exchange mechanisms to promote openness and timely provision of official statistical data	African Centre for Statistics, ECA	
3–5 p.m.	Population registers	African Centre for Statistics, ECA  Statistics Division, United Nations  United Nations Children’s Fund	
<b>Day 2 (pre-events)</b>	<b>23 October 2022</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9 a.m.–1 p.m.	Tenth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development	ECA  African Development Bank  Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	
9–10 a.m.	City gross domestic product	ECA	
8.30–10.30 a.m.	Statistical development indicators	African Centre for Statistics, ECA	
9.30–10.30 a.m.	African regional hub for data science and big data	Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom	
2.30–5 p.m.	Administrative data initiatives and resources for Africa	ECA  Statistics Division, United Nations  Partners of the Collaborative on the Use of Administrative Data for Statistics	
2–4.30 p.m.	Computer-assisted telephone interviewing and computer-assisted personal interviews for consumer price index data collection	African Centre for Statistics, ECA	
2.30–3.30 p.m.	Increasing the availability and accessibility of data on	Statistics Division, United Nations	

	the Sustainable Development Goals	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom	
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>24 October 2022</b>		
8.30–9 a.m.	Registration		
<b>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</b>			
9–10.15 a.m.	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, African Centre for Statistics, Oliver Chinganya (5 minutes)</li> </ul>		
	<b>Opening statements</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director General, National Bureau of Statistics, United Republic of Tanzania, and Chair, Statistical Commission for Africa, Albina Andrew Chuwa (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Director, Department of Geographic and Cartographic Works, National Land Use Planning Agency, Senegal, and Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Oumar H. Ka (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security, Zambia, and Chair, expert segment, Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration, Dickson Matembo (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Executive Secretary a.i., ECA, Antonio Pedro (10 minutes)</li> </ul>		
	<b>Special guests</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Statistics Division, United Nations (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (3 minutes)</li> <li>• African Development Bank (3 minutes)</li> <li>• African Union Commission (3 minutes)</li> </ul>			
<b>Official opening</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior official, Government of Ethiopia (10 minutes)</li> </ul>			
<b>Keynote address</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Strategy, Telkom Group, Miriam Altman (15 minutes)</li> </ul>			
Panellists (5 minutes each, 15 minutes total):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior statistician, Ben Kiregyera</li> <li>• Senior statistician, Lamine Diop</li> <li>• Senior statistician, Pali Lehohla</li> </ul>			
10.15–10.35 a.m.	<b>Coffee break</b>		
	<b>Group photo (10 minutes)</b>		

<b>Chair: Chair of the Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session I: Organizational matters</b>
10.35–11 a.m.	Election of the Bureau (10 minutes) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work and other organizational matters (5 minutes) Follow-up of recommendations from the seventh session of the Statistical Commission for Africa (10 minutes)
<b>Chair: Chair of the Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session II: ECA statistics programme and statutory issues</b>
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Statutory reports (5 minutes for each report and 10 minutes for discussion of each report): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA statistical programme for the next two years</li> <li>• Statistical capacity development in Africa</li> <li>• Regional report on Sustainable Development Goal indicators</li> <li>• 2020 round of population and housing censuses</li> <li>• Civil registration and vital statistics and the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda</li> <li>• Implementation of the African gender statistics programme</li> <li>• 2008 System of National Accounts</li> <li>• United Nations global geospatial information management: report on regional activities in Africa</li> </ul>
<b>1–2 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session III: Modernizing data systems in Africa</b>
2–3 p.m.	Road map on the transformation and modernization of statistical systems in Africa (30 minutes) <i>Discussion and recommendations (30 minutes)</i>
<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session IV: Other initiatives on modernizing and transforming statistical systems</b>
3–3.35 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical dissemination, by the Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Tracking national development plans and the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 - turning data into action, by Data Action Lab (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Financing statistical activities, by the African Development Bank (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i>
<b>3.35–3.55 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session IV: Other initiatives on modernizing and transforming statistical systems (continued)</b>
3.55–4.35 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership, by the Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Leadership, by the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Statistical training, by the National Higher School of Statistics and Applied Economics, Côte d'Ivoire, and the National School of Statistics and Economic Analysis, Senegal (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Statistical training, by the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre of Dar es Salaam, and the Cairo Demographic Centre (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p>
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>25 October 2022</b>
<b>Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session V: Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa</b>
9–9.40 a.m.	<p><b>Keynote introduction:</b> “Global Statistical Geospatial Framework: the integrated geospatial way”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interregional Advisor, secretariat of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, Greg Scott (20 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>General discussion (20 minutes)</i></p>
9.40–10.45 a.m.	<p>Geocoding and the integration of statistical information on the basis of the Global Statistical and Geospatial Framework: Member State experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Namibia (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Sierra Leone (5 minutes)</li> <li>• South Sudan (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Africa (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Cameroon (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p>
<b>10.45-11.05 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.05 a.m.–12 noon	<p><b>Session V: Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using geographic information systems to modernize censuses, official statistics, and surveys, by Global Business Development Manager, Esri, Linda Peters (15 minutes)</li> <li>• Overview of geocoding, using geocoding in various census thematic areas, and integrating the spatial dimension into the structure of census activities in Africa, by ECA (10 minutes)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geocoding, geospatial standards, spatial analysis and dissemination, by ECA (10 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p>
<b>12 noon–2 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration</b>	
2–2.45 p.m.	<p><b>Session VI: Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration</b></p> <p><i>Regional practices in the production and use of civil registration-based vital statistics</i></p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the United Nations Population Fund on regional practices in the production and use of civil registration-based vital statistics (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Zambia of best practices and strategies for accelerated progress in the production of vital statistics (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Presentation on best practices and strategies for accelerated progress in production of vital statistics (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (30 minutes)</i></p>
2.45–3.30 p.m.	<p><i>Decentralization of civil registration systems through engaging the health sector and other government institutions</i></p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the World Bank Global Financing Facility on practical considerations for the decentralization of civil registration services through the health sector and other institutions (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Presentation by Namibia on experiences in engaging the health sector in vital event notification and registration (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Presentation by Senegal on experiences in engaging the health sector in vital event notification and registration (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (30 minutes)</i></p>
<b>3.30–3.50 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
3.50–4.50 p.m.	<p><b>Session VI: Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration (continued)</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion: Status and experiences in the digitalization of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa</i></p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts</p> <p>Facilitator: Adviser on digitalization strategy and policy, ECA, Ibrahim Mamma (5 minutes)</p> <p>Panellists:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director General, National Civil Status and Identification Office, Côte d'Ivoire, Kafana Sitionni (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Senior statistician, African Development Bank, Roza Bora (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Registrar General and Chair, National Population Commission, Nigeria, Nasir Isa Kwarra (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Senior health specialist, World Bank, Samuel Mills (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Child protection specialist, United Nations Children's Fund, Bhaskar Mishra (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Director General, National Identification Agency, Rwanda, Josephine Mukesha (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (25 minutes)</i></p>
<b>7–9 p.m.</b>	<b>Gala dinner</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>26 October 2022</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8.30–10.00 a.m.	<p><b>Session VII: Reports from pre-events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical development indicators (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Transforming and modernizing national statistical systems in Africa (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Tenth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Strengthening data exchange mechanisms to promote openness and timely provision of official statistical data (3 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (10 minutes)</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young African statisticians (3 minutes)</li> <li>• United Nations Legal Identity Agenda (3 minutes)</li> <li>• New advances and best practices in the inclusion of citizen-generated data in national statistical systems and data ecosystems in East Africa (3 minutes)</li> <li>• The “beyond GDP” initiative: exploring the feasibility of measuring the relationships among the economy, society, and human capital (3 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (10 minutes)</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical leadership training to assist with the modernization and transformation of official statistics (3 minutes)</li> <li>• City gross domestic product (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Africa regional hub for data science and big data (3 minutes)</li> <li>• Supply and use tables and estimation of trade in value added to support the African Continental Free Trade Area (3 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (10 minutes)</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing the availability and accessibility of data on the Sustainable Development Goals (3 minutes)</li> <li>Population registers (3 minutes)</li> <li>Administrative data initiatives and resources for Africa (3 minutes)</li> <li>Computer-assisted telephone interviewing and computer-assisted personal interviews for consumer price index data collection (3 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (10 minutes)</i></p>
<b>10.00–10.20 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session VIII: Capacity-building programmes by partners</b>
10.20–11.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistics Division, United Nations (5 minutes)</li> <li>United Nations Development Coordination Office (5 minutes)</li> <li>Resident Coordinator Office (two presenters, 5 minutes each, to be confirmed) (10 minutes)</li> <li>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (5 minutes)</li> <li>Other international partners (opportunity and issue-based coalitions, United Nations system, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, etc.) (5 minutes)</li> <li>Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p>
11.15–12.35 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional economic communities: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, Economic Community of West African States, Southern African Development Community (5 minutes each, 15 minutes total)</li> <li>African Union Commission (5 minutes)</li> <li>African Development Bank (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (5 minutes)</li> <li>Other bilateral and multilateral partners (such as the Office for National Statistics of the United Kingdom and the Centre for Development Data of the World Bank) (5 minutes)</li> <li>Grants from the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of France to support the development of economic and business statistics in Africa (5 minutes)</li> <li>Grants from the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies to support the development of social statistics in Africa (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</i></p>
<b>12.35–2 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>



<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session IX: Preparation of the fifty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council</b>
2–2.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft agenda items (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Contribution of Africa (regional positions on key subjects) (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion and recommendations</i> (20 minutes)</p>
<b>Chair: Chair of Statistical Commission for Africa</b>	<b>Session X: Joint closing session 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</b>
3–3.30 p.m.	Date and venue of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa
3.30–4.30 p.m.	<p>Main conclusions and recommendations</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy</li> <li>• Chair, Statistical Commission for Africa</li> </ul>