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Statistical Committee
Sixteenth session
Manama, 22-23 October 2024



Item 3 of the provisional agenda

Organization of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has prepared the proposed organization of work for the sixteenth session of the Statistical Committee to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within set time limitations. The present document sets out the proposed organization of work, which the Committee is invited to adopt in its current or amended form.
2. The Statistical Committee will hold its opening on Tuesday, 22 October 2024 in Manama. The Committee is scheduled to hold two meetings on each of the two days of the session. It will conclude its proceedings in the afternoon on Wednesday, 23 October 2024.
3. The representative of the ESCWA secretariat will present each item in 15 minutes, and the rest of the time will be allocated for discussions. Should the discussion of an item be completed in less than the specified time, participants will move on to the next item. Member States are invited to submit their statements in advance in writing to the ESCWA secretariat at the following email address: khalil31@un.org.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Tuesday, 22 October 2024</u>	
Afternoon	
12–1 p.m.	Registration of participants.
1–1.15 p.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the session. Statement by the Chair of the fifteenth session of the Statistical Committee. Welcoming remarks by the representative of Bahrain. Opening statement by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat.
	First meeting
1.15–4.15 p.m.	<u>Item 2</u> Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/L.2
	Follow-up issues
	<u>Item 4</u> Activities implemented in the field of statistics (E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/3): (a) Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme plan and of recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its fifteenth session to the ESCWA secretariat; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/3(Part I) (b) Technical cooperation activities; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/3(Part II) (c) Implementation of recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its fifteenth session to member States; <i>For discussion</i> Briefings by State representatives
	Second meeting
	Follow-up issues (continued)
4.30–6.30 p.m.	<u>Item 4 (continued)</u> (d) Activities of the Technical Advisory Group on Demographic and Social Statistics; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/3(Part III)
	Afternoon

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Tuesday, 22 October 2024 (continued)</u>		
Afternoon		
Second meeting (continued)		
Statistical work in the Arab region: a glimpse into the future		
<u>Item 5</u>	Future of population and housing censuses and lessons learned from past and current experiences.	
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/4	
<u>Item 6</u>	Technological developments in areas that influence the modernization of official statistics.	
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/5	
<u>Wednesday, 23 October 2024</u>		
Morning		
Third meeting		
Statistical work in the Arab region: a glimpse into the future (continued)		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<u>Item 7</u>	Round-table discussion: Investing in the power of data and digital transformation to accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and support evidence-based policymaking in Arab countries.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/6
	<u>Item 8</u>	Empowering national statistical systems to bridge gaps in SDG indicator data.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/7
	<u>Item 9</u>	Statistical business continuity in Arab countries affected by conflict and post-conflict situations.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		E/ESCWA/C.1/2024/8
Afternoon		
Fourth meeting		
Programmatic issues		
2–5 p.m.	<u>Item 10</u>	Outcomes of the fifty-fifth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Statement by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Wednesday, 23 October 2024 (continued)

Afternoon

Fourth meeting (continued)

Programmatic issues (continued)

Item 11 Results of evaluations of previous sessions of the Statistical Committee.

For discussion

Presentation by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat

Item 12 Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Statistical Committee.

Item 13 Other matters.

Item 14 Adoption of the recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its sixteenth session.

Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.
