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## Statistical Commission

### Fifty-first session

3–6 March 2020

## Draft report

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## Organization of the session

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its fifty-first session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 6 March 2020. The Commission held \_\_\_ meetings.

### B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document [E/CN.3/2020/INF/1](#).

### C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

*Chair:*

Shigeru Kawasaki (Japan)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Irina Kangro (Belarus)

Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico)

Anil Arora (Canada)

*Rapporteur:*

Osman Sankoh (Sierra Leone)



## D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/CN.3/2020/1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
  - (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
  - (b) Coordination of statistical programmes;
  - (c) Future of economic statistics;
  - (d) National accounts;
  - (e) International trade and business statistics;
  - (f) Price statistics;
  - (g) International Comparison Programme;
  - (h) Environmental-economic accounting;
  - (i) Agricultural and rural statistics;
  - (j) Demographic statistics;
  - (k) Civil registration and vital statistics;
  - (l) Health statistics;
  - (m) Gender statistics;
  - (n) Refugee statistics;
  - (o) Governance, peace and security statistics;
  - (p) Regional statistical development;
  - (q) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
  - (r) Management and modernization of statistical systems;
  - (s) Information and communications technology statistics;
  - (t) Big data;
  - (u) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;
  - (v) Open data;
  - (w) Working methods of the Statistical Commission;
  - (x) World Statistics Day.
4. Items for information:
  - (a) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Short-term economic statistics;
  - (c) Price statistics;
  - (d) Service statistics;

- (e) Environment statistics;
  - (f) Disability statistics;
  - (g) Statistics of human development.
5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).
  6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-second session of the Commission.
  7. Report of the Commission on its fifty-first session.
5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session ([E/CN.3/2020/L.1](#)).
6. Also at the same meeting, the Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers at its fifty-first session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre; the Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa; and the European Free Trade Association.

## **E. Documentation**

7. The documents before the Commission at its fifty-first session are available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/51st-session/documents>.
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