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Draft programme of work

9–9.45 a.m.

Session I

Introductory remarks and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Chair: Chief, Statistics Section, African Centre for Statistics, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Tinfissi-Joseph Ilboudo

Opening remarks

- Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

Remarks by the representatives of the following institutions:

- Acting Executive Director, African Union Institute for Statistics, African Union Commission, Adoum Gagoloum
- Director, Statistics Department, African Development Bank, Babatunde Samson Omotosho
- Interregional Adviser, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, Philippe Gafishi

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

9.45–10.45 a.m.

Session II

Unlocking the potential of Africa: opportunities, challenges and evolving needs of the African Statistical System

Chair: Director-General, National Bureau of Statistics, Kenya, Macdonald Obudho

Strategic toolkit for the transformation and modernization of official statistics in Africa

- Statistician, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Léandre Ngogang (15 minutes)

Presentation on national statistical system needs and priorities in Africa



- Statistician, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Angela Kiconco (15 minutes)

Discussion on specific needs, priority areas of demand and national perspectives (30 minutes)

10.45–11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.–noon

Session III
Funding of national statistical systems

Chair: Director, Bureau of Statistics, Lesotho, Malehloa Molato

Programming for statistical development

- Chief, Corporate Policy and Planning Section, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Daya Bragante (10 minutes)

Re-engineering financing for development data and statistics

- Interregional Adviser, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, Philippe Gafishi (10 minutes)

Presentations on national statistical funding models

- Director-General, National Institute of Statistics, Rwanda, Ivan Murenzi: Channelling support from partners and increasing State funding for statistical development (10 minutes)
- Director-General, National Agency for Statistics and Demographics, Senegal, Abdou Diouf: Mobilization of financial resources from development partners to support statistical development (10 minutes)

Discussion (20 minutes)

Noon–1 p.m.

Session IV
Progress on statistical development at the national level

Chair: Acting Director-General, National Statistics Institute, Niger, Sani Oumarou

Presentations on transformation and modernization in statistical production:

- Director for Spatial Data, Namibia Statistics Agency, Alex Mudabeti: Digital census (10 minutes)
- Head, Productive Sector Statistics Division, National Statistics Institute, Cameroon, Serges Fokou Fopi: Modernizing administrative data for statistical purposes: the case of the turnover index (10 minutes)

- Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service, Samuel Annim: Data innovation and new data sources (10 minutes)

Discussion (30 minutes)

1–2 p.m.

Lunch break

2–3.30 p.m.

Session V

Bridging the data gap: partnerships to enhance the African Statistical System

Chair: Director-General, National Institute of Statistical, Economic and Demographic Studies, Chad, Baradine Moursal

Panel discussion:

- Chief, Statistics Section, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Tinfissi-Joseph Ilboudo
- Acting Executive Director, African Union Institute for Statistics, African Union Commission, Adoum Gagoloum
- Manager, Statistical Capacity Building Division, Statistics Department, African Development Bank, Ben Mungyereza
- Interregional Adviser, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, Philippe Gafishi
- Head, Statistics Unit, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Charles Ogolla
- Senior Officer for Statistics, Southern African Development Community, Jagai Deepchandsingh
- Economist, World Bank, Mervy Viboudoulou Vilpoux
- Regional Gender Statistics Advisor for East and Southern Africa, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), Isabella Schmidt
- Head, Information Centre in Uzbekistan, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Salomé Flores
- Head, Preparation for the Medium-term Programme, 2024–2028, National Council on Statistical Information, France, Dominique Francoz
- Head, International Development Team, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Emily Poskett

Contributions and general discussion on maximizing the efficiency of support from partners for the transformation and modernization of national statistical systems in Africa (10 minutes)

3.30–4 p.m.

Coffee break

Drafting of the communiqué

4–4.30 p.m.

Session VI

Closing of the meeting

Chair: President, National Institute of Statistics,
Cabo Verde, João de Pina Mendes Cardoso

Adoption of the communiqué

Presenter: Statistician, African Centre for Statistics,
ECA, Angela Kiconco

Closing remarks

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