



Break-out group 2B: SUMMARY

Session 2: Securing quality of statistical information and improving data coherence through statistical analysis and analytical frameworks



Are there any mechanisms in place to secure the quality and coherence of official statistics and indicators? Please explain.

- **The Compendium of Statistical Terms and Concepts** (Zambia, Lesotho, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and South Sudan)
- **Stakeholder Workshops and Consultations** (All member countries)
- **Data Quality Assurance Frameworks (National/IMF) - DQAF** (All)
- **Statistics Codes of Practice** - (Mauritius, Nigeria)
- **National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)** - Liberia, Zambia, South-Sudan, Nigeria, Zimbabwe)
- **Review of the Statistics Act** - (Zambia) to enhance coordination role and strengthen its ability to carry out other functions necessary for delivering quality statistics.



How are your main user groups, both inside and outside the government, consulted and engaged in your respective initiatives for securing the quality of official statistics?

- Bilateral engagements and consultations with MDAs (Namibia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria)
 - User- Producer Workshops (Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Nigeria)
 - National Consultative Committee on Statistics
 - Technical Working Groups (TWG)
 - MoUs with collaborating Partners (Zambia, Namibia)
 - Online Template posted with Raw Data - Prices and GDP Data(South Sudan)
 - Training Workshops for Provincial and District Staff using Video Conferencing - Ethiopia
 - Data Validation Sessions - South Sudan
 - Consultations with the Unions (Mauritius)
 - Press Releases - Zambia (Every last Thursday on the month), Liberia, Mauritius
 - Dissemination Workshops - (Ethiopia)
 - Advocacy Efforts during major events - Africa Statistics Day and World Statistics Day (Liberia and Ethiopia)



Can you provide us with any relevant success stories, new initiatives or best practices?

- **Harmonisation of Trade Statistics - (Nigeria and South Sudan)** - consultations with the central bank, Finance Ministry, Customs and National Oils Company.
- **Road Block Surveys - South Sudan** - Enumerators with GPS Devices deployed on Trucks to collect information on extortions at Road Block.
- **Successful Implementation of DQAF in 5 Ministries** - Ethiopia
- **SDG Baseline Report and Better coding of Trade Data and faster (after training)** - Zambia
- **Better reporting of Trade and VAT data by companies** - Mauritius
- **Use of ISIC classification by the Revenue Authorities after training and successful revision of the Stats Law to allow data sharing in Zambia .**



- **Increased response rate - 98.5% in 2013 DHS & *first ever digitalised census about to commence* - Liberia (Zambia)**
- **Disaggregated CPI to zonal level - Namibia**
- **The first ever use of CAPI for Population Census, with results published within 1year - Lesotho**
- **Better Dissemination of Data and better Use of the Data by citizens (Open Data Platforms) - Zambia & Liberia**



What additional support from bilateral and multilateral partners should could support efforts for securing the quality of official statistics

- **Better Coordination amongst partners to avoid duplication of efforts and confusion. - (All)**
- **Work closely with NSOs on statistical related matters - (All)**
- **More support for technical capacity development, particularly in the area of economic statistics - Zimbabwe**
- **More consideration for the needs of the countries, not just partner needs - South Sudan**
- **Use of consultants when working with NSO, there should be more consideration for knowledge transfer - Mauritius**



Have we missed any issues in the Handbook or in the discussions in session 2 that you would like to see covered?

- **Statistical Development Indicator - ECA**
- **Clarify the relationship and/or difference between the Statistical Board and the Statistical *Council* - Ethiopia**
- **More light on how to balance confidentiality and openness of data - Ethiopia**
- **Who should constitute the membership of the national statistical system - Ethiopia**
- **Clarification on what Branding means - Ethiopia**