

# Background

- ECOWAS Environmental policy
- Framework for ECOWAS agreed set of environmental statistics and indicators
- UNSC revised FDES 2013

# Introduction

- This workshop is organized by UNSD in collaboration with ECOWAS Commission
- This Workshop on Environment Statistics is in support of the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013)
- It is for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region.

# Introduction.....

- The workshop became necessary because monitoring and measurement of progress towards environmental sustainability is non existing in the region.
- Where it exists it is weak due to lack of records and insufficient production of environmental statistics and indicators.
- FDES 2013 was endorsed by UNSC at its 44<sup>th</sup> session in 2013 in New York.
- The framework is aimed at strengthening environment statistics programmes in countries.

# Introduction....

- The UNSC recognized FDES 2013 as a useful tool in the context of sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda.
- The implementation of the FDES will help countries to address the increasing demand for integrated information in support of integrated policies in the follow-up to Rio+20 and the post-2015 development agenda through the strengthening of environmental statistics and indicators.

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- The implementation programme for the FDES 2013 and its supporting materials represents a global statistical initiative.
- The implementation strategy focuses on the development and strengthening of the processes for the collection and compilation of basic data, and the integration of data in an FDES 2013 context.

# Introduction....

- The Workshop is part of UNSD regular programme of technical cooperation to support the implementation of the FDES in member states.
- UNSD held a similar Workshop in Arusha, Tanzania for the East African Community (EAC) countries as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> tranche Development Account Project.
- In this way Africa will receive common training on the implementation of the FDES 2013 thereby promoting harmonized approaches in environment statistics.

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- UNSD has a long standing relationship with the ECOWAS Commission on environment statistics.
- UNSD assisted ECOWAS with the development of a “Framework for Strengthening Capacity in the Development and Institutionalization of Environment Statistics in the Region”.
- ECOWAS with the help of UNSD developed a regional set of environmental indicators and related methodology sheets, which we have not been able to implement.

# Strategy

- The Workshop represents a substantial part of the strategy to build regional and national capacities for the implementation of the FDES 2013.
- It aims at providing participants from NSOs and selected MDAs with detailed knowledge and understanding of contemporary approaches to environment statistics.
- At the end, Participants will be able to identify gaps and deficiencies in environmental data, and contribute to the production of regular, accurate and reliable environment statistics in their respective countries.

# Objectives

- To build national capacities for the implementation of the FDES 2013.
- To constitute regional focal points for the integration and implementation of FDES 2013 into ECOWAS core set of environmental statistics.
- To acquaint participants from NSOs and MDAs with detailed knowledge and understanding of contemporary approaches to environment statistics.

# Expected Outcome

- Participants would have been trained on basic concepts, methods and best practices in environment statistics based on the FDES 2013;
- To provide a forum for exchange of information on the status of national environment statistics;
- To enhance the capacity of statisticians in the ECOWAS member states to improve their capabilities in environment statistics;
- Reviewed ECOWAS regional set of environmental indicators in relation to the FDES 2013 Basic Set of Environment Statistics; and
- Enhanced regional programme on environment statistics for the ECOWAS member states.

# Main Activities

- The Workshop will consist of:
  - i. Series of experts' presentations,
  - ii. Sharing of country practices,
  - iii. Discussion of lessons learned from country practices,
  - iv. Facilitated group discussions,
  - v. Presentations by resource persons will cover, the characteristics and basic concepts of environment statistics,
  - vi. The conceptual foundation and the structure of the FDES 2013,
  - vii. The six components of the FDES 2013,
  - viii. FDES 2013 supporting materials such as the Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT) will also be presented and discussed.