



Roadmap for the Implementation of the FDES 2013 for the COMESA member States

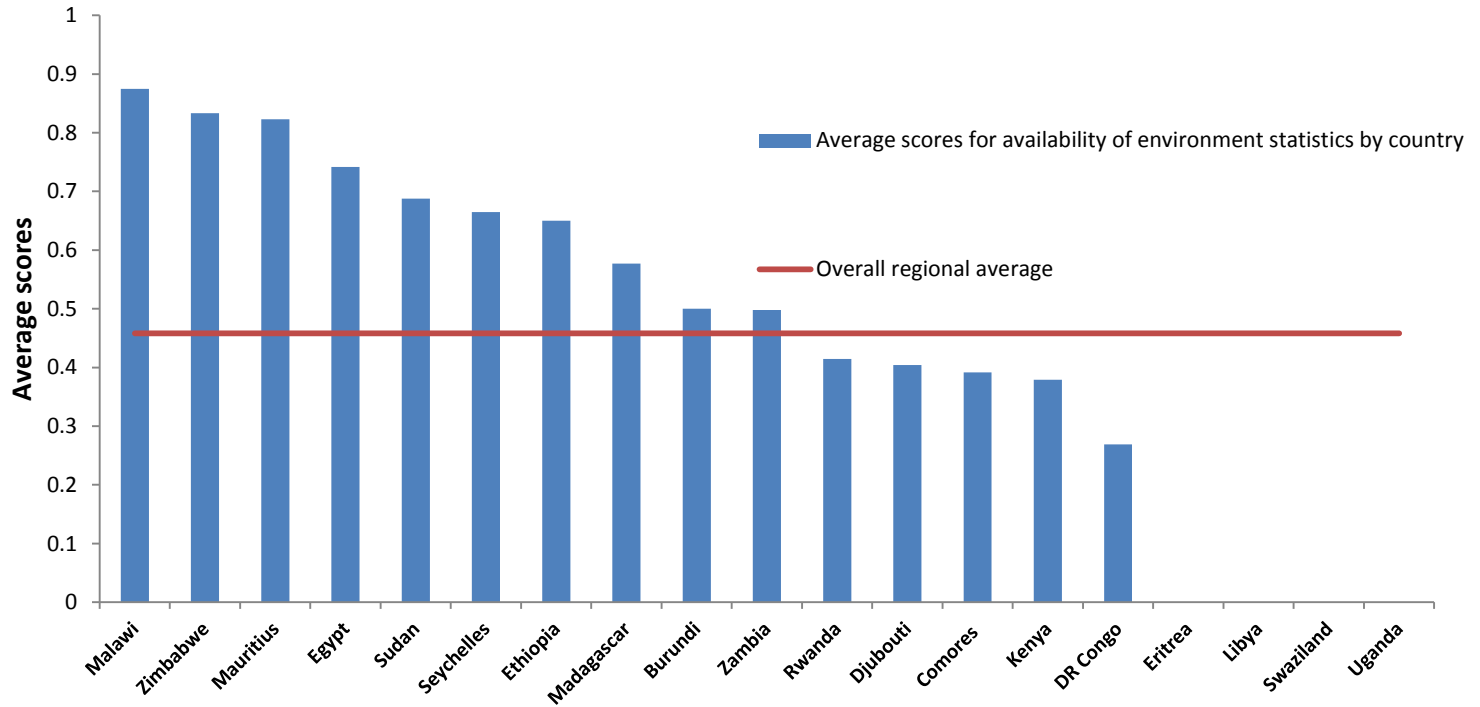
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Background

- COMESA Assessment on Environmental Statistics
- Development of roadmap

Availability of Environmental Statistics

Availability of environment statistics by country



Categorization of countries

- Strong Environment Statistics (ES): Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Egypt;
- Medium ES: Seychelles, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Burundi, Zambia;
- Weak/poor ES: the rest.

COMESA ES Roadmap

- Building of partnerships with UNSD, other sub regional agencies and key agencies in development of environment statistics.
- Capacity building at regional and national level.
- Developing the institutional dimension of environment statistics through identification of all stakeholders in the data production process
- Under existing national statistical laws, promote advocacy for clarity on the definition of mandates and competencies of institutions responsible for each sector of environment statistics.
- Enhancement of inter institutional collaboration
- Comprehensively addressing institutional challenges and constraints in finance, human resource, technical capacities and coordination.
- Sector Assessments for both existing and non-existing environment statistics in Member states.
- Compilation and publication of national environment statistics reports.

COMESA ES Roadmap

- Preparatory Stage - Team building, Institutional arrangements, Legal framework and national policy priorities , national strategy for establishing an environment statistics programme; methodological resources;
- Foundational Stage - Assessment; building capacities, inter- and intra-institutional collaboration mechanisms; Defining the environment statistics product(s);
- Operational Stage - Adapting the FDES to the country's needs and priorities; Environment statistics to be produced at the national level; Developing data compilation and collection instruments; Carrying out data validation; · Developing metadata; · Preparing publications; · Preparing launch events; Disseminating environment statistics products; Obtaining feedback;
- Consolidation Stage - Institutionalizing and strengthening of environment statistics units; · Formalizing national inter-institutional collaboration platforms; Allocating budget and staff resources dedicated to environment statistics; Connecting with and participating in regional and global expert groups, networks and resources; Maintaining and further developing environment statistics' coverage and timeliness; Ensuring statistical quality (Source: UNSD Blueprint for Action for the implementation of the FDES 2013).

COMESA ES Roadmap

- In most countries, the national statistical offices, which normally oversee the national statistical system and coordinate these platforms, must have adequate authority, resources and capacities to lead the multi-stakeholder processes.
- Depending on the institutional set up, in many developing countries the coordination of the national environmental information systems lies with the environmental ministry or equivalent institution.
- The program will take into account that in different countries the leading/responsible institution for environment statistics and for leading the described inter-agency platforms or committees could rest upon the national statistical office, the ministry of environment, or be a joint effort.

COMESA ES Roadmap

Monitoring and evaluation will include:-

- Annual reports that will be submitted by each Member state NSO and consolidated by the COMESA Secretariat for presentation to the COMESA Committee on Statistical Matters.
- Within Member states, quarterly reports should be compiled and submitted to the COMESA Secretariat.
- Regional workshops of environmental statisticians dealing with the initiation of project review and implementation issues.
- Country visits by COMESA Secretariat.
- Peer review and exchange arrangements based on promotion of country best practice.

First regional workshop on the implementation of the FDES 2013 organized by UNSD and COMESA

(Mauritius, 26-29 January 2015)

- Workshop gathered some 45 participants from 13 countries from national statistical offices and ministries of environment, as well as regional and international organizations (UNSD, COMESA, UNDP, IOC).
- Workshop focused on, inter alia,: presentations on FDES 2013 components, sub-components and Basic/Core Sets of Environment Statistics; application of the Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT); GIS and remote sensing; and the draft Methodological Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics.
- First sub-regional workshop in the southern and eastern African region in recent years. It is envisioned that UNSD will organize a workshop of a similar nature in June 2015 where COMESA member states who did not participate in this workshop as well as East African Community (EAC) member states shall receive training, as part of the Development Account 9th Tranche Project.
- It is planned for UNSD to continue collaborating with COMESA in supporting the implementation of the FDES 2013. UNSD and COMESA will coordinate their respective activities to promote a harmonized approach and implementation of the FDES in the COMESA region.

COMESA ES Roadmap (2015-2017)

- Activities/Tasks

- Team building/ institutional set up
- Assessment
- Data collection for priority FDES core set of statistics
- Formulate Roadmap on the development of non-existent environment statistics
- Prepare tabulations and analysis of data including validation

- Outputs

- National coordination mechanism for FDES implementation set up
- National assessment/survey on environment statistics status undertaken
- Plan of action on filling data gaps on environment statistics completed
- National environment statistics bulletin published