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