

**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Statistical Committee
Fourteenth session
Online session, 10-11 February 2021



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 fourteenth 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 an opening meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, using a web conferencing platform to be determined. The Committee is scheduled to hold two meetings on each of the two days of the session. It will conclude its proceedings at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 11 February 2021.
3. To the extent possible the secretariat will avoid long presentations. It will introduce, as appropriate, each topic in a few minutes and time will be mostly allocated for discussions. Member States are encouraged to submit their statements in advance in writing to the ESCWA secretariat, using the following email address: riecan@un.org. Should the discussion of an item be completed in less than the specified time, participants will move on to the next item.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 10 February 2021</u>		
9.30-10 a.m.	Registration of participants on the web conferencing platform and connection tests.	
10-10.45 a.m.	<p><u>Item 1</u></p> <p>Opening of the session.</p> <p>Statement by the Chair of the thirteenth session of the Statistical Committee.</p> <p>Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.</p> <p>Statement by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division.</p> <p>First meeting</p>	
10.45 a.m.-12 p.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u>	<p>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/L.2</p> <p>Follow-up issues</p>
	<u>Item 4</u>	<p>Activities implemented in the field of statistics:</p> <p>(a) Follow-up on recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its thirteenth session and previous recommendations;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/3(Part I)</p> <p>(b) Activities under the programme of work;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/3(Part II)</p> <p>(c) Technical cooperation activities;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/3(Part III)</p> <p>(d) Activities of the Technical Advisory Group on Demographic and Social Statistics;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/3(Part IV)</p> <p>(e) Activities of the Technical Advisory Group on Economic Statistics.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/3(Part V)</p>

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Wednesday, 10 February 2021 (*continued*)

Second meeting
Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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| 12-1 p.m. | <u>Item 5</u> | Sustainable Development Goals: monitoring challenges.
<i>For discussion</i>
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/4 |
| | <u>Item 6</u> | Regional priorities for the coming years in the field of statistics.
<i>For discussion</i>
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/5 |

Thursday, 11 February 2021

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| 9.30-10 a.m. | | Testing the connection on the web conferencing platform. |
| | | First meeting |
| 10-11.30 a.m. | <u>Item 7</u> | Guide for a generic law on official statistics for Arab States.
<i>For discussion</i>
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/6 |
| | <u>Item 8</u> | Webinar on localized big data for effective decision-making in crisis situations.
<i>For discussion</i>
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/CRP.1 |
| | | Second meeting |
| 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | <u>Item 9</u> | Date and venue of the fifteenth session of the Statistical Committee. |
| | <u>Item 10</u> | Other matters. |
| | <u>Item 11</u> | Adoption of the recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its fourteenth session.

<i>Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.</i> |
