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Annotated provisional agenda

1. 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

The joint opening will begin at 9 a.m. (Addis Ababa time – UTC+3) on Wednesday, 21 October 2026. The Director of the African Centre for Statistics, Samuel Annim, will give welcoming remarks in his capacity as secretary of the meeting and provide further information on the joint session.

That will be followed by opening statements delivered by the Chair of the Statistical Commission for Africa, Richard Ngafuan, the Chair of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Kamal Outghouliast, and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Claver Gatete.

Statements will then be delivered by three special guests: the Acting Director of the Statistics Division of the United Nations, Shantanu Mukherjee; the Director of the Statistics Department of the African Development Bank, Babatunde Omotosho; and the Acting Executive Director of the African Union Institute for Statistics, Adoum Gagoloum.

Following these statements, the event will be officially opened by a representative of The Government of Ethiopia.

Lastly, a keynote address will be delivered by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda, Yusuf Murangwa. The keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion. Each panellist will be invited to reflect on the key messages presented and share their perspectives on the subject by highlighting key insights, perspectives and recommendations relevant to the theme.

2. Organizational matters

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/1)

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/2)

Provisional annotated agenda (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/3/Rev.1)

Follow-up report on the main conclusions and recommendations of the Statistical Commission for Africa at its ninth session (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/10).

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The Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Statistical Commission for Africa will preside over the election of the new Bureau. The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations with the heads of delegation. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, two Vice-Chairs and two Rapporteurs, elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The Bureau will serve for two years and will include representatives of the five African subregions.

Following the election, the incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings. The Statistical Commission for Africa will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda and the programme of work, subject to such amendments as are 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 ninth session.

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

Documentation

Concept note (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/4)

Report on statistical capacity development in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/5)

Report on implementation of civil registration and vital statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/6)

Report on gender mainstreaming and social development statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/7)

Progress report on the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts and preparations for the transition to the 2025 System of National Accounts in Africa (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/8)

Report on progress in population and housing censuses (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/9)

Report on the status of integration of geospatial and statistical information in Africa (E/ECA/GGIM-A/12/6-E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/11)

Proposed programme plan for 2027 under subprogramme 4, Data and statistics (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/13/Rev.1)

Overview of the participation of African countries in global and regional value chains: policy insights from the African continental input-output table (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/15)

Progress report on the implementation of the medium-term statistics plan of the African Centre for Statistics for the period 2025–2027 (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/16)

Strengthening the coherence of African trade statistics: lessons from the African continental input-output table (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/17)

Representatives of the secretariat will introduce each report, which will highlight activities implemented by the African Centre for Statistics to address recommendations made at the ninth meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa or to tackle the challenges facing African national statistical systems. The reports will set out plans for activities to address anticipated future challenges and conclude with points of discussion that may serve to orient the ECA Statistical Programme in the future. Following each introduction, participants will have the opportunity to make comments.

4. Strengthening the role of statistics in reflecting African development realities

Documentation

Report on strengthening the role of data and statistics in connecting African development aspirations and realities (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2016/14)

Under this item, a representative of the secretariat will introduce the report and will present the technical response to the report by the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century. This will be followed by a guided panel discussion and recommendations to countries and partners as to how they can strengthen the role of statistics in reflecting the development realities of Africa. To this end, selected countries and partners will be requested to share their views on how they can support the implementation of the recommendations set out in the document.

5. Other initiatives led by the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

Building the African continental input-output table: methodology note (E/ECA/STATCOM/10/2026/12/Rev.1)

Under this item, the African continental input-output table and the methodology used to construct it will be presented as the statistical infrastructure for the analysis of trade, production, regional integration, trade in value added, value chains, industrialization and the monitoring of the implementation of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area.

6. Joint session with the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa

In recognition of the importance of data integration, the joint session will address such issues as the implementation of the second edition of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework; geospatial enablement of official statistics; modernization of census and administrative data systems; geospatial applications for monitoring progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals; and artificial and integrated data environments. The Committee will be invited to draw up recommendations on ways to strengthen collaboration between national statistical offices and national geospatial information agencies.

7. Reports on preliminary and side events and related meetings

Under this item, the Statistical Commission for Africa will consider reports on, and the outcomes of, preliminary and side events and related meetings, including the parallel session on policy and statistical convergence of the geographies of multi-dimensional poverty and the “Beyond GDP” initiative.

8. Statistical capacity-building programmes of partner entities

Under this item, presentations will be delivered on the statistical capacity-building programmes of the Statistics Division, the United Nations resident coordinator system, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century, the Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa, the

combined programme and collective work of the regional economic commissions, and other bilateral and multilateral partners.

9. Preparation for the fifty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda and documentation of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission: note by the Secretariat (E/CN.3/2026/L.2)

Under this item, discussions will be held on preparations for the representation and participation of Africa at the fifty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission, including the proposed assignment of tasks, a review of the draft agenda and the formulation of regional positions on key statistical issues. In the light of the discussion, recommendations will be put forward to guide the coordinated engagement of Africa at the Commission's fifty-eighth session.

10. 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

The Rapporteur of the Bureau will present the draft main conclusions and recommendations of the tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and of the twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa for consideration and adoption. Closing remarks will be made by a representative of the secretariat and by the Chair of the Bureau.