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**Annotated provisional agenda****1. 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**

The joint segment will begin at 9 a.m. (Addis Ababa time (UTC+3)) on Wednesday, 30 October 2024. The session will begin with welcoming remarks by the Director of the African Centre for Statistics, which is the secretariat of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa.

That will be followed by statements delivered by the Chairs of each of the two Bureaux. The session will be opened officially with one address delivered by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Claver Gatete, and another given by the [President of Ethiopia, Sahle-Work Zewde – TBC].

The joint segment will continue with statements given by three special guests.

Lastly, a keynote address will be delivered by the [title] of [country/organization], [name].

**2. Organizational matters****Documentation**

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/1/Rev.1)

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/2)

Provisional annotated agenda (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/3)

Follow-up report on the main conclusions and recommendations of the Statistical Commission for Africa at its eighth session (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/13)

The Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Statistical Commission for Africa will preside over the election of the new Bureau. Following the election, the Statistical Commission for Africa will adopt the provisional agenda and the draft programme of work introduced by the secretariat, subject to such amendments as may be deemed necessary. The representative of the secretariat will then present the follow-up report on the main conclusions and recommendations of the Statistical Commission for Africa at its eighth session.



### **3. Statistical programme of the Economic Commission for Africa: statutory issues**

#### **Documentation**

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 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 on 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)

Representatives of the secretariat will introduce each report. Following each introduction, participants will have the opportunity to make comments.

### **4. Transformation and modernization of statistical systems in Africa**

#### **Documentation**

Strategic toolkit for the transformation and modernization of national statistical systems in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/15/Rev.1)

During this session, pertinent guidance on how to transform and modernize official statistics in Africa will be highlighted. A representative of the secretariat will introduce the report, after which participants will be invited to join a discussion, which will be focused on the opportunities presented by specific initiatives that strengthen the capacities of national statistical systems and on how African States can harness such opportunities to accelerate their statistical transformation and modernization.

### **5. Joint segment with the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa**

In this segment, participants will reflect further on the overlap between the fields of geospatial information and statistics, illustrated by case studies, will take stock of current progress in modernizing national mapping activities in Africa and will share national experiences.

### **6. Reports on preliminary and side events and related meetings**

The organizers of the preliminary events held on 28 and 29 October will provide oral reports on the proceedings and outcomes of those events. The ensuing

discussion will provide participants in the plenary session of the Statistical Commission for Africa with an opportunity to discuss two to three of the recommendations made in those reports.

## **7. Statistical capacity-building programmes of partner entities**

### **Documentation**

Reports of partner entities

Participating partner entities will present their statistical capacity-building programmes, with a view to seeking feedback from African States on the benefit derived from those programmes and on how such programmes are being implemented, and to promoting synergies with the efforts already under way among African States to build statistical capacity.

## **8. Preparation for the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations**

### **Documentation**

Preparation for the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/INF/2/Rev.1)

A discussion will be held on the continent's representation at, participation in and contribution to the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations, which is scheduled to be held in New York on 4 to 7 March 2025.

## **9. 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**

### **Documentation**

Draft main conclusions and recommendations (E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/L.1)

The Rapporteur of the Bureau will present the draft main conclusions and recommendations of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa for consideration and adoption. Closing remarks will be made by a representative of the secretariat and by the Chair of the Bureau.