SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF THE ECOWAS NATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTES

Monrovia, Liberia, 16-20 November 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

Time	**Activitives**	**Speakers**
	DAY1	
08:30-9:00	Registration and Installation of Participants	ECOWAS Commission
9:00 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.	Welcome address by the Director General of Statistics of Liberia	LISGIS /Liberia
9:10-9:20 a.m.	Speech by the World Bank Representative	World Bank
9:20-9:30 a.m.	Remarks by the ECOWAS Resident Representative in Liberia	ECOWAS
9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.	Speech by the Commissioner for Economic Affairs and Agriculture	ECOWAS
9:40-10:00 a.m.	Opening address by the President of the Republic of Liberia or his representative	President of the Republic of Liberia or his representative
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break and Family Photo	
10:30-10:40 a.m.	Presentation of the participants and election of officers	All
10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.	Adoption of the work programme	All

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10:50-11:00	Recap of the DGs meeting objectives	ECOWAS Commission
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Key achievements in the implementation of HISWA: 30-minute presentation per country, followed by discussion.	Cape Verde Cote dIvoire Ghana
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Lunch break	
3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Key achievements in the implementation of HISWA: 30-minutes presentation per country, followed by a discussion.	Liberia Sierra Leone Togo
4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Assessment of the achievements and prospects of the implementation of the HISWA at the regional level **Discussion**	ECOWAS
5:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	End of the day's work	
	Day 2	
09:00-10:00	Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Financing of Censuses and Statistical Surveys: Experiences from Nigeria and Senegal **Discussion**	Nigeria and Senegal
09:30-10:00	Challenges and Prospects for Sustainable Financing of Statistics at the Regional Level: Experiences and Lessons Learned from AFRISTAT, WAEMU and ECOWAS **Discussion**	AFRISTAT, WAEMU and ECOWAS

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10:00-11:00	Cooperation with the World Bank and prospects	World Bank
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break	
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Cooperation with the World Bank and prospects **Discussion**	World Bank
12:00-13:00	Discussion on the financing of statistical activities by national budgets: issues, challenges and perspectives. Discussion	BENIN, The GAMBIA, GUINEE,
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Lunch break	
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	High-level discussion on strengthening the financing of statistical activities from national budgets. Discussion	GUINEE-BISSAU, SENEGAL
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Presentation of the 2027 Annual Budget Work Programme **Discussion &Validation**	ECOWAS
5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	**End of the day's work**	

Day 3

09:00-10:00	Presentation of the CRVS methodological guide/ Presentation of the RGPH Guide/ Presentation of the Guide for the backcasting of Annual National Accounts within ECOWAS **Discussion**	ECOWAS
10:00-11:00	Presentation of the Common Guide for measuring Non-Agricultural Informal Sector in the National Accounts of ECOWAS Member States Presentation of the Common Regional Methodological Guide for the Development of a Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) for ECOWAS Member States	Technical Assistant
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break	
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Presentation of the Common Methodological Guide for the Compilation of the Tourism Satellite Account for ECOWAS Member States **Discussion and Validation**	ECOWAS
12:00-13:30	Presentation of the Guide for the Compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics for ECOWAS Member States Presentation of the methodological guide for the collection of data on cross-border informal trade Presentation of the Regional Methodological Guide for the Compilation of the Supply and Use Table (SUT) and the Integrated Economic Accounts Table (IEAT) in ECOWAS Member States/ Presentation of the methodological guide for the compilation of statistics on international trade in services by mode of supply in the Economic Community of West African States/ **Discussion and Validation**	ECOWAS
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Lunch break	

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	UNFPA Presentation (Outlook 2027 under the UNFPA-ECOWAS Commission) **Discussion and Validation**	UNFPA
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Coffee Break End of the day's work	
	Day 4	
09:00-10:00	Presentation AFRISTAT, WAEMU & STATAFRIC **Discussion**	AFRISTAT, WAEMU & STATAFRIC
10:00-11:00	Status of implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA) in ECOWAS Member States: progress, challenges and prospects. Progress of the 2020 cycle of the General Population and Housing Censuses (GPHC) and the status of the production of national accounts in ECOWAS Member States: main challenges and prospects. **Discussion**	ECOWAS
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break	
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lunch break	
3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	**Drafting the Report**	
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Coffee Break End of the day's work	
	Day 5	
09:00-11:00	Consideration and adoption of the report of the workshop	ALL

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Validation of the Report
12:30-13:00	Closing remarks of the meeting
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	**Lunch Break - End of the DGs Meeting**