



Break-out group 1B: SUMMARY

Session 1: Strengthening the institutional and organisational frameworks of National Statistical Systems (NSS)



What are the main incentives for strengthening the institutional and organisational frameworks of your respective NSSs?

- Creation of a harmonized legal framework that addresses all statistics producers (Statistics Acts)
 - Results in empowerment of NSOs
- Existence of National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) and sector statistics plans
 - Helps to prioritize and promote coordination
 - Statistical capacity building
 - Reduction of duplication
- Ensure a commitment to quality
 - By meeting regional, continental and international obligations



What challenges and deterrents have you faced/do you expect to face in improving the institutional and organisational frameworks of your respective NSSs?

- Inadequate capacity
 - Limitation by NSOs to coordinate system
- Limited financial resources
- Lack of commitment
 - Political will
 - Lack of interest in use of statistics
- Inadequate legislation resulting in many producers of statistics
- Competition among producers of data
- Lack of co-operation in the access to data



Have you identified in your group some success stories new initiatives or best practices related to the theme of session 1? Please explain shortly.

- Rwanda: elevation of profile of NSO and position of Director General
 - Assured funding
 - Over 70% funded by government (ensuring core activities take place annually)
 - Increased authority
 - Director General position is equivalent to a minister
 - Institutions have to clear data with NSO before release
 - PM can be approached directly
 - Increased credibility and resilience of NSO
 - Trust in statistics products due to autonomous status



What kind of support is missing from bilateral and multilateral partners in that respect?

- Training
 - Investment in NSOs capacity building
 - Provide internship opportunities in international/regional organizations
- Effective co-ordination of development partners at regional level
 - Will reduce duplication
 - Opposing agendas
- Continued advocacy of established frameworks by partners



Is there anything important that seems not to be covered in the handbook and/or was not discussed in session 1?

- Guidance on funding for NSOs
 - Percentage of government budget to be dedicated to statistical services
 - Creation of trust fund