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Second Meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa

I'm delighted to welcome you all to this Second Meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa (StatCom-Africa II) and to the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

Let me remind you that following the re-establishment of the Statistics Division at UNECA, it was imperative to put in place a new subsidiary body specifically devoted to statistics and statistical development on the continent. This subsidiary body is expected to provide a forum for discussions and decisions on all aspects related to statistical development, which are of interest to our members States within the framework of the policies and procedures of the United Nations and subject to the general supervision of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning

and Economic Development (CoM).

The First meeting of this subsidiary body took place from 21 to 23 January 2008 under the theme "Scaling up Statistical Development in Africa" and was a resounding success both in terms of attendance and content. In fact, 42 member States were represented by, mainly, Heads of National Statistics Offices (NSOs), National Statistical Councils, and National Poverty Reduction Strategy Units. Moreover, for the first time, representatives of National Statistical Associations from 10 African countries attended the meeting. The meeting was also attended by observers from non-African States, as well as international, regional, sub-regional organizations, and statistical training centres.

Building on the success of the first meeting and ongoing capacity building efforts on the continent, inter alia, under the auspices of the African Statistical Coordination Statistical Committee (ASCC), StatCom-Africa II will take stock of progress made in various areas and address some of the challenges faced by stakeholders in supporting African countries in the production and use of quality information in support of their development efforts. Moreover, it will particularly address issues pertaining to the monitoring



and evaluation of progress made towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the 2010 review, hence the timely choice of the following theme: "Harnessing Financial and Technical Resources in Support of the Monitoring of Millennium Development Goals in African Countries."

Let us remind ourselves that this meeting will be taking place after a series of events aimed at improving the support by partners to the statistical development of our continent. These include the successfully concluded 10th anniversary meeting of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st century (PARIS21) held in Dakar, Senegal in mid-November 2009 and its Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics as well as the fifth Africa Symposium on Statistical Development and its Gorée Declaration. All these gatherings reaffirmed the growing need for quality statistical information in support of Africa's development efforts.

StatCom-Africa II will inform ongoing efforts on statistical development, namely the tremendous work being accomplished by a number of Working Groups including the African Groups on National Accounts, on the Measurement of the Informal Sector, on Statistical Training and on the African Union Strategy on Harmonization of Statistics in support of regional in-

tegration. Partners will meet during the Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDEV) to brainstorm and strategize on harnessing technical and financial resources in support of African stakeholder efforts in support of the statistical development of the continent.

I look forward to meeting you all during the Second Meeting of StatCom!





GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is as large as France and Spain combined and has an area of 1,112,000 square meters. Addis Ababa is situated at an altitude of 2,400 meters. Agriculture is the backbone of the national economy, and the principal exports from this sector include coffee, oil seeds, pulses, flowers, vegetables, sugar and animal feed. About 90% of the population earns its living from the land. There is also a thriving livestock sector, and exports include cattle, hides and skins.

The population of Ethiopia is estimated at 77 million, and over 50% of the population is under 20 years of age. The average number of inhabitants per square kilometer is 69. Ethiopia is a multiethnic state with a great variety of spoken languages. There are eighty three languages with 200 dialects, and the three main languages are Amharic, Tigrigna and Oromigna. English, French, Italian and Arabic are also spoken, mainly in Addis Ababa.

Additional information on Ethiopia and ECA can be found on the <http://www.uneca.org>, <http://www.telecom.net.et>, <http://www.ethio.com> and <http://tour.ethiopianonline.net>.

CLIMATE

Ethiopia has two main seasons. The dry season lasts from October through May, and the rainy season starts in late June and ends in September.

Currently the weather is warm during the daytime and very chilly in the night, so kindly carry a warm jacket/sweater for the evenings.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY

Electric supply in Ethiopia is 220/240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13amp, two pin (Italian) socket.

CURRENCY: Birr

Ethiopian currency is denominated in "Birr" and "centimes". The exchange rate fluctuates. The UN official exchange rate as of November 2009 was \$ US1.00 = Birr 12.55

There is a branch of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia in the ECA compound – located in the Rotunda. This Bank is open Monday – Friday, from 8:00 am to 12:45 pm and from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.



There is also an authorized exchange centre (Forex) at the Sheraton Hotel and ATM machines for Visa/Mastercard users at both the Sheraton and Hilton which will give you money in Birr.

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

It is important to take note of the following information which will further assist you in the planning and logistics of your travel to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Visas are required for all visitors/delegates traveling to Ethiopia, except for nationals of Djibouti and Kenya. Visitors from countries that have Ethiopian diplomatic missions are required by the Ethiopian immigration authorities to secure their visas from those missions before departure. These include holders of diplomatic and service passports as well as United Nations Laissez Passer.

If your country does not have an Ethiopian diplomatic mission, UNECA will assist you in obtaining a visa upon arrival, provided we receive the following particulars early in advance.

1. Full Name
2. Nationality

3. Passport details – (number, date of issue and expiry)
4. Flight details (arrival and departure)

Please note that business visas can be obtained on arrival for all participants attending meetings/seminars/workshops at the UNECA, Addis Ababa. The Ethiopian Immigration Authority requires that you present an official letter of invitation for securing your business visa on arrival. It is imperative to bring with you the letter of invitation and present it to the Immigration Authority at the airport for securing your visa.

Please note that an Ethiopian visa costs between (US\$20 to 60) per person depending on your nationality and payment must be made in (US Dollars)¹ at the time of issue. Holders of diplomatic and service passports as well as United Nations Laissez Passer will receive visas gratis.

Thank you for your agreement to be a participant in the second meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa (STATCOM-Africa) scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 17 to 22 January 2010. The venue of the meeting is the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC, Addis Ababa).



¹ 1 US \$ = 12.55 Ethiopian Birr (UN rate as of November 2009). Bank receipts for money changed at the airport must be kept securely as they may be asked for on departure.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Visitors to Ethiopia should be in possession of a valid health certificate for yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also required for any person who has visited or transited a cholera infected area within six days prior to arrival in the country.

For prevention you should drink extra water (increased breathing leads to water loss), avoid additional salt and heavy meals. Alcohol could worsen sleep disturbances.

The United Nations Health Centre, situated on the ground floor of the Conference Centre, provides emergency medical services to participants/delegates attending meetings during working hours. On your registration form kindly provide us details of any special ailments you may be suffering from or details of allergies so that we can provide emergency medical attention should this be required.

In case of a medical or dental emergency, please contact the following:

Dr. Grace Fombad, Chief – United Nations Health Care Centre Telephone: + 251 – 115 51 58 28 or 51 72 00 ext. 88888 or 448888 ECA Ambulance Telephone: + 251 – 115 51 42 02 or 51 58 28.



AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

A number of International Airlines operate to and from Addis Ababa. It is required that participants secure their return/onward air passage prior to their arrival in Addis Ababa. There are travel agencies on site at ECA to assist with reconfirmation of tickets and to provide participants with travel and tour related information.

Travel Agencies at ECA are reachable at the following telephone numbers:

- Gashem Travel Tel: (+251 115) 443051/ 443052 / 468485 or (+251 91) 125 0468 (mobile)

Ethiopian Airlines and Kenya Airways have offices in the ECA compound. Please have your ticket available when visiting the travel agency to reconfirm flights. Please be aware of the geographical location of Addis Ababa at an altitude of about 2,450m. Acclimatization to this elevation is normally no problem, but sometimes it might take a few days. Symptoms include headache, increased breathing (hyperventilation), fatigue, nausea, dizziness and sleep disturbances.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

At your request accommodation can be reserved on a first come first serve basis provided we receive your arrival and departure flight details by 12 January 2010. All hotels will be expecting a final rooming

list from ECA by 17 January 2010 at 17:00 hrs after which ECA will be subject to a cancellation penalty for rooms reserved and not utilized

In addition to accommodation costs, all participants will be responsible for all other additional costs: i.e. breakfast (where not included) telephone, Internet/fax, room service, minibar and laundry, additional meals (i.e. lunch and dinner) and must pay these directly to the hotel at checkout.

RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL

Participants will be met on arrival at Bole International Airport and will be assisted with the formalities regarding immigration and customs etc. Date and time of arrival in Addis Ababa with flight details should be clearly sent to the above email address. Subsequent changes should also be communicated.

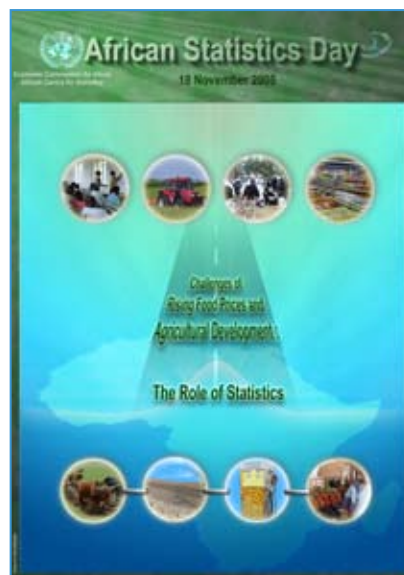
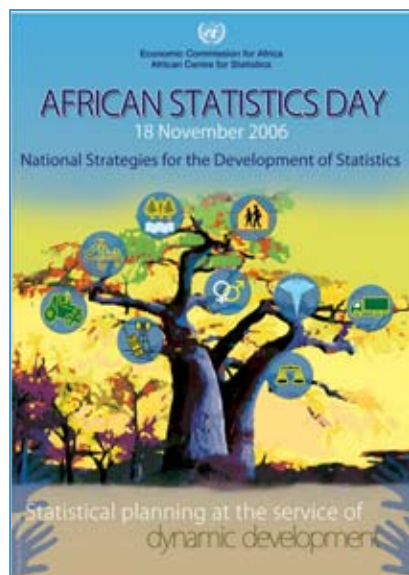
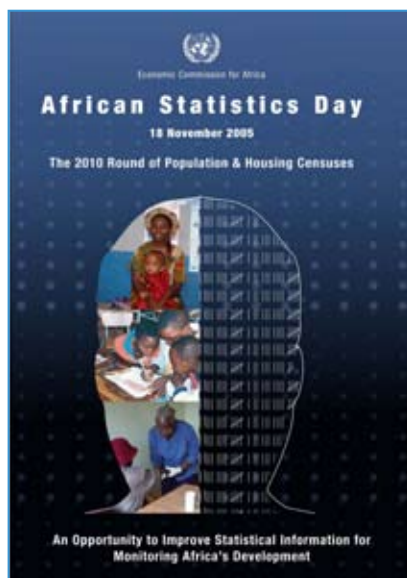
Kindly contact Ms. Roza Habtewold on email: E-mail: rhabtewold@uneca.org, Tel. +251-11-544-3662, Fax +251-11-551-0389 by 17 January 2010, with copy to: Ms. Hiwot Tadesse at htadesse@uneca.org, Ms. Konjit Degaf at kdegaf@uneca.org and Ms. Tiguest Berhanu at tberhanu@uneca.org

TEMPORARY IMPORT OF LAPTOPS AND OTHER CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT

To comply with the import customs regulations of



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Strengthening Civil Registration
and Vital Statistics Systems in Support of
National Development and MDGs in Africa





the Government of Ethiopia conference participants should declare laptops and conference equipment they may carry with them when entering the country. In order to be able to assist with the temporary import of the above items ECA should receive latest by 12 January 2010. A detailed specification of the items to be brought in, together with the arrival/departure details of the participant. The items will be registered for temporary import by the customs office and they should be taken out of the country after the conference.

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Registration will take on 21 January 2010 (8:30am – 9:00am) at the Delegate Registration Building (DRB) in front of ECA Staff entrance. A full list of confirmed participants will be made available to the ECA Security and participants will have to carry identification to be allowed entry into the UN compound. Kindly also carry your invitation letter and personal identification for on site accreditation. For identification and security reasons, Identification Badges should be worn by all participants at all times during the Conference and at official social functions. Doing so is entirely voluntary. Should you choose not to provide an image in advance, your photograph

will still be taken on-site and your conference badge prepared while you wait.

TRANSPORT

You will arrive at Bole International Airport, which is located just 5 kilometers from the centre of Addis Ababa.

ECA buses will ferry participants back and forth from hotels to the conference venue in the mornings and at the end of the daily sessions. ECA will not provide transport during lunch breaks.

If you would like transportation in Addis Ababa outside of conference and to take you to the airport at the end of the Conference, you can book a taxi from the National Tourism Organization (NTO) by calling + 251115 51 18 22 or + 251115 51 84 00.

ICT SERVICES

The United Nations Conference Centre is equipped with WAN. Kindly contact the conference services information desk should you have problems accessing the Internet.

Please be advised that Blackberry Services are not available in Ethiopia.



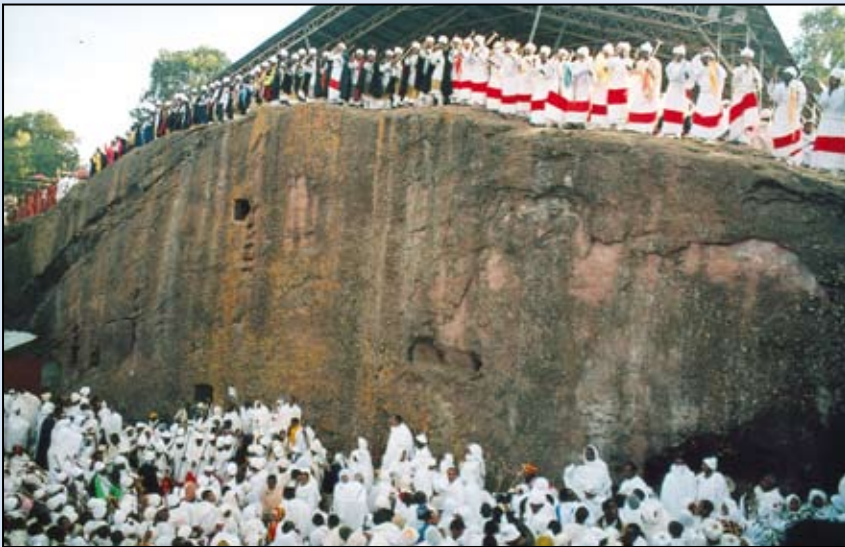


List of Hotels in Addis Ababa

No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	UN Rate
1	ADOT - TINA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4 67 39 39 Fax: (251-11) 4 67 41 11 Mobile: (251 91) 107 2937 (Ato Worku, Hotel Manager) Email: adottinah@ethionet.et website www.adot-tina.com	Standard rooms Double Occupancy	US\$ 70.00 US\$ 80.00
2	CENTRAL SHOA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-61 14 54 Tel: (251-11) 6-61 50 01 Fax: (251-11) 6-61 00 63	Single rooms Double rooms	US\$ 40.00 US\$ 50.00
3	GHION HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-51 32 22 Tel: (251-11) 5-51 00 99 Fax: (251-11) 5-50 51 50	Standard rooms Double rooms	US\$ 75 .00 US\$ 81.00
4	HILTON HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-51 84 00 Tel: (251-11) 5-51 00 64 email: sales addis@hilton.com	Single Double Executive Rooms Single Double	US\$ 160.00 US\$ 190.00 US\$ 240.00 US\$ 260.00 Plus 25% TAX







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5	HOTEL de LEOPOL Tel: (251-11) 5-50 77 77 Mobile (251-11) 9 67 78 73 Fax: (251-11) 5-53 14 66 Fax: (251-11) 5 15 50- 80	Studio rooms Standard rooms Double Occupancy	US\$ 50.00 US\$ 60.00 US\$ 70.00
6	MN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-62 08 31/33/34/35 Fax: (251-11) 6-62 08 32 Mob. (251 91) 171 2652 Mr. Desybel	Single rooms Double rooms Twin rooms	US\$ 60.00 US\$ 60.00 US\$ 70.00
7	PLAZA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-61 22 00 Fax: (251-11) 6-61 30 44	Single rooms Double rooms	US\$ 40.00 US\$ 45.00
8	SHERATON HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-17 17 17 Fax: (251-11)5-17 27 27	Club room (Single) Double Executive rooms Executive Double	US\$ 210.00 US\$ 210.00 US\$ 315.00 US\$ 330.00 Plus 25% TAX
9	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-52 73 33 Fax: (251-11) 5-52 64 18	Standard Single rooms Double Occupancy	US\$80.00 US\$100.00
10	INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-50 50 66 Fax: (251-11) 5-54 00 90	King Deluxe room (Standard) Twin Deluxe rooms	US\$ 85.00 US\$ 110.00



No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	UN Rate
11	HARMONY HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-18 31 00 Fax: (251-11) 6- 18 29 10 Mob. (251 91) 386 7778 Ms. Yordanos Marketing Off	Standard Single Twin rooms	US\$ 80.00 US\$ 110.00
12	PANORAMA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-61 60 70 Fax: (251-11) 6-61 60 72	Single rooms Double rooms Superior rooms Executive rooms	US\$ 70.00 US\$ 79.00 US\$ 89.00 US\$119.00
13	TDS HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 663 5813/16/17/19/25 Fax: (251-11) 663 5890/662 1738/663 5817	Single room Double room Twin rooms	US\$ 60.00 US\$ 65.00 US\$ 75.00
14	DREAMLINER HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4-67 40 00 Fax: (251-11) 4-67 40 01 Mob. (251 91) 124 0751 Ms. Aida	Standard Single, Standard King, Deluxe King, Deluxe Twin, Premium Deluxe (any avelebel rooms) Double Occupancy	US\$ 85.00 US\$ 95.00





StatCom-Africa:

The Apex entity for the African Statistical System

The Statistical Commission for Africa (STATCOM -Africa) is one of the seven subsidiary bodies of the ECA established in 2007 by the 40th Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development as the Intergovernmental structure providing policy and technical guidance for the ECA sub-programme on "Statistics and Statistical Development".

The African Centre for Statistics (ACS) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) is the division responsible for the implementation of the sub-programme on "Statistics and Statistical Development". The ACS was established in August 2006.

StatCom-Africa - Mandate

The Statistical Commission for Africa (StatCom-Africa) is meant to:

1. Promote the development of National Statistical Systems (NSSs) of the region, and the improvement of the quality and comparability of statistics they produce in line with the

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

2. Promote the African Statistics Charter;
3. Ensure the coordination with the United Nations Statistical Commission and map out actions to be taken by the African Centre for Statistics (ACS) to ensure sustainable development of statistics in Africa.
4. Examine progress, identify problems, and propose solutions to existing and emerging issues on statistical development in Africa;
5. Promote exchange of experiences, peer learning, technical cooperation, and data sharing among African countries and institutions;
6. Examine, globally and within Africa, emerging trends in statistical development and present the state of knowledge;
7. Participate in the establishment of methodologies, norms and standards at the international level and oversee the adoption of these internationally agreed methodologies, norms and standards and prac-



tices in line with African specificities;

8. Review the relevance of regional statistical training and the on-job-training programmes to the needs of the countries of the region and promote the training of African statisticians;
9. Advocate in favour of resource mobilization and technical cooperation in support of statistical development in Africa;
10. Consider and make recommendations on the statistical work programme of the ACS;
11. Promote the collection and dissemination of internationally comparable statistics of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) member States as required by policy makers, enterprises, researchers and the general public in particular in the continent;
12. Ensure the dissemination of the results of its work to National Statistical Offices (NSOs), sub-regional, regional, and international organizations, enterprises or any other users; and
13. Recommend any study that may be required to further the objectives of the StatCom-Africa and the African Statistical System (ASS).



Basic Expressions



	English	Français	Portuguese	Arabic
1	Good Morning	Bonjour	Bom dia!	صباح الخير
2	Hello (singular)	Bonjour	Bom dia!	مرحبا
3	Hello	Salut	Olá	مرحبا
4	Thank you	Merci	Obrigado	شكرا
5	Good bye (singular)	Au revoir	Até logo	وداعا
6	Good night	Bonne Nuit	Boa noite	ليله سعيدة
7	Please (singular)	S'il te plaît	Por favor	من فضلك
8	Please (plural, formal, respect	S'il vous plaît	Se fez favor	من فضلكم
9	Do you speak English? (singular)	Parles-tu anglais?	Fales inglês?	هل تتحدث الانجليزية
10	Do you speak English? (plural, formal)	Parlez-vous anglais?	Você fala inglês?	هل تتحدثون الانجليزية
11	Yes	Oui	Sim	نعم
12	No	Non	Não	لا
13	How are you ?	Comment vas –tu?	Como estas?	كيف حالك
14	How are you? (plural, formal)	Comment allez-vous?	Como Esta?	كيف حالكم
15	I am well	Je vais bien	Estou bem	انا بخير
16	I am ill	Je suis malade	Estou doente	انا مريض
17	What do you want? (singular)	Qu'est-ce que tu veux?	O que é que queres?	ماذا تريد
18	What do you want ? (Plural)	Que voulez- vous?	O que é que você quer?	ماذا تريدون
19	I want	Je veux	Quero	اريد
20	What time is it?	Quelle heure est –il?	Que hora são?	ماهو الوقت
21	It is 12 o'clock	Il est midi	E médio – dia	الثانية عشر
22	Where is?	Ou est ...?	Onde e?	أين هو
23	What is this?	Qu'est ce que c'est?	O que e isto?	ما هذا
24	I don't understand	Je ne comprends pas	Não compreendo	انا لا افهم
25	Are you married ?	Es-tu marié (e) Exta e for lady	Tu és casado/as?	هل انت متزوج
26	Are you married ? (formal)	Êtes vous marié (e) ?	Você e casado/a?	هل أنتم متزوجون
27	I live in	Je vis en	Eu vivo em ...	انا أعيش
28	May I have some water?	Puis je avoir de l'eau?	Podia ter um pouco de água?	هل لي من الماء
29	Where is the store ?	Ou est le magasin ?	Onde é a loja?	الين يجد المخزن
30	How much is it?	Combien ça coute?	Quanto é?	كم هو
31	I wan to see the doctor	Je veux voir le docteur	Eu queria consultar um doutor	انا اريد انا اري الطبيب

	አማርኛ	Amharic (Feminin)	Amharic (Masculine)	Amharic (Plural)	Amharic (Respect)
1	እንደምን አደርሽ/አደርክ/አደራችሁ/አደሩ?	Endemin adersh?	Endemin aderk?	Endemin aderachihu?	Endemin aderu?
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3	ጤና ይስጥልኝ	Tena yistilign			
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5	ደህና ሁኒ/ሁን/ሁኑ	Dehna hugni	Dehna hun	Dehna hunu	Dehna hunu
6	ደህና እደራ/እደር/እደሩ	Dehna ederi	Dehna eder	Dehna ederu	Dehna ederu
7	እባክሽ/እባክህ	Ebakesh	Ebakeh		
8	እባክሥ/እባኝ/ሹሁ			Ebakachihu	Ebakwo
9	እንግሊዝኛ ትችያለሽ/ትችላለህ	Englizegna techyalesh?	Englizegna techlaleh?		
10	እንግሊዝኛ ይችላሉ/ትችላላችሁ			Englizegna tichilalachihu?	Englizegna yichilalu?
11	አዎ	Awo			
12	አይ	Aye			
13	እንዴት ነሽ/ነህ	Endemin nesh?	Endemin neh?		
14	እንዴት ናችሁ/ነዎት			Endemin nachihu?	Endemin newot?
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16	አሞኛል	Amognal			
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26	አግብተዋል?			Agibtachihuwal?	Agibtewal?
27	መኖሪያዬ . . . ነው	Yeminorew . . . New			
28	ውሃ እፈልጋለሁ	Wuha efeligalehu			
29	ሱቁ የት ነው?	Suqu yet new?			
30	ስንት ነው?	Sint new?			
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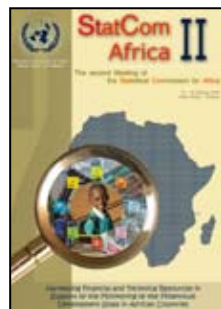






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