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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2020-2021

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*This document provides objectives for the Statistics subprogramme for the biennium 2020-2021, including expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. It includes a description of a strategy with a risk analysis. **The Bureau discussed and approved the Strategic Framework for 2020-2021.***

Objective of the Organization: To develop official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities under the Conference of European Statisticians.

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>		<i>Performance measures</i>			
			<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>
(a) Streamlined international statistical work in support of monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals	(i) Number of international organizations contributing to the regional monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in coordination with the work of the Conference of European Statisticians	Target	14	12		
		Estimate		12		
		Actual				
	(ii) Number of new statistical areas reviewed in depth by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians	Target	5	5	5	5
		Estimate		5	5	5
		Actual			...	6
(b) Updated and newly developed standards and recommendations to enhance the methods, quality and international comparability of statistics particularly for measuring the Sustainable Development Goals	(i) Number of new and/or revised international statistical standards and recommendations developed with input and leadership from ECE	Target	6	6	6	5
		Estimate		6	6	5
		Actual			...	6
	(ii) Number of statistical areas (according to the International Statistical Activity classification) in which ECE provides methodological support for measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals	Target	14	12		
		Estimate		12		
		Actual				
(c) Improved national capacity to implement international recommendations in official statistics, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators	(i) Number of countries that use the recommendations of the ECE Road Map on Statistics for SDGs in their national plans of action to measure progress on SDGs.	Target	30			
		Estimate				
		Actual				
	(ii) Percentage of national experts that express satisfaction with ECE training in official statistics	Target	87	86		
		Estimate		86		
		Actual				

(d) Improved availability and increased use of statistics from the ECE database, in particular related to the Sustainable Development Goals, gender equality and key socioeconomic indicators in support of evidence-based policymaking and research in ECE member States	(i) Number of member States that use the ECE statistical database for evidence-based policymaking and research	Target	48	46
		Estimate		46
		Actual		
	(ii) Percentage of users that express satisfaction with the ECE statistical database as a tool for their work	Target	83	82
		Estimate		82
		Actual		

Strategy

The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

The subprogramme will coordinate international statistical activities through the Conference of European Statisticians, joint expert meetings and working groups to share good practices and expertise in official statistics. The subprogramme will ensure effective collaboration and the efficient use of resources through close partnerships among national and international statistical organizations.

The subprogramme will develop recommendations in priority areas identified by the ECE member States, with a focus on supporting the measuring of achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the measurement of environment, climate change; economic progress and globalization; population, poverty, gender and inequality; and the modernization of statistical production, including the use of geospatial information. Work will be undertaken in close cooperation with experts from ECE member States and international organizations through expert groups, each of them developing methodological and practical guidelines to address a specific gap or challenge in official statistics.

The subprogramme will support the statistical capacity-building of ECE member States, particularly those with less developed statistical systems. It will promote the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and other United Nations standards and best practices and provide advice on legal and institutional frameworks of official statistics. The work will be demand-driven and address national priorities, including those identified through global assessments of national statistical systems. It will focus on modernizing statistical production, population censuses, the Sustainable Development Goals indicators, gender-disaggregated statistics, economic statistics and environmental accounting and indicators.

The subprogramme will collect and disseminate key socioeconomic statistics of ECE member States, including on progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and gender equality. The subprogramme will promote the use of those statistics and make them accessible to the public on the Internet. A specific framework will be applied to ensure the quality, coverage and timeliness of the information.

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) budget constraints would not hamper the participation of national statistical offices in international work; (b) national and international statistical organizations' willingness to cooperate remains high; (c) donors' support for the modernization of statistical production is adequate; (d) national statistical offices continue to carry out development work on key statistical domains; and (e) data for the ECE statistical database are made available by statistical organizations free of charge and in a suitable format.

Legislative mandates**Overall ECE legislative mandates***General Assembly resolutions*

66/288	The future we want
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
71/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
71/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
71/18	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
71/162	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
71/212	Information and communications technologies for development
71/223	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
71/226	Disaster risk reduction
71/228	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
71/233	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
71/244	South-South cooperation
71/283	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2016/2	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
A(67)	Adoption of the High-level statement
B(67)	Establishment of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme**Subprogramme 3: Statistics***General Assembly resolutions*

67/144	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women
68/261	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
69/210	Entrepreneurship for development (12, 17)
69/229	International migration and development (27, 35)
69/282	World Statistics Day (3)
70/147	Protection of migrants (9(f))
70/208	Harmony with Nature (10)
70/219	Women in development (28, 30)

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity (2)
2014/7	Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (16)
2015/10	2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme (1, 5)
2016/27	Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management (11)
2017/7	Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (11)

Economic and Social Council decisions

2010/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-first session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-second session (Statistical Commission decision 41/112, Development indicators)
2011/245	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-third session (Statistical Commission decision 42/104, Environmental-economic accounting)
2011/245	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-third session (Statistical Commission decision 42/107, Short-term economic indicators)
2012/230	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session and provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 43/115, Regional statistical development in Europe)
2013/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission

(Statistical Commission decision 44/105, Environment statistics)

- 2014/219 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/101, Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics)
- 2014/219 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/103, Programme review: broader measures of progress)
- 2014/219 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/110, Big data and modernization of statistical systems)
- 2015/216 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/101, Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda)
- 2015/216 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/102, Population and housing censuses)
- 2015/216 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/107, International trade and economic globalization statistics)
- 2016/220 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 47/102 High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development)
- 2016/220 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 47/104 Big data for official statistics)
- 2016/220 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 47/106 Environmental-economic accounting)
- 2016/220 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 47/112 Climate change statistics)
- 2017/228 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/101: Global indicator framework for the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development)
- 2017/228 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/103: Transformative agenda for official statistics)
- 2017/228 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/104: Regional statistical development)
- 2017/228 Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/107: Fundamental Principles of Official

Statistics)

- [2017/228](#) Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/108: Integration of statistical and geospatial information)
- [2017/228](#) Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/111: National accounts)
- [2017/228](#) Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 48/114: Business registers)
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