



Economic Commission
for Africa

WORKSHOP

Organization and Management of National Statistical Offices (NSOs)

Draft Programme of Work

**8 – 12 December 2003
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Background

The Workshop on Organization and Management of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) will be held at the UNCC, Press Briefing Room W 08, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 12 December 2003.

At its first session held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 28 June to 2 July 1999, the organization and management of national statistical offices was identified by the Committee on Development Information (CODI) as one of the major challenges confronting statistical development in Africa in the 2000s.

In this context, the Committee recommended that the organizational structure of national statistical systems should be significantly improved to enable them to better respond to emerging data needs.

The Committee also outlined several other steps that African countries might take to strengthen their national statistical systems. These include, *inter-alia*, the formulation of long-term statistical development programs, the setting up of mechanisms to ensure proper co-ordination of statistical activities at the national level and, a review of the legislation governing the national statistical system with a view to ensuring its autonomy and its utmost efficiency.

During the past few weeks, ECA has endeavoured to obtain a number of country reports highlighting the main issues that hinder the smooth functioning of national statistical offices in the region. The main objective of the present Workshop is two fold:

- To undertake an in-depth review of statistical organization and management issues in Africa, based on the country reports submitted to ECA; and,
- To work out suitable approaches for tackling these issues, using as a framework the Third Edition of the United Nations Handbook of Statistical Organization.

Monday, 8 December

Morning Session

- 09:30 - 10:00 **Registration**
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Opening Address**
Mr. Patrick Asea, Director, Economic and Social Policy
Division (ESPD)
- 10:15 - 10:30 **Election of Officers**
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of
Work**
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 - 13:00 **Session 5(a): Presentation of Country Reports on
Organization and Management of National Statistical Offices
of Member States**
Participants
- 13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session

- 14:30 - 15:30 **Presentation of Country Reports (continued)**
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Session 5(b): Synthesis of Country Reports highlighting the
main issues that hinder the smooth functioning of NSOs' of
participating countries**
Mr. Abdulahi Hasen, ECA Consultant
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Discussions on Session 5(a) and 5(b)**

Tuesday, 9 December

Morning Session

- 09:30 – 10:45 **Discussions on Sessions 5(a) and 5(b) (continued)**
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Session 6: The Statistical System: An Overview with reference to:**
(a) Structure of the Statistical System
Ms. Sabine Warschburger, UNHQ/UNSD
- 12:15 - 13:00 **Discussions on 6(a)**
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session

- 14:30 – 15:15 **(b) Coordination Tools**
Ms. Sabine Warschburger, UNHQ/UNSD
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Discussions on 6(b)**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 – 17:00 **(c) The role of the Chief Statistician**
Ms. Sabine Warschburger, UNHQ/UNSD
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Discussions on 6(c)**

Wednesday, 10 December

Morning Session

- 09:30 – 10:15 **Session 7: Principles of Organization and Reorganization of NSOs**
Ms. Sabine Warschburger, UNHQ/UNSD
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Discussions on Session7**
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Session 8: Managing the National Statistical Offices with reference to:**
(a) Human resources
Ms. Awa Thiongane, ECA
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Discussions on 8(a)**
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session

- 14:30 – 15:15 **(b) Financing the Statistical System including building of external support**
Ms. Awa Thiongane, ECA
- 15:15 - 16:00 **Discussions on 8 (b)**
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 – 17:00 **(c) Information Technology**
Mr. Oumar Malick Sy, ECA
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Discussion on 8(c)**

Thursday, 11 December

Morning Session

- 09:30 – 10:00 **(d) Core functions of NSOs**
Ms Awa Thiongane, ECA
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Discussions on 8(d)**
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Session 9: Users and their needs**
Ms. Sabine Warschburger, UNHQ/UNSD
Mr. Koffi Amelewonou, ECA
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Discussions on Session 9**
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session

- 14:30 – 15:15 **Session 10: Censuses and Surveys Data Dissemination**
Mr. Abdulahi Hasen, ECA Consultant
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Discussions on Session 10**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Discussions on Session 10 (continued)**

Friday, 12 December

- 09:30 – 10:45 **Conclusions and Recommendations**
Mr. Koffi Amelewonou, ECA
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Discussions on Session 11**
- 12:15 – 12:45 **Any Other Business**
Mr. Koffi Amelewonou, ECA
- 14:45 – 13:00 **Closing**
Mr. Patrick Asea, Director, ESPD