Major conclusions
To enhance the confidence in official statistics we will…

1	**Strengthen the SADC Statistical System**
	• Speed up the process for a Statistical Protocol, supporting updated Member States (MS) legislation, minimum statistical requirements, SADC nomenclatures and sound sustainable funding of basic statistics
	• Strengthen the SADC Statistical unit as a focal point for strategy development, statistical training, harmonization of statistics, communicating best practices and bad experiences in all statistical processes (and particularly ICT), donor coordination, advocating statistics and disseminating regional statistics
2	**Enforce long-term planning with integration of development partners**
	• Implement planning as a comprehensive process involving users and development partners (avoid desk-top planning)
	• Plan for balanced and sustainable resources and development, where development partners' support is fully integrated.
3	**Foster professionalism**
	• Follow the UN Fundamental Principles and other international/regional guiding principles and best practices
	• Ensure confident and competent statistical work, improved with efficient and professional human resource management
4	**Develop an ICT policy and strategy in line with the overall statistical strategic plan**
	• Use soft-wares feasible for the tasks, but in line with a ruling policy and a development strategy, to ensure efficiency in staff training, data entry, tabulation, storing, analysis and dissemination, documentation and to ensure portability of data
	• Share positive and negative experiences (bilateral or regional) with neighbors. Development partner interventions must also be in line with ICT policy and strategy
5	**Reach out to users and add value**
	• Develop a website for comprehensive use by a wider national and international public with improved international comparability.
	• Learn the significant users' needs of information to add value in their decision making and teach how to efficiently use statistics.
6	**Foster data providers' confidence and cooperation**
	• Improve the cooperation with data providers by guaranteeing confidentiality, ease the response burden and advocate good use of statistics.