

United Nations Statistical Commission

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About United Nations Statistical Commission:

- It was established in 1947(HQ: New York) and is the highest body of the global statistical system.
- It brings together the Chief Statisticians from member states from around the world.
- **Functions:**
 - It is the highest decision-making body for **international statistical activities**, responsible for setting **statistical standards** and the development of concepts and methods, including their implementation at the national and international levels.
 - The Statistical Commission oversees the work of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and it is a **Functional Commission** of the **UN Economic and Social Council**.
- **Membership:** The Commission consists of **24 member countries** of the United Nations **elected by** the **United Nations Economic and Social Council** based on an equitable **geographical distribution** according to the following pattern:
 - Five members from **African States**
 - Four members from **Asia-Pacific States**
 - Four members from **Eastern European States**
 - Four members from **Latin American and Caribbean States**

- Seven members from **Western European and other States**
 - The term of office of members is **four years**.
 - India was a member of the Statistical **Commission last in 2004** and the country is returning to the UN agency after a gap of two decades.
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Q1) What is Statistics?

Statistics is the science concerned with developing and studying methods for collecting, analyzing, interpreting and presenting empirical data. Statistics is a highly interdisciplinary field; research in statistics finds applicability in virtually all scientific fields and research.

Source: [India elected to UN Statistical Commission](#)

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