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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its fiftieth session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 8 March 2019. The Commission held ____ meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. 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.3/2019/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Zachary Mwangi Chege (Kenya)

Vice-Chairs:

Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico)

Masato Aida (Japan)

Anil Arora (Canada)

Rapporteur:

Tudorel Andrei (Romania)



D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/CN.3/2019/1](#). 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) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
 - (c) Open data;
 - (d) National quality assurance frameworks;
 - (e) Regional statistical development;
 - (f) National accounts;
 - (g) Finance statistics;
 - (h) International trade and business statistics;
 - (i) Industrial statistics;
 - (j) Price statistics;
 - (k) International Comparison Programme;
 - (l) Environmental-economic accounting;
 - (m) Disaster-related statistics;
 - (n) International migration statistics;
 - (o) Human settlements statistics;
 - (p) Crime statistics;
 - (q) Drugs and drug use statistics;
 - (r) Education statistics;
 - (s) Working methods of the Statistical Commission.
4. Items for information:
 - (a) Demographic statistics;
 - (b) Health statistics;
 - (c) Household surveys;
 - (d) Price indices;
 - (e) Big data for official statistics;
 - (f) Statistical capacity development;
 - (g) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
 - (h) Coordination of statistical programmes;
 - (i) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

- (j) 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 fifty-first session of the Commission.
 - 7. Report of the Commission on its fiftieth session.
5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session ([E/CN.3/2019/L.1](#)).
6. Also at the same meeting, the Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers at its fiftieth 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; and the European Free Trade Association.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its fiftieth session are available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/50th-session/documents>.
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