

# Capacity Development on Migration and Forced Displacement Statistics in Africa

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# Introduction

- ❖ Two main policies for migration in Africa:
  - ❖ AU revised Migration Policy Framework (MPFA 2018-2030) and Plan of Action;
  - ❖ Joint AU-ILO-IOM-ECA Programme on the Governance of Labour Migration for Development and Integration in Africa
  
- ❖ Two political Instruments for the development of Statistics in Africa
  - ❖ African Charter on Statistics
  - ❖ Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA 1 and SHaSA 2)
  
- ❖ Institutional Commitment for the development of Statistics and Migration in Africa
  - ❖ African Union Institute for Statistics (STATAFRIC)
  - ❖ African Migration Observatory (AMO), African Centre for Study and Research on Migration (ACSRM), Operational Centre on Irregular Migration.

# Specialized Technical Group on Migration Statistics

- ❖ SHaSA 2: Eighteen Specialised Technical Groups (STGs) were set up on identified statistical areas, with the mandate to:
  - ❖ prepare and implement sectoral action plans for statistical harmonization in the area concerned;
  - ❖ develop and adapt the national, regional and continental standards and methodological guidelines for statistical harmonization in their respective fields to the international standards and methodological guidelines.
  
- ❖ The Specialized Technical Group on Migration (STG-Migration) is one of the eighteen SHaSA 2 STGs.

# Specialized Technical Group on Migration

- ❖ Mandate of the STG of SHaSA2:
  - ❖ Lead the process of strengthening and harmonizing Migration statistics in Africa;
  - ❖ work with Ministries of Labour, Migration and any other relevant Agencies on Migration for the harmonization and development of Migrations statistics at national, regional and continental level in Africa in line with the international standard.
  
- ❖ STATAFRIC is the technical secretariat of the STG Migration. The Member by AU geographical regions are:
  - ❖ North Africa: Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.
  - ❖ Southern Africa: Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.
  - ❖ West Africa: Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal.
  - ❖ Central Africa: Cameroon, Congo and Gabon.
  - ❖ East Africa: Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya and Uganda.

# The Africa Migration Data Network - Background

- In January 2020, at the margins of the International Forum on Migration Statistics (IFMS), a workshop on “Strengthening Migration Data Capacities in Africa” was organized;
- Participants agreed on the need to establish a network composed of migration data focal points across African Union Member States and Regional Economic Communities;
- **STATAFRIC, IOM-GIMDAC, OECD, SCB.**

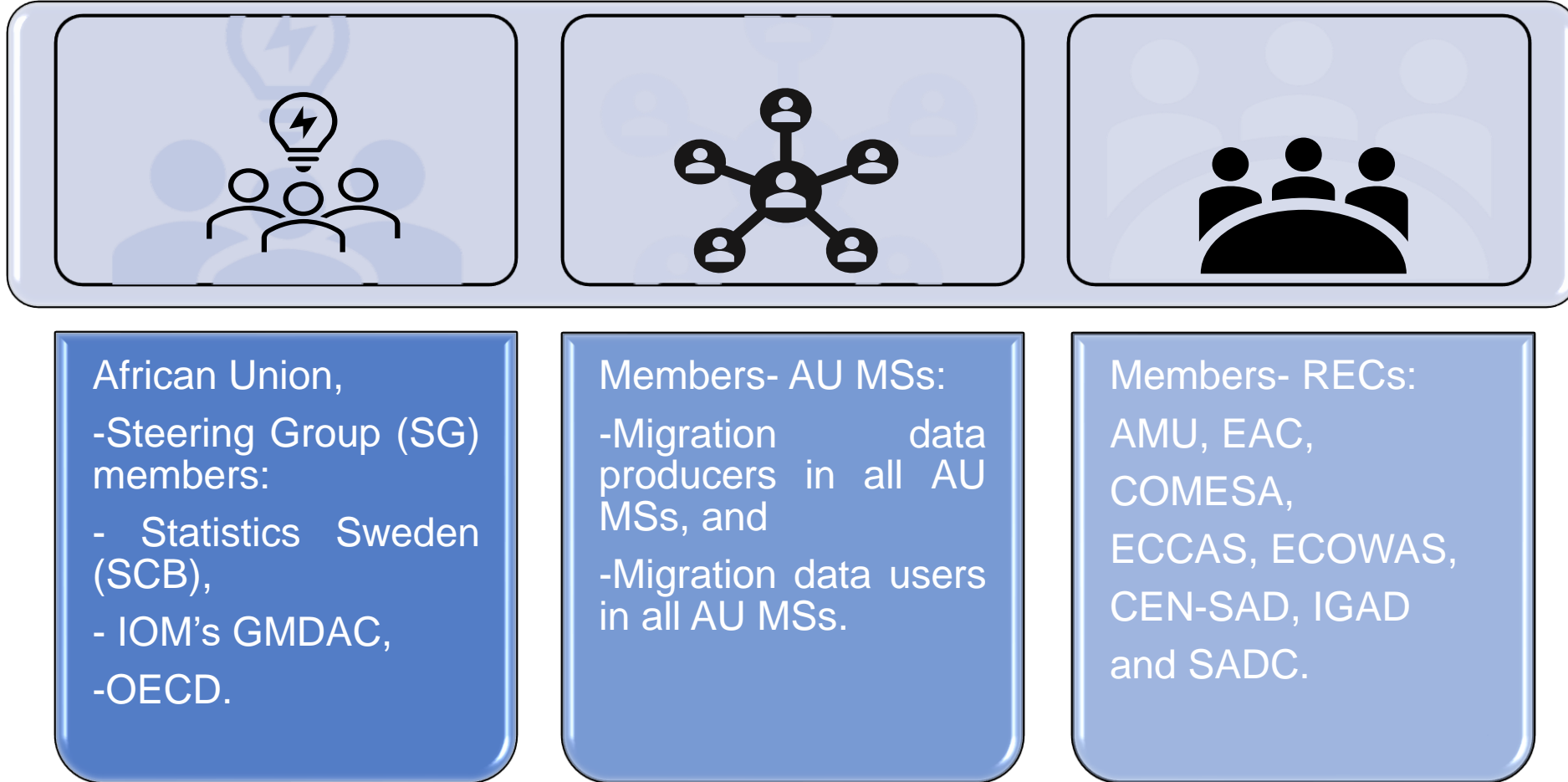


# The Africa Migration Data Network – Overall Objectives



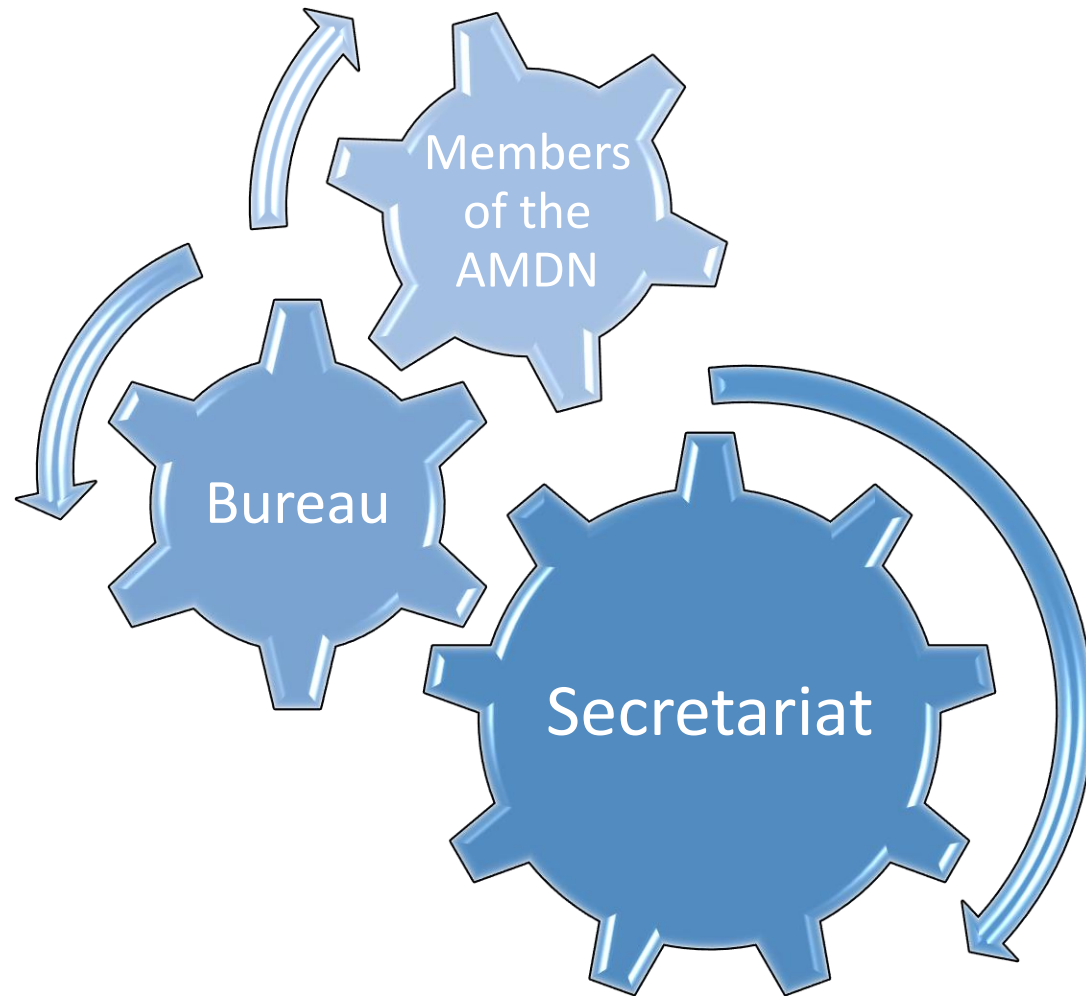
- Promote a continental exchange of good practices on migration data issues;
- Facilitate coordination and collaboration among members of the network in the implementation of migration data-related initiatives;
- Promote the sharing of migration data across Africa;
- Contribute to efforts to harmonize migration concepts, definitions and data methods, contributing to the comparability of data across countries and to improving the evidence base on migration in the continent.

# The Africa Migration Data Network – Membership





# The Africa Migration Data Network – Structure



- **Secretariat:**
  - Enhance the coordination between the bureau and members of the AMDN,
  - Ensure the sustainability of the AMDN's activities,
  - Fund raising.
- **Bureau:** one representative from each region.
- **Members of the AMDN.**
- **Activities:** Summer School on Migration Statistics, Webinars, Africa Migration Profile, Disaggregation of Data by status of Migrant for Pilot Countries,...

# AU Experiences on Irregular Migration, IDP and statelessness statistics

- ❖ Develop a guideline on “Measuring Irregular Migration and Associated Protection Risks (Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrations, IDP and Refugees)”;
  
- ❖ STATAFRIC is member of EGRISS:
  - ❖ STATAFRIC and EGRISS are supporting AU Member State for the production of Statistics on Irregular Migration, IDP and statelessness statistics (ECOWAS, IGAD);
  - ❖ Share the good practices and lessons learnt on forced displaced and migration statistics within the continent and beyond.
  - ❖ Support the implementation in Africa of the various methodologies developed by EGRISS;
  - ❖ Contribute in the development of recommendations on statelessness statistics and make sure that African specificities are integrated in the methodologies and recommendations developed by EGRISS.

# Africa: Promotion of inclusive official statistics on migration, forced displacement and statelessness

- ❖ STATAFRIC is supporting the AU Member States to produce migration through:
  - ❖ Population and Housing Census (PHC);
  - ❖ Regular Surveys;
  - ❖ Administrative sources of data;
  - ❖ Explore new/alternative data sources.
  
- ❖ Advocacy and Technical support to AU Member States and RECs:
  - ❖ National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and RSDS;
  - ❖ National Statistical Law/Act;
  - ❖ National Plan for Migration;
  - ❖ Set up the National and regional TWG on Migration Statistics;
  - ❖ National Coordination Mechanism on Migration (NCM).

# Conclusion

- ❖ STATAFRIC will continue to support AU Member States on the production of forced displacement and Migration Statistics with its Key partners such as IOM, IOM GMDAC, EGRISS, UNHCR, Statistics Sweden, etc..;
- ❖ Ensure coordination with RECs, AU Member States and partners: Enhance connection between efforts to strengthen migration and forced displacement statistics together;
- ❖ Support the dissemination of EGRISS tools and guidance (forthcoming compilers manual);
- ❖ Facilitating peer to peer exchange and learning within and across regions, sharing the African experience and also developing regional partnership with other regions.

Thank you for your kind attention