

**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

For information

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Item 9 of the Provisional  
Agenda

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION IN 2008**

**Note prepared by UNSD**

At its meeting in October 2006 in Washington, the Bureau discussed the selection of topics and rapporteurs for in-depth review. In this context, and following a proposal made by the Director of the UN Statistics Division, the Bureau agreed that: "in future, the UNSD would submit the provisional agenda of the United Nations Statistical Commission for review by the Bureau at its October meeting. Thus eventual duplication with the topics for in-depth discussion at the Commission will be avoided;" para 77, c) of the Report of the Bureau.

In line with this decision, the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the UN Statistical Commission to be held in New York from 26-29 February 2008 is presented below (status as of 3 October). It is based on the provisional agenda, adopted by the thirty-eighth session in March 2007, but contains modifications approved by the Bureau of the Statistical Commission after consultations with UNSD and prospective authors. The version below also indicates, which items are proposed for discussion and which ones for information.

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Items for discussion and decision

- (a) Programme review: employment statistics

**Documentation**

Report of the programme reviewer (United Kingdom)

- (b) Education statistics

**Documentation**

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- (c) National accounts

**Documentation**

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

(d) Tourism statistics

**Documentation**

Joint report of the Secretary-General and the World Tourism Organization

(e) Integrated economic statistics

**Documentation**

Report of the Friends of the Chair

(f) Industrial statistics

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) International merchandise trade statistics;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Distributive-trade statistics

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(i) International Comparison Programme;

**Documentation**

Report of the Friends of the Chair

(j) Statistics of human development;

**Documentation**

Report of the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme

(k) Collection and dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(l) Regional statistical development in Africa;

**Documentation**

Report of the Economic Commission for Africa

(m) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata.

**Documentation**

Report of the Task Force to Establish Standards on Data and Metadata Exchange

4. Items for information:

(a) Health statistics;

**Documentation**

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics

(b) Population and Housing Censuses;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;

**Documentation**

Report of the Round Table on Business Survey Frames

(d) International merchandise trade statistics;

**Documentation**

Report of the Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics

(e) Statistics of international trade in services;

**Documentation**

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(f) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;

**Documentation**

Report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes

(g) Statistics of science and technology;

**Documentation**

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(h) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;

**Documentation**

Report of the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics

(i) Agricultural statistics;

**Documentation**

Report of the Wye Group on statistics on rural development and agriculture household income

(j) Environment statistics;

**Documentation**

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics

(k) Environmental accounting;

**Documentation**

Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

(l) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

**Documentation**

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

Report of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century on statistical capacity-building (PARIS 21)

(m) Principles governing international statistical activities.

**Documentation**

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(n) International economic and social classifications;

**Documentation**

Report of the International Labour Organization

(o) Development indicators;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

(p) Follow-up to the Economic and Social Council policy decision;

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General

5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fortieth session of the Commission.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission

7. Report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session.

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