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Item 1 of the provisional agenda*
**Opening ceremony and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work**

Draft programme of work

9–9.20 a.m.

Session I

Opening ceremony and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 1)

Chair: Representative of the Economic
Commission for Africa (ECA)

Opening remarks

Director, African Centre for Statistics,
ECA, Samuel Annim

Remarks by the representatives of the following
institutions:

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

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

9.20–10.50 a.m.

Session II

From commitments to delivery: stocktaking of progress and gaps (agenda item 2)

Chair: *[to be confirmed]*

Presentation on the implementation of the
recommendations of the eleventh meeting of the
Forum on African Statistical Development

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Representative of ECA (20 minutes)

Clarifications and initial reactions (10 minutes)

Presentation on country needs, priority areas of demand and experience of partner support

Representative of [*country to be confirmed*], speaking on behalf of all African countries (20 minutes)

Guided panel discussion on closing the gaps identified; renewed, monitorable commitments for the next two years; and strengthening accountability for delivery (40 minutes):

Panellists [*to be confirmed*]:

- Representatives of two members of ECA
- Representative of the World Bank
- Representative of the African Development Bank
- Representative of the African Union Commission
- Representative of Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

Session summary by the Chair

10.50–11.15 a.m.

Coffee break

11.15 a.m.–12.35 p.m.

Session III

Partnerships to advance the African Statistical System: financing, coordination and emerging priorities (agenda item 3)

Chair: Representative of ECA

Overview of partners' support to statistical development in Africa

Representative of ECA (15 minutes)

Panel discussion guided by ECA on:

- (a) Coordination, including vehicles for cooperation;
- (b) Strengthening data use, modernization and integration, and the responsible adoption of alternative and emerging data sources;
- (c) Sustainable financing of statistical operations, and mechanisms to ensure that resources reaching national statistical offices translate into country-level results (50 minutes).

- Representatives of two members of ECA
- Representative of the United Nations Development Programme
- Representative of the World Bank
- Representative of the European Commission

- Representative of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century
- Representative of Bloomberg

Contributions and general discussion on maximizing the effectiveness of support from partners for the transformation and modernization of national statistical systems in Africa (15 minutes)

Session summary by the Chair

12.35–1 p.m.

Session IV

Recommendations, communiqué and closing

Chair: ECA

Presentation and adoption of the key recommendations and draft communiqué of the twelfth meeting of the Forum

Representative of ECA (20 minutes)

Closing remarks

Director, African Centre for Statistics,
Samuel Annim
