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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP

Brief description of the organisation¹	The AfDB is a multilateral development bank whose shareholders comprise 53 African countries (regional member countries – RMCs) and 24 non-African countries (non-regional member countries – non-RMCs). It was established in 1964 and officially began operations in 1967. It is headquartered in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire; however, because of political disturbance in Côte d’Ivoire, the ADB Governors’ Consultative Committee (GCC), at a meeting in February 2003 in Accra, Ghana, decided to move the Bank to its current temporary location in Tunis, Tunisia.
Mission²	The Bank Group’s primary objective is to promote sustainable economic growth to reduce poverty in Africa. It achieves this objective by financing a broad range of development projects and programs through (i) public sector loans (including policy-based loans), private sector loans, and equity investments; (ii) technical assistance for institutional support projects and programs; (iii) public and private capital investment; (iv) assistance in coordinating RMC development policies and plans; and (v) grants of up to US\$ 500,000 in emergency support. The Bank prioritizes national and multinational projects and programs that promote regional economic cooperation and integration. :
Fields of Activity/ structure <i>Statistics</i>	<p>The Statistics Department’s field of activity lies in (i) the production of Economic and Social Statistics on member countries; and (ii) statistical capacity building in member countries;</p> <p>The Statistics Department (ESTA) is located in the complex of the Chief Economist (ECON) and carries out its responsibilities through two divisions: the Economic and Social Statistics Division (ESTA1) and the Statistical Capacity Building Division (ESTA2).</p>
Mandate	The primary role of the Statistics Department is to contribute to the effective development of statistical capacity and systems in African countries to support the MDGs and results agenda. It is also responsible for developing and managing databases on economic, social and development cooperation statistics in Africa in collaboration with African countries and regional and international agencies. The Department also provides support to the Bank’s operations departments and ensures the mainstreaming of statistical capacity and data issues in all country strategies and operations of the Bank.
Statistical work programme	Multiannual 3 year programme intended to provide an overview of the strategies, priorities and work plans for the period. However, the current programme is for 2 year period covering the period 2009-2010.

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

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Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 26 Regular staff and about 15 long term consultants
Flagship Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ African Statistical Yearbook (joint AfDB, AU & ECA) ▪ The MDG Report (joint AfDB, AU & ECA) ▪ Gender, Poverty and Environmental Indicators for African Countries ▪ Compendium of Statistics on Bank Group Operations ▪ African Statistical Journal ▪ Comparative Incomes, Output and Price Levels in Africa ▪ ADB Statistics Pocketbook ▪ The Wall Chart on MDGs ▪ The Annual Report of the Bank ▪ African Economic Outlook (statistical tables)
Website	http://www.afdb.org

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