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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and past practices, the Statistical Commission, at the commencement of its first meeting of a regular session, shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur (the Bureau).

The Bureau is elected based on the principle of equitable geographical distribution – one member of the Bureau is elected from each of the regions represented on the Commission. The Bureau serves for two years, to the extent possible. This is achieved by electing the Bureau for a period of one year and re-electing those members of the Bureau who continue to be representatives to the Commission at the following session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were proposed by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session, held from 27 February to 1 March 2024 (see [E/2024/24](#)) and were adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2024/312. Pursuant to that decision, the Bureau of the Commission was

entrusted with streamlining and finalizing the agenda. The Bureau subsequently approved some changes. As decided in paragraph (e) of its decision 54/114, the Commission supported the inclusion of three agenda item types in order to streamline the Commission's discussions and decision-making by using the limited time effectively. Consequently, three types of documentation are included in the provisional agenda: those for discussion and decision, those for decision, and those for information. The proposed provisional programme of work and timetable for the session is also before the Commission. The Commission is invited to adopt the agenda and the programme of work and timetable for its fifty-sixth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations ([E/CN.3/2025/1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable ([E/CN.3/2025/L.1](#))

3. Items for discussion and decision

(a) National accounts

The Commission will have before it the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, which is presented to the Commission for discussion and decision. In the report, the Working Group presents the draft System of National Accounts (SNA) 2025, into which comments from a global consultation were incorporated. In addition, the report contains a proposed implementation strategy for the 2025 SNA, which includes a draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the 2025 SNA, the programme of work of the Working Group and of the regional commissions and an update on the scope and timeliness of the implementation of the 2025 SNA at the country level.

The Commission is invited to endorse the draft 2025 SNA as the international statistical standard for the compilation of the national accounts of countries. It is also invited to express its views and to provide guidance on the proposed implementation strategy for the 2025 SNA, the programme of work of the Working Group and of the regional commissions and the implementation status of the SNA.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts ([E/CN.3/2025/2](#))

(b) Population and housing censuses

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the 2020 and 2030 World Population and Housing Census Programmes. The report provides an overview of the implementation of the 2020 Programme, including information on national participation in the 2020 round of censuses; successes; challenges faced; and an overview of activities carried out by the Statistics Division in support of the 2020 Programme. The report also contains a description of the preparatory activities for the 2030 Programme. The report also presents an overview of ongoing data collection at the global level on the number of households and their characteristics, and highlights the need to address data gaps. The Commission is invited to express its views regarding the information presented in the report. In particular, the Commission is invited to: (a) review and endorse the draft Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, revision 4; (b) approve the draft resolution on the 2030 World Population and Housing Census Programme; and (c) comment on the

importance of producing internationally comparable time series data on the number of households.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the 2020 and 2030 World Population and Housing Census Programmes ([E/CN.3/2025/3](#))

(c) Working methods of the Statistical Commission

The Commission will have before it the report of the Bureau. The report contains a description of activities undertaken in 2024 pursuant to Statistical Commission decision 55/103. In the report, the Bureau outlines the latest developments and activities under the areas of implementing Economic and Social Council resolutions [2024/2](#) and [2022/3](#) in defining the role of the Commission in the broadened mandate and the scoping and defining of data governance. The Commission is invited to reflect on its role in the data ecosystem and implementation of resolution [2022/3](#) and give guidance on its role in the area of data governance.

The Commission will also have before it two background documents: an analysis of the role of the Commission and an overview of data governance.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Bureau of the Statistical Commission on the working methods of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/4](#))

(d) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. As requested by the Commission in its decision 55/101, the report presents the outcomes of the transparent and inclusive consultation process resulting in the amended version of the terms of reference for the advisory board. In response to the same decision, two sets of draft implementation guidelines and advocacy materials relating to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics are provided as background documents – one for producers of official statistics and the other for policymakers. The Commission is invited to endorse the amended terms of reference and take note of the implementation guidelines.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/5](#))

(e) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Commission will have before it the report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators on the ongoing work to implement the global indicator framework for the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In its report, the Group describes the activities undertaken in 2024 pursuant to Statistical Commission decision 55/103, including: (a) tier classification updates based on data availability review; (b) the 2025 comprehensive review of the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets; and (c) the activities and workplan of the working groups on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) and on geospatial information and the activities of the task team on sustainable tourism.

The Commission is invited to (a) approve the revised global indicator framework based on the 2025 comprehensive review and (b) approve the work programme of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group for 2025.

In addition, the Commission will have before it the report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in which the Group provides a summary of recent activities, including: (a) highlights from the fifth United Nations World Data Forum, held from 12 to 15 November 2024 in Medellin, Colombia; (b) details of the outcomes adopted by the Forum, including the Medellin Framework for action on data for sustainable development; and (c) plans for a scoping exercise to evaluate the Forum and the work of the High-level Group to inform the next United Nations World Data Forum, to be held in Riyadh in October or November 2026. The Commission is invited to: (a) endorse the Medellin Framework for action on data for sustainable development launched at the United Nations World Data Forum in 2024; (b) take note and express its views on an evaluation scoping exercise to review the Forum and the work of the High-level Group; and (c) review and approve the proposed workplan of the High-level Group for 2025.

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, in cooperation with other entities of the United Nations system, in support of the 2030 Agenda. In the report, the Secretary-General describes the preparation of the annual report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals ([A/79/79-E/2024/54](#)) and the work to update the Global Sustainable Development Goal Indicators Database, the new UNdata portal and related efforts. He also provides updates on: (a) the Data for Now initiative; (b) the collaborative on use of administrative data for statistical purposes; (c) advocacy efforts for capacity-building for data and statistics for the Goals; (d) the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training; (e) the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians; and (f) the work on citizen-generated data.

The Commission is invited: (a) to take note of the work carried out by the Statistics Division in cooperation with the United Nations system and its proposed programme of work; and (b) to express its views on (i) the Data for Now initiative; (ii) the work of the collaborative on use of administrative data for statistical purposes, (iii) advocacy efforts for capacity-building for data and statistics for the Goals; (iv) the progress of work of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training; (v) the work of the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians; and (vi) the work on citizen-generated data, including the updated draft of the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators ([E/CN.3/2025/6](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([E/CN.3/2025/7](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals ([E/CN.3/2025/8](#))

(f) Social and demographic statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Friends of the Chair group on social and demographic statistics, in accordance with decisions 53/105, 54/104 and

55/111. The report outlines the process and progress of the group's work during 2024, including discussions and sprints focusing on essential building blocks and their application in selected thematic areas, with a strategic view towards developing an overarching conceptual framework for social and demographic statistics, in the context of sustainable development and well-being. The report also provides information on interactions with related and relevant initiatives within the Commission and describes the proposed activities and deliverables of the group in 2025.

The Commission is invited: (a) to take note of and express its views on the activities and progress of the Friends of the Chair group in 2024; and (b) to express its views on the proposed programme of work and deliverables for 2025.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair group on social and demographic statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/9](#))

(g) Migration statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on migration statistics. In the report, the Secretary-General presents the finalized *Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Temporary Mobility*, developed by the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics and the Statistics Division. The finalized *Recommendations* include new content offering advice on the operationalization of the conceptual framework, as well as accompanying statistical definitions and a set of indicators on international migration, which have already been endorsed by the Commission, and a chapter with guidance on the role of effective communication in the context of migration statistics.

The report fulfils the requests of the Statistical Commission contained in its decisions 49/101, 50/117, 52/109 and 54/104. The final draft of the *Recommendations* and other relevant outputs will be available as a background documents.

The report also summarizes recent work undertaken by the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Migration Statistics, and provides information on their plans and future priorities, including capacity-building, and early preparations for the fourth International Forum on Migration Statistics.

The Commission is invited to endorse the *Recommendations on Statistics for International Migration and Temporary Mobility* and to comment and provide guidance on the ongoing work and priorities of the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Migration Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on migration statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/10](#))

(h) Work and employment statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on the outcomes of the twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians, which was held in October 2023. During the Conference, a wide range of topics were discussed, including progress in the implementation of statistical standards, the current state of play across a range of labour statistics domains, developments in dissemination and future priorities for the work of ILO in statistics, all of which will be discussed in the report. A key development during the conference was the adoption of four resolutions, including a new resolution on statistics on the informal economy, which is the focus of another report to the Commission.

Regarding future priorities, the Conference identified a range of support needs to widen the implementation of the latest statistical standards in countries and proposed the development of further standards in several areas where important gaps have been identified, including digital platform work, care work, labour migration and the update of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08). The report describes the key issues involved in these new statistical standards, progress to date and future steps towards their adoption.

The Commission is invited to: (a) take note of the report and the work carried out by ILO, as reported to the twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians; (b) express its support for the ongoing implementation of statistical standards adopted at the Conference, including those most recently adopted at the twenty-first Conference; (c) review the progress being made towards the development and adoption of new statistical standards as proposed by the Conference, and express its support for the continued work on those standards; and (d) provide guidance and views on key areas of required support for countries in the implementation of statistical standards on work and employment.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Labour Organization on work and employment statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/11](#))

(i) Economic statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Network of Economic Statisticians. In the report, the Network describes its completed and ongoing sprints and the activities and deliverables of its work programme for 2025. The Commission is invited to express its views on the sprints relating to data strategy, housing and artificial intelligence and data science for economic statistics, as well as the proposed activities of the newly-formed expert group on well-being measurement. In addition, the Commission is invited to endorse the proposed activities and deliverables of the work programme for 2025.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Network of Economic Statisticians ([E/CN.3/2025/12](#))

(j) Environmental-economic accounting

The Commission will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting. In the report, the Committee presents a work programme for the update of the Central Framework of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting. The work programme contains details of the elements and phases of the updating process, including the issues for review, governance, the timetable and resource implications. The Committee also presents updates to the mandate and governance of the Committee to better reflect its current priorities and working methods, and the progress of work and planned activities according to its four workstreams: coordination and communication; methodological development for normative standards and other research; the development of databases; and implementation and statistical capacity-building.

The Commission is invited to provide its views on the work programme for updating the Central Framework of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, the updated mandate and governance of the Committee, and its work programme and progress as described in the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting ([E/CN.3/2025/13](#))

(k) Business and trade statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics. In the report, the Committee describes the work programme of the Committee and its task teams in the fields of business and trade statistics over the past year. The Committee also presents its current efforts to improve the integration of business, trade and other statistical domains and to address new priority areas. The report further presents the progress by the Committee on the finalization of the Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics and volume 2 of the *Manual on Principal Indicators for Business and Trade Statistics*, the revision of the trade statistics manuals and the possible development of the manual on business statistics.

The Commission is invited to: (a) endorse the Handbook on Integrating Business and Trade Statistics and the volume 2 of the *Manual on Principal Indicators for Business and Trade Statistics*; (b) take note of progress made in the revision of trade statistics manuals; (c) express its views on the development of the manual on business statistics; (d) express its views on the strategic road map for the global initiative on unique identifiers for businesses; and (e) provide guidance on the elements of the work programme of the Committee.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/14](#))

(l) Price statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics, which is presented to the Commission for discussion and decision. The report of the Working Group provides an overview of its most recent activities. The report also includes a proposal for updated terms of reference for the Group. The terms of reference outlines the objectives and activities of the Group, the organization of work and the membership of the Group.

The Commission is invited to comment on the work of the Working Group and to endorse the proposed updated terms of reference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/15](#))

(m) Crime and criminal justice statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), prepared jointly with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The report contains a review of the activities undertaken for developing the International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons, based on the experiences of IOM and UNODC in administrative statistics on trafficking in persons. The classification has been conceptualized to be in line with the International Classification of Crime for

Statistical Purposes and has benefited from two rounds of online consultations to capture comments and views from a broad range of experts and statistical offices.

The Commission is invited to express its views on the proposed International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Organization for Migration on crime statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/16](#))

(n) Food security and nutrition

The Commission will have before it the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on food security and nutrition data and statistics, following the approval of the inclusion of an item on food security and nutrition statistics on the agenda of the Commission (decision 55/110, para. (e)). In the report, an update is provided on the establishment of a stand-alone statistical data domain on food security and nutrition in the revised Classification of Statistical Activities, as also reported by United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications. The report also builds the case for the creation of a dedicated expert mechanism, such as a working group, on food security and nutrition, and as such proposes amendments to the name and terms of reference of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics. Finally, it provides an update on the development of a guidance note on food security and nutrition data and statistics, which will include a minimum core set of data and indicators for food security and nutrition, and discusses various ongoing initiatives led by FAO, UNICEF and WHO in the area of food security and nutrition data and statistics.

The Commission is invited: (a) to take note of the progress made in establishing a stand-alone data domain on food security and nutrition in the revised Classification of Statistical Activities; (b) to endorse the creation of a dedicated expert mechanism and invite members to express their interest in joining this group; (c) to endorse the revised name and terms of reference of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Agricultural and Rural Statistics; (d) to take note of the progress made on the development of a guidance document on food security and nutrition statistics, and encourage members to participate in the consultation process that will support the finalization and endorsement of the guidance at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission; and (e) to take note of the recent initiatives led by FAO, UNICEF and WHO in the area of food security and nutrition.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization on food security and nutrition data and statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/17](#))

(o) International statistical classifications

The Commission will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications. In the report, the Committee describes its work programme on the development and implementation of international statistical classifications in various fields and its work on the coordination of classifications and the review of the international family of classifications. It also provides an update on

the work of its task teams on the revision of the Central Product Classification, the Standard International Energy Product Classification and the Classification of the Functions of Government.

The Commission is invited: (a) to endorse the explanatory notes and introductory text to the revised Central Product Classification; (b) to take note of the progress made on the revision of the Standard International Energy Product Classification and approve a new timeline for the completion of the revision; (c) to take note of the progress made on the revision of the Classification of the Functions of Government; (d) to endorse the International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons as an international statistical classification; and (e) to initiate a limited update of the revised Classification of Statistical Activities in order to consider adding the food security and nutrition domain.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications ([E/CN.3/2025/18](#))

(p) Household surveys

The Commission will have before it the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys, in which the Group provides a summary of recent work of the group, including the revision of the handbooks on household surveys and activities and outputs by the Group in three areas – coordination, methodological development and advocacy.

The Commission is invited: (a) to express its views on the draft revision of the handbooks on household surveys and provide feedback on the revision process and plans for its finalization; and (b) to review the progress of work of the Group and provide guidance on its activities and outputs.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys ([E/CN.3/2025/19](#))

(q) Data science

The Commission will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics. As requested by the Commission in decision 55/105, in the report the Committee presents its updated terms of reference and mandate, reflecting the current needs of the statistical community for a programme covering emerging new statistical methodologies and technologies. It also describes the progress made by the various task teams, the regional and global hubs, and the Data Science Leaders Network, especially regarding the playbook for integrating data science in the work of statistical offices. The Commission is invited to endorse the updated terms of reference and to comment on the achievements of the task teams, hubs and network.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/20](#))

(r) National Quality Assurance Frameworks

The Commission will have before it the report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks. In the report, the Group presents its activities in

support of the implementation of the *United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics*, which contains recommendations on quality assurance and an updated national quality assurance framework. The report contains information about the Group's work on developing guidance on quality assurance when using administrative and other (new) data sources and on quality culture, including the results of a global consultation. In addition, the report contains the proposed programme of work of the Group for the next two years to support countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework.

The Commission is requested: (a) to express its views on the work of the Expert Group over the last two years; (b) to endorse the draft module for quality assurance when using administrative and other data sources to produce official statistics; (c) to endorse a draft maturity model on quality culture in official statistics; and (d) to review and approve the proposed programme of work and updated terms of reference of the Group.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks ([E/CN.3/2025/21](#))

(s) Regional statistical development

The Commission will have before it the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on cooperation for regional statistical development. In the report, ECLAC outlines key achievements resulting from collaboration among countries and international organizations in the context of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, through its different working groups, the Knowledge Transfer Network and the coordination mechanism for the follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, it addresses the progress made in the integration of statistical and geospatial information. The report also emphasizes capacity-building activities and statistical development initiatives supported by ECLAC and the secretariat of the Caribbean Community.

The Commission is invited to comment on the work undertaken in the Latin American and Caribbean region and suggest areas for knowledge-sharing and collaboration with other regions and partners.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on cooperation for regional statistical development ([E/CN.3/2025/22](#))

(t) World Statistics Day

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [69/282](#), the next World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20 October 2025. The report contains a proposal for the theme and overall organization of World Statistics Day 2025, developed in consultation with the Bureau. In view of World Statistics Day 2020 having been held in the conditions imposed by the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is suggested that similar modalities be followed as those of World Statistics Day 2015. The Commission is invited to comment on the proposed theme and organization plan for World Statistics Day 2025 and to request the Statistics Division, in collaboration with regional commissions and international agencies, to support and promote national, regional and global events in observance of the day.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on World Statistics Day ([E/CN.3/2025/23](#))

4. Items for decision

The following items are presented to the Commission for decision. Limited time will be allocated for interventions under these items.

(a) Education statistics

The Commission will have before it, for decision, the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics (UIS) on education statistics. In the report, the Institute provides information on recent developments in international education statistics and addresses three areas: (a) national benchmarks for education; (b) model estimates for out-of-school and completion rates; and (c) the Conference on Education Data and Statistics.

The Commission is invited: (a) to note the progress made by UIS and support its work, including the GEM Report, in guiding countries to set national benchmarks for education indicators; (b) to endorse the new methodology of producing estimates of out-of-school and completion rates using modelled data, and support its further expansion; (c) to note the convening of the first-ever Conference on Education Data and Statistics, which builds a robust governance as part of the global education cooperation mechanism; and (d) to support the work of the Education Data and Statistics Commission, which takes forward the Conference's recommendations in between sessions.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Institute for Statistics on education statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/24](#))

(b) Environment and climate change statistics

The Commission will have before it, for decision, the report of the Secretary General on environment and climate change statistics. The report provides an overview of the progress made towards streamlining environment and climate change statistics, as recommended by the Statistical Commission at its fifty-fifth session. It contains updates on the development of a methodology and of implementation support for the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators, on the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics and the results of the eleventh round of water and waste data collection. It also describes the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Expert Group on Environment and Climate Change Statistics.

The Commission is invited: (a) to welcome the progress made towards the streamlining of environment and climate change statistics; (b) to take note of the importance for countries and international organizations of promoting coordinated statistical data collection and compilation, which facilitates the harmonization and streamlining of data for both national policy demands and international data reporting requirements and requests; and (c) to encourage countries to use the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators and accompanying metadata, as well as the implementation support tools (implementation guidelines and climate change statistics and indicators self-assessment tool) to assist in establishing national climate change statistics programmes and to support the ongoing reporting under the Paris Agreement.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on environment and climate change statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/25](#))

5. Items for information

The following items are presented to the Commission for information. Limited time will be allocated for interventions under these items.

(a) Informal economy statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of ILO. The report contains details of the resolution concerning statistics on the informal economy (resolution I) adopted by the twenty-first International Conference of Labour Statisticians in 2023, replacing previous statistical standards in this area. The resolution introduces a comprehensive statistical framework that acknowledges informal productive activities across all economic units and individuals, aligning these standards with the System of National Accounts and to the latest statistical labour standards. It also provides clear conceptual and operational definitions of the different components of the informal economy, including the core concepts of informal employment and the informal sector. In addition, the resolution includes a set of indicators, supported by an indicator framework, to enhance evidence-based policymaking, taking into account different national contexts and policy objectives.

To further support the implementation of the new resolution, ILO has developed improved methods for measurement with a particular focus on the identification of informal employment, through household surveys. These enhanced tools have been made available to countries, along with capacity-building initiatives to facilitate the adoption of the new standards. ILO will continue this work in the coming period to ensure the successful implementation and ongoing improvement of these measures.

The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Labour Organization on informal economy statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/26](#))

(b) Energy statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on energy statistics. In the report, the Secretary-General provides updated information on the continuing cooperation and coordination among agencies working on energy statistics, including on Sustainable Development Goal 7, the energy transition and on the assessment of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. The report also contains details of new developments and challenges in energy statistics, including the current revision of the Standard International Energy Product Classification. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on energy statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/27](#))

(c) Financial statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the International Monetary Fund on financial statistics. In the report, the Fund outlines international efforts in financial statistics, including a review of reporting and methodological

efforts to address emerging data needs in the area of financial inclusion, financial technology (fintech) and digital money. The report also highlights the high-level workplan for the forthcoming update of the Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual and Compilation Guide. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Monetary Fund on financial statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/28](#))

(d) Industrial statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on industrial statistics. In the report, UNIDO describes the activities of UNIDO in the field of industrial statistics carried out since the last report in 2022 and provides information on technical cooperation and capacity-building carried out for the implementation of International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics. The report further presents the work of UNIDO in its role as a custodian agency for the Sustainable Development Goal monitoring process.

The report contains an overview of the status of data reporting by national statistical offices to UNIDO, highlighting the data gaps that remain in industrial statistics, particularly in developing countries, and the difficulties in obtaining timely data for Sustainable Development Goal monitoring, particularly in relation to the activities of small industrial enterprises. The report also contains information on the measures undertaken by UNIDO to bridge these gaps, as well as recent innovations implemented by UNIDO in its production and dissemination of industrial statistics.

The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial statistics ([E/CN.3/2025/29](#))

(e) International Comparison Programme

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme. In the report, the World Bank outlines the activities undertaken in 2024 at the global, regional and national levels with regard to the completion of the 2021 comparison cycle of the Programme and the implementation of the 2024 cycle. The report contains an overview of the governance, capacity-building, research, knowledge and advocacy activities carried out in this regard.

The Commission is invited to take note of the release of the results of the 2021 cycle and the growing reliance on data from the International Comparison Programme for administrative purposes and socioeconomic analyses. It is also invited to take note of the ongoing implementation of the 2024 cycle of the Programme, the need for stakeholders to address the Programme's support, resource and funding needs, and the fact that national, regional and global agencies need to incorporate the International Comparison Programme into their regular statistical work programmes, thereby ensuring its sustainability as a permanent initiative.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme ([E/CN.3/2025/30](#))

(f) Price statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices. In the report, the Ottawa Group provides an overview of the outcome of its most recent meeting, held in May 2024 in Ottawa. The meeting discussed key areas in consumer price index compilation, including the utilization of alternate data sources and index number formulas, quality adjustment methods with alternative data sources, index number theory and practice, and price statistics that meet multiple user needs. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices ([E/CN.3/2025/31](#))

(g) Statistics of human development

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on statistics of human development, with a focus on the *Human Development Reports*, their statistical content and the related statistical activities. In the report, UNDP provides a summary of recent activities, ongoing efforts and upcoming initiatives undertaken by the Human Development Report Office that are aimed at strengthening and updating methodologies of composite indices for the assessment of human development. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Programme on statistics of human development ([E/CN.3/2025/32](#))

(h) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors on common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata. The report contains a summary of achievements, recent developments and planned activities by the initiative. These include a review of the business case for SDMX; ongoing programmes to further improve data interoperability, including the release of a new version of the standard (SDMX 3.1), and making international statistical classifications available as standardized code lists; the further development of software tools and platforms in support of standardized data and metadata dissemination and their implementation at national statistical offices, central banks and other organizations; capacity-building and other activities. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange sponsors on common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata ([E/CN.3/2025/33](#))

(i) Management and modernization of statistical systems

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on the management and modernization of statistical systems. In the report, the Secretary-General outlines recent developments and enhancements to the *Handbook on Management and Organization of National Statistical Systems*. The Handbook is made available as a non-prescriptive, “living” compendium that offers

guidance on developing and maintaining national statistical capacity. In line with the Commission's decision at its fifty-fourth session, a new chapter of the *Handbook*, on national data ecosystems, has been prepared and will be made available as a background document. The chapter introduces key concepts, boundaries and definitions to help national statistical offices engage with various data communities within national data ecosystems. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the management and modernization of statistical systems ([E/CN.3/2025/34](#))

(j) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission. In the report, the Secretary-General presents the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Council adopted in 2024, or earlier, that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission. He also indicates the actions that were taken or are proposed by the Commission and the Statistics Division in an effort to respond to the requests made by the Assembly and the Council. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/35](#))

6. Programme questions (Statistics Division)

The Commission will hear an oral report from the Director of the Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities.

7. Provisional agenda and dates of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item. The Commission will also have before it a proposal for the dates of the session. In accordance with a request of the Council (see Council resolution 1999/51), the Commission will have before it a draft multi-year programme of work for 2025–2029. The Commission is invited to approve the date, provisional agenda and documentation for its fifty-seventh session, as well as to approve the multi-year programme.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2025/L.2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2025–2029 ([E/CN.3/2025/36](#))

8. Report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

The Commission will have before it the procedural report of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission covering organizational matters relating to the Commission's work.

The Commission will also have before it an informal paper containing the draft decisions submitted by the Rapporteur.

The Commission is invited to adopt the draft report on its fifty-sixth session, which will be submitted to the Council, including the draft decisions, and to entrust the Rapporteur with streamlining and finalizing it.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

Informal paper with draft decisions
