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Statistical Committee
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Beirut, 29-30 January 2019



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 thirteenth 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 it in its current or amended form.
2. The Statistical Committee will hold an opening meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 January 2019, and work will begin at 10.15 a.m. The Committee is scheduled to hold two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on each of the two days of the session. It will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 January 2019.
3. Each presentation made by the representative of the secretariat will last 10 to 15 minutes, and the following discussion will take 30 to 45 minutes. Should 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>Tuesday, 29 January 2019</u>	
Morning session	
9.30-10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the session. Statement by the Chair of the twelfth session of the Statistical Committee. Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	First meeting
	<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.1/2019/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/L.2
	Follow-up issues
	<u>Item 4</u> Activities implemented in the field of statistics: (a) Follow-up on recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its twelfth session and previous recommendations; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/3(Part I) (b) Activities under the programme of work; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/3(Part II) (c) Technical cooperation activities; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/3(Part III) (d) Activities of the Technical Advisory Group on Economic Statistics; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/3(Part IV) (e) Activities of the Technical Advisory Group on Demographic and Social Statistics. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/3(Part V)

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Tuesday, 29 January 2019 (continued)

Afternoon session

2-4 p.m.

**Second meeting
Technology for statistics: opportunities and implications**

Item 5 Prospects of innovation and technology in official statistics.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/4

Item 6 Round-table discussion: Use of technology in official statistics – ethical considerations.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/CRP.1

Wednesday, 30 January 2019

Morning session

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Third meeting
Statistics and the Sustainable Development Goals**

Item 7 Arab Regional Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data: progress in implementation.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/5-E/ESCWA/EC.5/2018/6/Rev.1

Item 8 Programme on Statistics and Data: overview and way forward.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/6

Item 9 Proposed programme plan for 2020 in the field of statistics.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/7

Item 10 Round-table discussion: Vision and strategic directions for ESCWA work in the field of statistics for the period 2020-2025.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/CRP.2

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Wednesday, 30 January 2019 (*continued*)

Afternoon session

2-5 p.m.

**Fourth meeting
Statistics and the Sustainable Development Goals** (*continued*)

Item 11 Coordinating a regional position on the topics of discussion at the fiftieth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

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

Item 13 Other matters.

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

Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.
