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UN GLOBAL PLATFORM REGIONAL HUB FOR BIG DATA FOR AFRICA

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OVERVIEW



- ❑ UN Global Platform-Regional hub for Africa is hosted in Kigali at the Data Science Campus and the training center of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR).
- ❑ With significant support provided by the Government of Rwanda, UNDESA and UNECA.
- ❑ ONS, UK is building capacities to operationalize the hub.
- ❑ Now working to put in place Governance structures where all stakeholders in the region will be represented : NSOs, Private sector, Civil Society, Academia and Pan-African Institutions (AfDB, African Union Commission among others).

FOCUS OF THE HUB



Main Objectives :

1. Facilitates access to engage and contribute to UNGP resources and community for statistical development in the region:
 - Developed methods, algorithms and tools
 - Data sets
 - Capacity building opportunities available at UNGP
2. Build Big Data capability for official statistics in the region.
3. Proof of concept Centre for Big Data research project activities in official statistics of interest to Africa.

ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Physical space: working space, training space and Big Data lab have been furnished and ICT infrastructure acquisition is completing soon supported by the Government of Rwanda, the World Bank and the East African Community (EAC);
- ❑ Staff to support the Hub starting operations have been provided by the both Rwanda NSO and UNECA.
- ❑ With the support of UNECA, we started Trainings starting with a Data science leadership training of Head of NSOs of 11 African countries which took place on (date).

ACTIVITIES

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Going forward the focus will be:

- Mentoring NSOs in including Big Data into their work
- Facilitate NSOs in the region to access and utilize resources on UN Global Platform
- Mobilising partners and stakeholders in the region
- Organise online training programs and physical programs both at the hub and in countries of the region.

Conclusion

Covid-19 pandemic affected the speed of operationalizing the hub. However with the ease of restrictions and the developments that have been done in these 2 years, we are optimistic that the work will go back on track.



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