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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters

Draft programme of work

Tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa

Wednesday, 21 October

8.30–9 a.m. Registration

Joint opening of the tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (agenda item 1)

9–10.20 a.m. Welcoming remarks

- Director, African Centre for Statistics, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Samuel Annim

Opening statements

- Chair, Statistical Commission for Africa, Richard Ngafuan
- Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Kamal Outghouliast
- Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete

Statements by special guests

- Acting Director, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Secretariat, United Nations, Shantanu Mukherjee
- Director, Statistics Department, African Development Bank Group, Babatunde Samson Omotosho
- Acting Executive Director, African Union Institute for Statistics, Adoum Gagoloum

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	Official opening
	• Representative, Government of Ethiopia [*to be confirmed*]
	Group photo
	Keynote address: Unleashing the value of data in Africa: making official statistics a true mirror of the continent
	• Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda, Yusuf Murangwa
	Statements by panellists:
	• Representative, Government of Senegal
	• Representative, Government of Mauritius
	• Representative, Government of Zimbabwe
10.20–10.55 a.m.	Break [*twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa continues in another room*]
	Session I
	Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
10.55–11.20 a.m.	Election of the Bureau
	Adoption of the agenda and programme of work and other organizational matters
	Session II
	Statistical programme of the Economic Commission for Africa: statutory issues (agenda item 3)
11.20 a.m.–1.20 p.m.	Presentation of statutory reports, followed by discussion of each report
1.20–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
	Session III
	Strengthening the role of statistics in reflecting African development realities (agenda item 4)
2.30–3 p.m.	Presentation of report
	Technical response to the document from the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century
3–3.30 p.m.	Break
3.30–4.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on the ways in which countries and partners (such as regional economic communities, statistical training centres, the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Union and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century) can strengthen the role of statistics in reflecting African development realities
	Session IV
	Other initiatives led by the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 5)
4.30–5.10 p.m.	Presentation of report by a representative of ECA, followed by discussion and recommendations

Thursday, 22 October

Session V

Joint session with the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (agenda item 6)

9–10.30 a.m.	Keynote address: Second edition of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework • Co-Chair, Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Claudio Stenner National experiences in developing and implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework • Representatives of selected African countries Interactive discussion
10.30–11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Leveraging of geospatial data for the production of high-quality and accurate national statistics • Co-Chair, Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Claudio Stenner Interactive discussion Modern census approaches: integrating the geographic information system, administrative data and registers • Business Development Manager, Official Statistics, Esri, Kate Hess National experiences • Representatives of selected African countries Interactive discussion Modern field operations with ArcGIS: efficient, and connected data collection • Business Development Manager, Official Statistics, Esri, Kate Hess National experiences • Representatives of selected African countries Interactive discussion Geospatial information, statistics and artificial intelligence: promise and possibilities • Director, Executive Program and Geo Experience Center, Esri, Linda Peters
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3.30 p.m.	**Special topics** (raised under agenda item 7 of the twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa) Looking towards the future of geospatial information management in Africa

- Acting Director-General, South African Department of Land Reform and Rural Development, Clinton Heimann

Next-generation sustainability: advancing the future with geospatial intelligence

- Representative of the secretariat of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, Guillaume Le Sourd

From geospatial frameworks to strategic leveraging: call for an African resource intelligence and strategic engagement network

- Research Group Leader in Spatial Information Systems, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa, Sives Govender

Presentations by countries, partners and other stakeholders

- Representatives of selected African countries

3.30–4 p.m. Break

4–5 p.m. **Special session on policy and statistical convergence of the geographies of multidimensional poverty and the Beyond GDP initiative**

Keynote address: Does Africa need global, regional, subregional and national well-being measures?

- Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford, Sabina Alkire

ECA response

Panel discussion: African policies and progress: well-being and perspectives on gross domestic product

- Representative, Government of Botswana
- Representative, Government of Tunisia
- Director, Socioeconomic Development Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski
- Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Samuel Annim
- Representative, Office for National Statistics, (United Kingdom)

Open discussion

7–9 p.m. Gala dinner

Friday, 23 October

8.30–9.30 a.m. **Session VI**

Reports on preliminary and side events and related meetings (agenda item 7)

Presentation on the outcomes of the twelfth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development

- Representative, ECA

Combined presentation on all remaining side events

- Representative, ECA

Discussion and recommendations

Session VII

Statistical capacity-building programmes of partner entities (agenda item 8)

9.30–11.20 a.m. Presentations

- Acting Director, Statistics Division, United Nations, Shantanu Mukherjee
- Representative, United Nations resident coordinator system [*to be confirmed*]
- Acting Executive Director, African Union Institute for Statistics, Adoum Gagoloum
- Director, Statistics Department, African Development Bank, Babatunde Samson Omotosho
- Representative, World Bank [to be confirmed]
- Executive Head, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, Johannes Jütting
- Representative, Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) [*to be confirmed*]
- Representative, combined programme of the regional economic communities [*to be confirmed*]
- Representative, other bilateral and multilateral partners (Norway)

Discussion and recommendations

11.20–11.30 a.m. Break

Session VIII

Preparation for the fifty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations (agenda item 9)

11.30 a.m.–noon Presentation of provisional agenda items

Contribution of Africa: regional positions on key subjects, Representative, ECA Discussion and recommendations

Noon–1 p.m. Lunch break

1–4 p.m.	**Session IX**
	Joint closing of the tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (agenda item 10)
	Date and venue of the eleventh session of the Statistical Commission for Africa
	Main conclusions and recommendations
	Closing remarks
	• Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy
	• Chair, Statistical Commission for Africa