



Concept Note

Webinar on the Progress of Takwimu Young African Statisticians Programme

Background

The Takwimu Young African Statisticians (YAS) Programme is established upon the premise that young Africans constitute a critical mass of the current and future statistical leadership on the continent. The creation of Takwimu YAS Programme, through the African Centre for Statistics of the Economic Commission for Africa, was endorsed during the 8th session of the Statistical Commission for Africa in October 2022. The session also endorsed the Programme's strategy for the period 2023–2025 and recommended creating national associations of Young African statisticians.

Takwimu YAS Programme creates a platform to train and empower a new generation of skilled young Africans who will actively engage and contribute to the continental statistical discourse and therefore towards the continent's development agenda. In addition, the Programme seeks to facilitate mentorship of young professionals by facilitating engagement with more experienced statisticians. The Programme's strategy 2023-2025 focuses on three main areas including:

1. Advocacy for Young African Statisticians' involvement in Statistical Affairs.
2. Institutionalization of the Programme at the country level.
3. Capacity building and mentoring of the YAS.

The Takwimu Programme is organizing a webinar to boost connections with its members and share updates on the programme's ongoing and upcoming activities. The session will provide the opportunity for the Takwimu YAS to present the work and Programme activities which have been implemented so far. The meeting will provide a framework for feedback gathering and experience sharing among YAS members.

Objectives:

- Update on the progress of implementing Takwimu programme's Strategic Plan 2023-2025.
- Launch of the following: (1) first Takwimu newsletter; (2) brand new Takwimu website; (3) Highlight opportunities for capacity building in Geospatial analysis.
- Engage in discussions with the YAS members to gather insights and feedback about the programme

Participants

Director of the African Center for Statistics (ACS) of ECA, Takwimu Secretariat, Takwimu Executive Committee, members of the Takwimu Young African Statisticians programme, and invited guests.

Date, Time and format

The meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 September 2024, 15:00 – 16:30 hours (GMT+3) as an online event.

Language

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the duration of the meeting.

Registration link

Register in advance for this meeting [HERE](#)

For more information please contact:

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Agenda

Time	Item
15:00 – 15:10	Welcome and Opining Remarks <i>Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Director</i> ECA- African Centre for Statistics (ACS) (10 min)
15:10 – 15:30	Presentation: Update on the progress of implementing Takwimu Programme’s Strategic Plan 2023-2025 <i>Mr. Sassire Napo, Chairperson</i> Takwimu Young African Statisticians Programme (20 min)
15:30 – 15:40	Opportunities for capacity building in Geospatial analysis <i>Mr. Peter Njagi, Associate Geographic Information Officer, ACS</i> (10 mins)
15:40 – 16:00	Q & A Session (20 mins)
16:00 – 16:15	Launch of the Takwimu Newsletter, Takwimu website, (15 min)
16:15 – 16:30	Discussion (15 min)
16:30 – 16:45	Wrap Up and Way Forward.