



Economic Commission for Africa
Statistical Commission for Africa
 Ninth session

Addis Ababa, 30 October–1 November 2024

Draft programme of work

Day 1	Wednesday, 30 October
8.30–9 a.m.	Registration
Joint opening of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the tenth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (agenda item 1)	
9–10.20 a.m.	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director, African Centre for Statistics, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Oliver Chinganya (5 minutes) <p>Opening statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director General, Ethiopian Statistical Service, and Chair, Statistical Commission for Africa, Beker Shale Dullea (3 minutes) Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Maroale Mimi Martha Chauke (3 minutes) Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete (10 minutes) <p>Special guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director, Statistics Division, United Nations (3 minutes) Representative, African Development Bank (3 minutes) Representative, African Union Commission (3 minutes) <p>Official opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative, Government of Ethiopia (10 minutes) <p>Keynote address on unleashing the potential of African innovation in statistical development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote speaker (to be decided) (15 minutes) <p>Panellists (5 minutes each, 15 minutes total):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panellist 1: representative of Ghana Panellist 2: representative of Tunisia Panellist 3: representative of South Africa <p>Group photo (10 minutes)</p>
10.20–10.55 a.m.	Coffee break



10.55–11.20 a.m.	<p>Session I Organizational matters (agenda item 2)</p> <p>Election of the Bureau (10 minutes)</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda and programme of work and other organizational matters (5 minutes)</p> <p>Follow-up of recommendations from the eighth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa (10 minutes)</p>
11.20 a.m.–1.20 p.m.	<p>Session II Statistical programme of the Economic Commission for Africa: statutory issues (agenda item 3)</p> <p>Statutory reports (3 minutes to introduce each report, followed by 9 minutes for discussion of each report):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed programme plan for 2025 under subprogramme 4, Data and statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/5) • Report on statistical capacity development in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/6) • Report on the progress made in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/7) • Progress report on the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts and related statistical systems in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/8) • Progress report on the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/9/Rev.1) • Status of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/10) • Report on progress made in the implementation of the African programme on gender statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/12) • Status of integration of geospatial and statistical information in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/11/Rev.1) • Proposed medium-term statistics plan of the African Centre for Statistics for the period 2025–2027 (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/14) • Strategy and road map to assist countries in modernizing their administrative data systems for statistical purposes (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/16)
1.20–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–4 p.m.	<p>Session III Transformation and modernization of statistical systems in Africa (agenda item 4)</p> <p>Toolkits for transforming and modernizing statistical systems in Africa (20 minutes)</p> <p>Experience of African countries in modernizing their statistical systems (10 minutes for each presentation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Côte d’Ivoire (new institutional framework and statistical funds) • Chad (operationalization of national statistical funds) • Namibia (modernization of the population and housing census) • South Sudan (rebuilding of a national statistical system in the aftermath of crisis) <p>Discussion and recommendations (30 minutes)</p>
4–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break

4.15–5.05 p.m.	<p>Session IV Other initiatives to modernize and transform statistical systems</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by a representative of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme (10 minutes) • Presentation by a representative of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda on the United Nations regional hub for big data and data science (10 minutes) • Presentation by a representative of Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée d'Abidjan on lessons learned from its recent reorganization to support the modernization and transformation of statistical systems (10 minutes) <p>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</p>
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Day 2	Thursday, 31 October
Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa	
9–10 a.m.	<p>Session V Joint segment with the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (agenda item 5)</p> <p>Keynote introduction: Integrated geospatial information management for disasters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters, United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management (10 minutes) <p>National experiences of using geospatial information for disaster risk management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of selected African countries (30 minutes) <p>General discussion (20 minutes)</p>
10–10.45 a.m.	<p>Modernizing census processes with geographic information systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Business Development Manager, Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Richard Estephan (15 minutes) <p>Programme on the modernization of national mapping activities in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Centre for Study, Research and Production of Information for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Andre Bassole (15 minutes) <p>Geospatial knowledge infrastructure for disaster-resilient infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Europe, Middle East and Africa, Geospatial World, Akanksha Tyagi (15 minutes)
10.45–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12 noon	<p>ESRI geographic information systems for good programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Business Development Manager, ESRI, Richard Estephan (15 minutes) <p>Discussion and recommendations (30 minutes)</p>

12 noon–1 p.m.	<p>Expert group on the integration of statistics and geospatial information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief, International and National Engagement Branch, Census Bureau of the United States of America, Joshua Coutts (10 minutes) <p>Building land management information systems to integrate statistical and geospatial information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Development Manager, ESRI, Carsten Bjornsson (10 minutes) <p>National experiences of integrating statistics and geospatial information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of Kenya, Namibia and South Africa (20 minutes) <p>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</p>
1–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3 p.m.	<p>Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the tenth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa</p> <p>For discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note by the secretariat of the Regional Committee containing the draft conclusions and recommendations of the tenth meeting <p>Proposed dates for the eleventh meeting of the Regional Committee</p> <p>Other matters</p> <p>Closing of the tenth meeting of the Regional Committee</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of ECA, the secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, the Executive Board of the Regional Committee, countries and partners
3–3.30 p.m.	Coffee break
7–9 p.m.	Gala dinner
Day 3	Friday, 1 November
8.30–9.15 a.m.	<p>Session VI Reports on preliminary and side events and related meetings (agenda item 6)</p> <p>Eleventh forum on African Statistical Development (5 min)</p> <p>Fourth Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics (5 min)</p> <p>Combined presentation on all remaining side events (15 min)</p> <p>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</p>
9.15–10 a.m.	<p>Session VII Statistical capacity-building programmes of partner entities (agenda item 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Union Commission (5 minutes) Statistics Division, United Nations (5 minutes) African Development Bank (5 minutes) Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (5 minutes) Amaris Institute of Statistics and Economic Research (5 minutes) <p>Discussion and recommendations (20 minutes)</p>

10–10.20 a.m.	Coffee break
10.20–10.40 a.m.	<p>Session VIII Preparation for the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations (agenda item 8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft agenda items (5 minutes) • Contribution of Africa: regional positions on key subjects (5 minutes) <p>Discussion and recommendations (10 minutes)</p>
10.40–11.50 a.m.	<p>Session IX Joint closing of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the tenth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (agenda item 9)</p>
10.40–10.50 a.m.	Date and venue of the tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa
10.50–11.50 a.m.	<p>Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa</p> <p>For discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note by the secretariat of the Statistical Commission for Africa containing the draft conclusions and recommendations of the ninth session <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy • Chair, Statistical Commission for Africa, Beker Shale Dullee
11.50 a.m.–12.50 p.m.	Lunch break