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**Economic Commission for Africa**  
**Forum on African Statistical Development**  
Eleventh meeting

Addis Ababa, 28 October 2024

**Draft programme of work**

9–9.45 a.m.

**Session I****Introductory remarks and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

Chair: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Opening remarks

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

Remarks by the representatives of the following institutions:

- African Union Institute for Statistics, African Union Commission
- Statistics Department, African Development Bank
- Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

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: the Gambia

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

- Representative, ECA (15 minutes)

Presentation on national statistical system needs and priorities in Africa

- Representative, all African countries (15 minutes)

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



10.45–11.45 a.m.

**Session III**  
**Funding of national statistical systems**

Chair: Lesotho

Re-engineering financing for development data and statistics

- Representative, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (10 minutes)

Presentations on national statistical funding models

- Rwanda: channelling support from partners and increasing State funding for statistical development (10 minutes)
- Senegal: mobilization of financial resources from development partners to support statistical development (10 minutes)
- Morocco: mobilization of national financial resources for statistical development (10 minutes)

Discussion (20 minutes)

11.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m.

**Session IV**  
**Progress on statistical development at the national level**

Chair: the Niger

Presentations on transformation and modernization in statistical production:

- Namibia: Digital census (10 minutes)
- Cameroon: Modernizing administrative data for statistical purposes: the case of the turnover index (10 minutes)
- Ghana: Data innovation and new data sources (10 minutes)

Discussion (30 minutes)

12.45–2 p.m.

Lunch break

2–3.30 p.m.

**Session V**  
**Bridging the data gap: partnerships to enhance the African Statistical System**

Chair: Togo

Panel discussion:

- Representative, ECA
- Representative, African Union Commission
- Representative, African Development Bank
- Representative, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century
- Representative, Intergovernmental Authority on Development

- Representative, Southern African Development Community
- Representative, World Bank
- Representative, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
- Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Representative, joint project on economic and social statistics conducted by National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies, France, and by Statistics Denmark

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

3.30–4 p.m.

Coffee break

Drafting of the communiqué

4–4.30 p.m.

**Session VI**  
**Closing of the meeting**

Chair: Cabo Verde

Adoption of the communiqué

Presenter: Representative, ECA

Closing remarks

- Representatives, World Bank
- Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

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