



Background of ECOWAS Indicators and Process for Working Groups

United Nations Statistics Division

ECOWAS Workshop on Environment Statistics
(Accra, 29-31 March 2010)



Current and Planned Work

- Workshop on Env. Stats. (Abuja, May 2008)
- Review of ECOWAS indicators (Oct 2008)
- Developed draft methodology sheets based on international/regional methodologies
- Circulated 9 out of the 11 chapters (English only) in Feb/March 2010 (2 distributed here) – some indicators not sent out but available here
- Workshop on Env. Stats. (Accra, March 2010)
- Review of methodology sheets by “lead” agencies
- Finalization of methodology sheets and next Workshop later in 2010



Process of Working Groups (1)

- 11 chapters – Natural disasters and environmental performance, Air, Land, Agriculture, Forests and woodlands, Coastal and marine resources, Fresh water, Biodiversity, Energy, Waste, and Health and environment.
- 3 working groups sessions divided by:
 - Land, Agriculture, Forests and woodlands and Biodiversity (Mon)
 - Fresh water, Coastal and marine resources, and Natural disasters and environmental performance (Tues)
 - Air, Energy, Health and environment, and Waste (Wed)
- Each session divided into English and French groups



Process of Working Groups (2)

- List of indicators (English and French) distributed with 4 codes (1=methodology finalized, 2=methodology finalized with change of title, 3=methodology is not clear, 4=relevance to be discussed)
- Each Working Group Session will be preceded by an overview of the draft methodology sheets
- Working Groups will focus on the problematic indicators and be guided by resource persons
- Working Groups should select Chairperson and Rapporteur and report back to Plenary Session