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Draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2024–2028

Note by the Secretariat

In accordance with a request contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/51, the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission for the period 2024–2028 is set out below. Reflecting comments from members and observers of the Commission and a review of its workplans by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the draft constitutes revisions to the draft multi-year programme of work for 2023–2027 (E/CN.3/2023/32), considered by the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, as a starting point, which included structural changes based on the Classification of Statistical Activities 2.0 revision.

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Agenda item	Current frequency (approximate)[a]	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1. Demographic and social statistics						
(a) Social statistics	5 years	X				
(b) Population/demographic statistics	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(c) Gender statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(d) Disability statistics, including Washington Group on Disability Measurement	2 years	X		X		X
(e) Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data, including Titchfield Group on Ageing-Related Statistics and Age-Disaggregated Data	2 years	X		X		X
(f) Migration statistics	4 years		X			
(g) Refugee statistics, including statistics on internally displaced persons and stateless persons	3 years			X		
(h) Work and employment statistics	5 years		X			
(i) Poverty statistics	5 years				X	
(j) Education statistics	3 years		X			X
(k) Health statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(l) Human settlements statistics	5 years				X	
(m) Culture statistics	5 years			X		
2. Economic statistics						
(a) Economic statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(b) National accounts	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(c) Informal economy statistics	3 years		X			X
(d) Finance statistics	2 years		X		X	
(e) Environmental-economic accounting, including London Group on Environmental Accounting	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(f) Industrial statistics	3 years		X			X
(g) Service statistics, including Voorburg Group on Service Statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(h) Agricultural and rural statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(i) Energy statistics, including Oslo Group on Energy Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(j) Tourism statistics	3 years	X			X	
(k) Business and trade statistics[b]	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(l) International Comparison Programme	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(m) Price statistics, incl. Ottawa Group on Price Indices and Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics	2 years		X		X	
(n) Statistics on science, technology and innovation	5 years					
3. Natural resources and environment statistics						
(a) Environment statistics	2 years		X		X	
(b) Disaster-related statistics	3 years		X			X
4. Governance statistics						
(a) Governance, peace and security statistics, including Praia Group on Governance Statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(b) Crime and criminal justice statistics	3 years			X		
(c) Statistics of drugs and drug use	3 years		X			X

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5. Cross-cutting domains						
(a) Development indicators/Sustainable Development Goals	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(b) Statistics of human development	5 years		X			
(c) Climate change statistics	2 years	X		X		X
(d) Information and communications technology statistics	2 years	X		X		X
6. Statistical infrastructure and methodology						
(a) Presentation of statistical data and metadata	5 years			X		
(b) International statistical classifications	2 years	X		X		X
(c) Business registers, including Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers	2 years	X		X		X
(d) Civil registration and vital statistics	2 years		X		X	
(e) Population and housing censuses	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(f) Household surveys	2 years		X		X	
(g) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata	2 years		X		X	
(h) Data science, including big data	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(i) Integration of statistical and geospatial information	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(j) Open data	2 years	X		X		X
7. Management and modernization of statistical systems						
(a) Management and modernization of statistical systems	2 years		X		X	
(b) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and principles governing international statistical activities	5 years	X				
(c) Data stewardship	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(d) Coordination of statistical programmes	2 years	X		X		X
(e) National quality assurance frameworks	2 years		X		X	
(f) Statistical capacity development	2 years		X		X	
8. Statistical Commission/Statistics Division-specific items						
(a) Dissemination of statistics through the Statistics Division and its publications	5 years			X		
(b) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(c) Working methods of the Statistical Commission	5 years	X				
(d) World Statistics Day	5 years			X		
(e) Regional statistical development	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
(f) Programme questions (Statistics Division)	Annual	X	X	X	X	X
Total number of items		**31**	**31**	**33**	**26**	**32**

[a] Frequency is updated on the basis of changes in the occurrence of topics (i.e., if a topic is postponed a year or included earlier than outlined in the previous year's multi-year programme, then the frequency of the topic is applied on the basis of this new timeline).

[b] Going forward, digital trade and e-commerce statistics are included under business and trade statistics.

Programme reviews (2003–2021)

2021: Economic statistics

2014: Broader measures of progress

2013: Integration of statistical and geospatial information

2012: Population and housing censuses

2011: Gender statistics

2010: National quality assurance frameworks

2009: Climate change and official statistics

2008: Employment statistics

2007: Education statistics

2006: Industrial statistics

2005: Energy statistics

2004: Social statistics

2003: Statistics of services

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