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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 9 March 2018. The Commission held ____ meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 23 States members of the Commission.¹ Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document [E/CN.3/2018/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Zachary Mwangi Chege (Kenya)

Vice-Chairs:

Masato Aida (Japan)

Tudorel Andrei (Romania)

Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico)

¹ The Economic and Social Council decided to postpone the election of one member from the African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2018.



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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/CN.3/2018/1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
 - (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
 - (b) Handbook of Statistical Organization;
 - (c) Open data;
 - (d) Household surveys;
 - (e) Big data for official statistics;
 - (f) Regional statistical development;
 - (g) National accounts;
 - (h) Environmental-economic accounting;
 - (i) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;
 - (j) Agricultural and rural statistics;
 - (k) Climate change statistics;
 - (l) Statistical classifications;
 - (m) Refugee statistics;
 - (n) Disability statistics;
 - (o) Work and employment statistics;
 - (p) Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data;
 - (q) Working methods of the Statistical Commission.
4. Items for information:
 - (a) Demographic statistics;
 - (b) Gender statistics;
 - (c) Poverty statistics;
 - (d) Energy statistics;
 - (e) Service statistics;
 - (f) Information and communications technology statistics;
 - (g) International Comparison Programme and price statistics;
 - (h) Digital trade and e-commerce statistics;
 - (i) Statistics on science, technology and innovation;

- (j) Informal sector statistics;
 - (k) Environment statistics;
 - (l) Coordination of statistical programmes;
 - (m) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;
 - (n) Governance, peace and security statistics;
 - (o) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.
- 5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).
 - 6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fiftieth session of the Commission.
 - 7. Report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session.
5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session ([E/CN.3/2018/L.1](#)).
6. Also at the same meeting, the Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers at its forty-ninth session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Bank for International Settlements; the Central African Economic and Monetary Community; the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre; the Eurasian Economic Commission; the European Free Trade Association; and the Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-ninth session are available from <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/documents/>.
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