The Africa Information Highway (AIH)



A Regional Platform





Background

- The Africa Information Highway (AIH) is the AfDB's initiative that has linked the African countries through the Open Data Platform.
- ➤ The AfDB's Open Data Portal (ODP) was developed in response to the increasing demand for statistical data and indicators relating to African Countries.
- ➤ High Level Forum for Aid Effectiveness, Busan, Dec 2011 => Busan Action Plan for Statistics (BAPS)—call to promote full access to official statistics
- AU Summit of July 2012 (AfDB, AUC, and ECA) to support countries to develop effective data management and dissemination systems
- ➤ Part of the African Information Highway (AIH) where the Bank has installed similar portals in all 54 African countries and several regional organizations.
- Make AfDB a hub/knowledge center for development data on RMCs







Data Management



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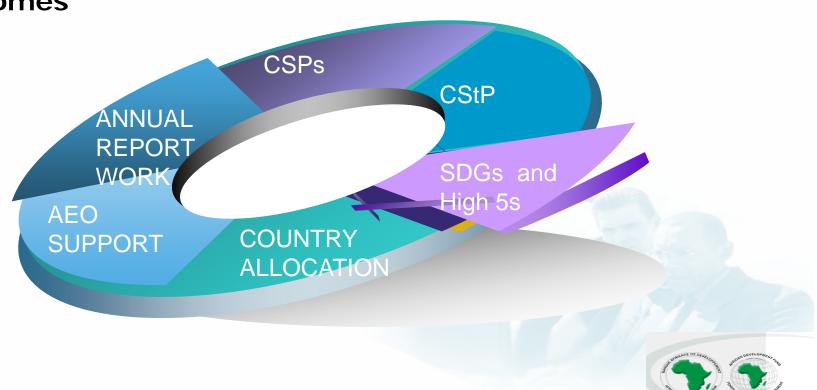


- 1. Sector work (Social, macroeconomic, External, SDGs and High 5s, Operations)
- 2. Support to Operations, Research, Other Bank Departments
- 3. Data Portal and Open Data Management
- 4. Publications and Web Dissemination
- 1. Institutions
- 2. Groups of experts
- 3. General public
- 1. Software Training
- 2. Technical workshops
- Networking and sharing of best practices
- 4. Statistical operations and other interventions
- 5. Networking and Field Mission



Work as part of Country Team

Outcomes





Data Strategy

Team Work

International Sources

Country and Sector Work

Country Data Africa Information Highway

Data Validation

Data Dissemination









Standing Publications

•African
Statistical
Journal

- Gender,Poverty &Environmental Indicators
- The AfDBStatisticsPocketbook

- AfricanStatisticalYearbook –Joint withECA, AUC
- Compendium of Statistics on BankGroupOperations
- Publicationon ICP

African Economic
Outlook

Market Briefs









Data by Topics



Energy



Infrastructure



ICT



Feed Africa -Agriculture



Prices



Public Finance



Industry - Production

Monetary Statistics



Regional Integration

Debt



Social

Balance of Payments



National Accounts



Governance



Financial Flows



AFDB Operations

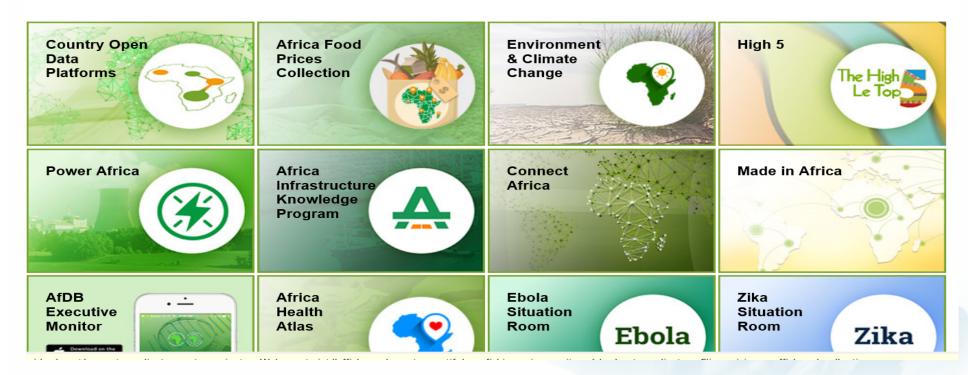
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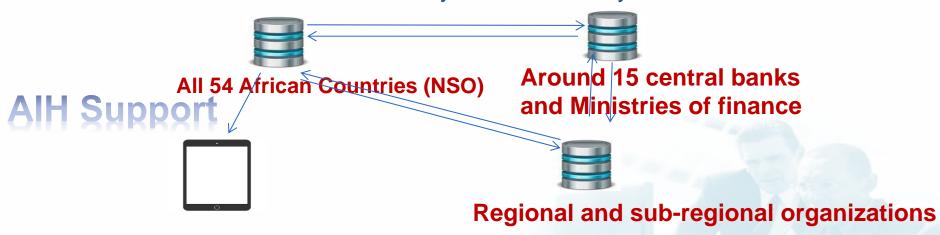
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The installation started in January 2013 and the system is now available in:









AIH Support

- A team is so establish to work closely and assist countries since 2012 for this implementation
- The team also assist on data upload and data update
- All these years on assisting countries give to the team a very good understanding of:
 - a. All challenges that countries are facing on statistics domain from data production to dissemination or data sharing
 - b. Also on what is needed to better assist African countries in Statistics in general but also in Open Data initiative and implementing standards like SDMX in particular



The AfDB's Open Data Portal **Support to the High Fives**

- Pronouncement of Bank President on the "High 5s" priority agenda.
 -light up and power Africa, feed Africa, integrate Africa, industrialize
 Africa, and improve the quality of life for the people of Africa.
- Mapped Statistics activities to the High 5s
- Prepared monitoring indicators for the High 5s
- Developed tools and applications to support the priority areas.
- Some of the key applications to be discussed in next few slides.
- All applications can be accessed via the Open Data Portal (ODP).

http://dataportal.opendataforafrica.org/



Applications **Africa Food Prices**

- ➤ The Portal disseminate weekly price data on various agricultural products, including cereals, meat, fish, vegetables, oils, fruits, dairy products and other food items in Africa.
- ➤ Recent major economic events including the food crisis and the energy price surge have increased the need for timely high-frequency data.
- > Standard survey methods lag behind in meeting this demand, due to the high cost of collecting detailed sub-national data, the time delay usually associated with publishing the results, and the limitations to publishing detailed data.
- Data are collected on a weekly basis using modern technologies and crowd sourcing techniques.
- The collected data are compiled into a comprehensive and up-to-date commodity price dataset that can be accessed freely by users
- Supports the Feed Africa priority area http://africafoodprices.io/



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Implementation of the SDGs



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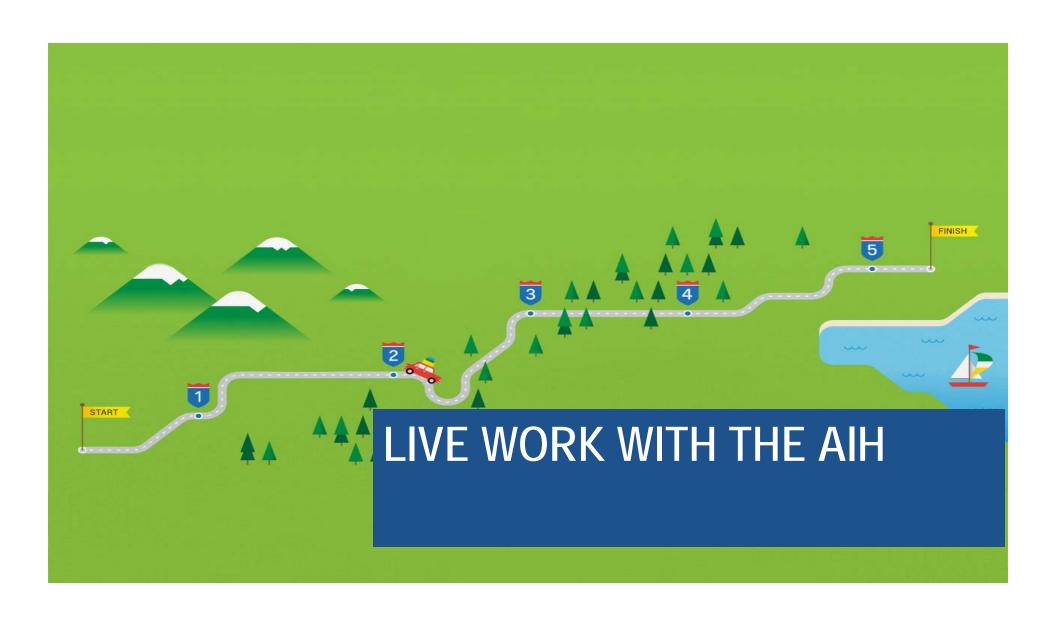




REGIONAL SDGs DATA HUB

Users can get the Data Report by Goal







Intranet

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Internet

https://www.afdb.org/en/knowledge/stat istics/africa-information-highway-aih/

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All Reports

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Africa is ready to implement SDMX but a lot of required actions are necessary:

- > Assist them on Internet connection
- ➤ Assist them on improving their IT infrastructure
- ➤ Assist them on capacity building to be able to conduct themselves SDMX project for their own needs
- ➤ Resource Mobilisation

Open Data Portal **Questions?**

➤ Thanks for your attention

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