UNSD, in collaboration with the Statistics South Africa, has organized a five-day workshop on population projections for English speaking African countries. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the technical capacity of the participating countries to generate population projections, to learn about related software packages, and also provided a forum to exchange experiences and lessons learned among the participating countries. Participants will also. The workshop, which brought together 37 participants from 23 countries, was structured to include a combination of lectures and hands-on exercises.

On 30 October, all the participants were invited to an event at which Statistics South Africa announced and presented highlights of the results of the 2011 census. The results, which were presented to and received by the president of South Africa, showed a population of 51.7 million.