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Annotated provisional agenda**1. Introductory remarks and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

The director of the African Centre for Statistics at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Oliver Chinganya, will welcome participants. Representatives of the major partners of ECA in the organization of the Forum on Statistical Development in Africa, namely, the African Development Bank, the African Union Commission, and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, will make statements. Participants will then review and adopt the agenda and programme of work.

Documentation

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/FASDEV/11/2024/1)

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ECA/FASDEV/11/2024/2)

2. Opportunities, challenges and needs of national statistical systems

Under this agenda item, ECA will give a presentation on a strategic toolkit that has been developed to promote the transformation and modernization of official statistics in Africa. That will be followed by a presentation by a representative of one member of ECA on behalf of all members on the needs and priorities of national statistical systems in Africa. The presentation will be based on the results of a needs assessment survey conducted ahead of the meeting. The two presentations will be followed by a discussion to deepen the conversation on specific needs, priority areas of demand, and national perspectives.

Documentation

Brochure on country needs and partner support opportunities

Reports from key institutions, development partners and countries

3. Funding of national statistical systems

The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century will give a presentation on the re-engineering of the management of national statistical systems and on mechanisms to accelerate advocacy and raise funds for the



development of official statistics. That will be followed by three presentations from representatives of members of ECA on models for funding national statistical systems.

Documentation

Report on the needs assessment survey

African Charter on Statistics

4. Panel discussion on progress of statistical development at the national level

Under this agenda item, a panel discussion will be held with a focus on progress made by countries in transforming and modernizing their national statistical systems. Panellists and participants will also reflect on existing opportunities and challenges and the role of the Forum in advancing the transformation and modernization processes.

Documentation

No documentation is required

5. Contributions to statistical development in Africa

Under this agenda item, ECA will give a presentation on the Commission's medium-term statistics plan for the period 2025–2027. That will be followed by a presentation from one partner institution on behalf of all partners concerning offers and opportunities, areas of support (both technical and financial), and the interest of partners in supporting statistical development in Africa. The African Union Commission will give a presentation on progress made during the second phase of the Pan-African Statistics Programme. The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century and the World Bank will present their respective activity reports.

The presentations will be followed by a discussion of the statistical support that partners provide to African countries, along with plans, strategies and initiatives to transform and modernize statistical systems in Africa.

Documentation

Activity reports of various partners

Medium-term statistics plan for the period 2025–2027

(E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/14)

6. Efficiency of support from partners

Under this agenda item, participants will be given the opportunity to express their ideas on maximizing the efficiency of partner support in transforming and modernizing national statistical systems in Africa.

Documentation

No documentation is required

7. Closing of the meeting

Under this agenda item, members of ECA and partner entities will make recommendations that will feed into a communiqué that will be tabled at the ninth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa.

The Director of the African Centre for Statistics, the Executive Head of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century and the Director of the Statistics Department of the African Development Bank will make closing remarks.

Documentation

No documentation required.
