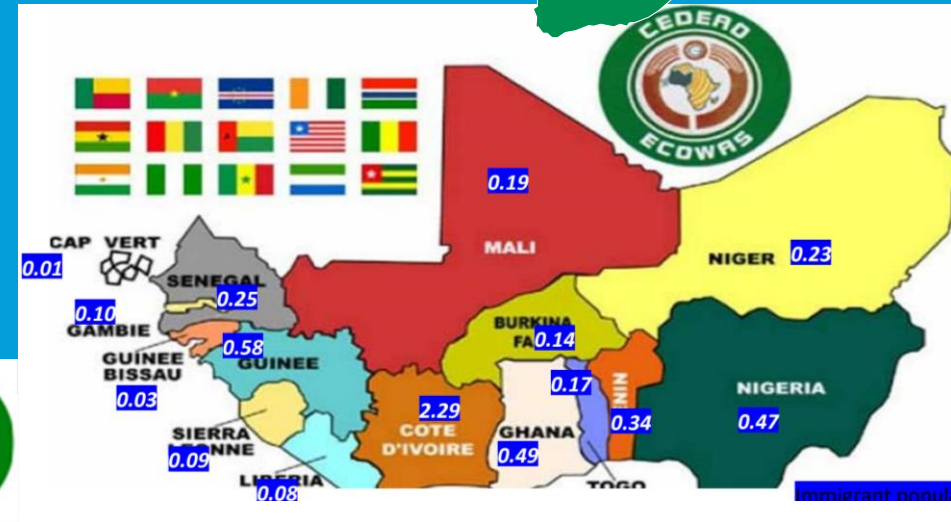
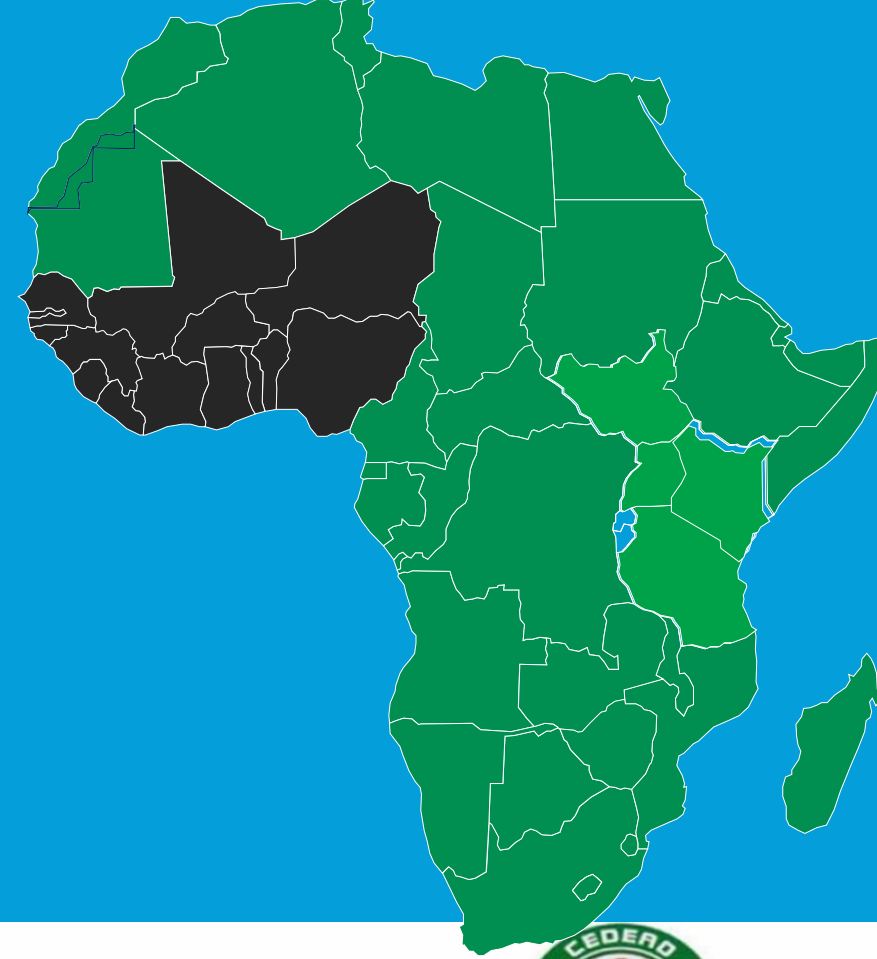


3rd International Forum on Migration Statistics

# PLENARY SESSION 5: STRENGTHENING STATISTICAL CAPACITIES AND FINANCING

VENUE: Santiago, Chile  
DATE: , 24 – 26 January 2023

TOPIC 3: Improve international migration statistics (regional and country perspectives) for better implementation of migration strategies



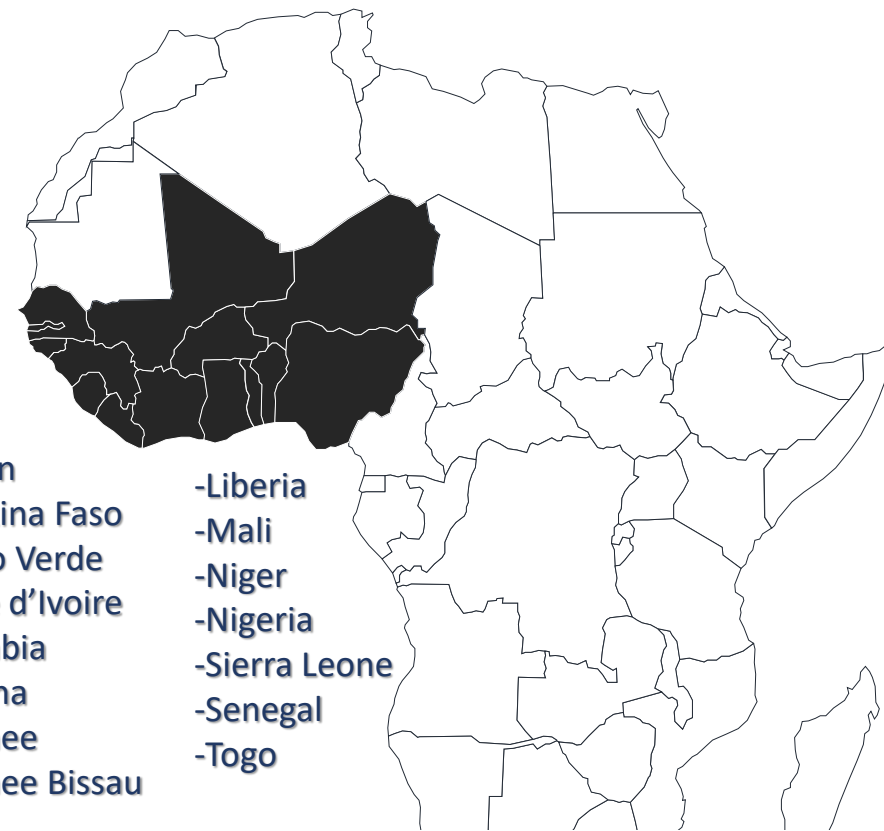
# Introduction

ECOWAS = Economic Community of West African States  
Population in 2020 = 397,2 millions inhabitants can reach  
423 millions in 2022  
The total area = 5,11 millions km<sup>2</sup>  
Population Density = 78 Habitants/Km<sup>2</sup>

ECOWAS HEAD : Guinea Bissau

Official languages: English, French & Portuguese

ECOWAS Commission is Based in Abuja FCT, Nigeria



# SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION

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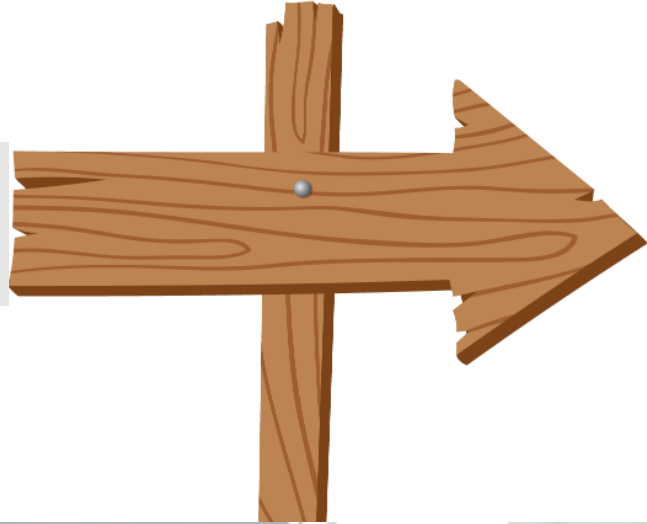
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## What to expect?

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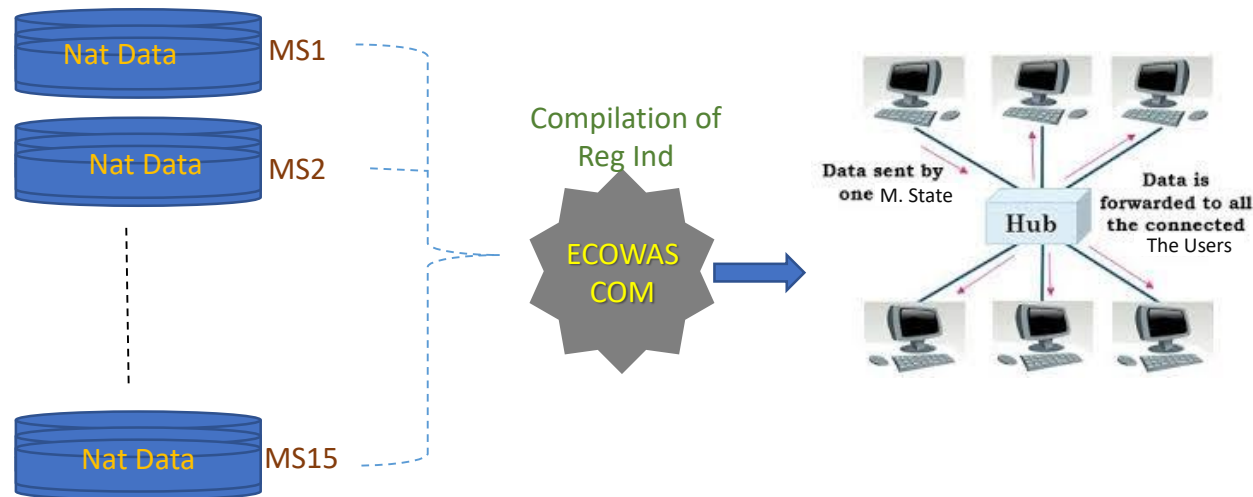
**WE** have



- Developed ECOWAS harmonized Guidelines on collection and management of Migration Data in West Africa: Agree on common definition and concepts (International & continental standards)
- Created in each of all the 15 ECOWAS Member States the National Coordination Committee of collection and management of Migration data:
  - Operational as National Technical Working Groups.
  - Establish a updated network of national Focal Contact Points.
- Settled up a ECOWAS Focal Point in each Member State and Established a Regional network of national Focal Contact Points
- Developed a data collection tools based on 12 Regional harmonized Indicators on Migration in West Africa (International Standards) ;
- Collecting national data through ECOWAS Questionnaire and yearly developing analysis report on regional indicators
- Shared our List of focal Points with AUC, international organisations, and other Agencies involved in migration issues: to get same and Comparative data
- Etc.

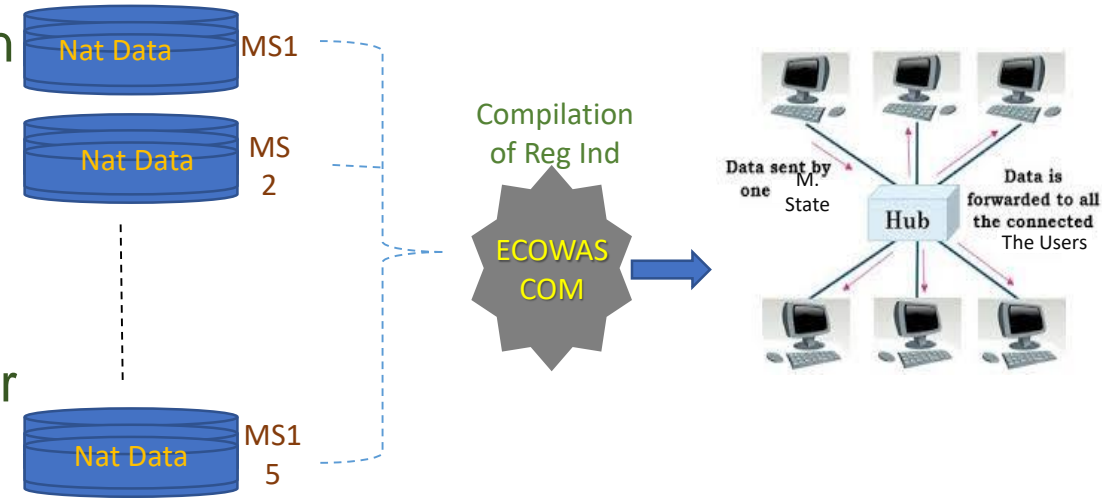
## II- ECOWAS DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT NETWORKS ON MIGRATION

- Sustainable regional network made up of national actors
- It strengthen cooperation of all involved stakeholders in the chain of production of Migration Statistics
- Strengthen National and Regional capacities to frequently collect and manage relevant and quality data on migration
- The establishing of Regional working networks on Mig. Data helps us:
  - To identify/exploit more and better all possible data collection sources
  - To share good practice of estimation, collection and analysis methods, among countries and at regional level
  - To produce updated (yearly) and disseminate on time all the statistics on national and regional migration indicators
  - Define between Experts a sustainable method to estimate missing data, compile and analyzing regional indicators
  - Etc.



# III- MAIN RESULTS ARCHIVED IN TERMS OF EFFECTS

- Existing of RWGMD      Involve National Focal Points to :
  - Regularly collect and manage national data on migration
  - Define between Experts a sustainable method to estimate missing data, compile and analyzing regional indicators
  - Draft ECOWAS yearly report on Regional Migration indicators: 1<sup>st</sup> Edition for 2018 is available, 2nd Edition for 2019&2020 is ongoing
  - Dissemination through NFP on the National Office of Statistics Website



# III- Experiences from Burkina Faso and Cabo Verde

For Burkina Faso it is operational with 1 or 2 meeting in the year to:

- Discuss on migration data issue, relevant and quality data, data collection chain, and estimation method of missing data
- Regularly Compile all the data available and validate the national indicators
- Strengthen their capacity on the harmonized concepts and definitions

- Cabo Verde not operational
- Difficulty to get data on most of regional and international indicators
- No data on Cabo Verde Emigrant stock and flow
- Lack of the data quality
- Delay in production of data
- Etc.



- ❖ INSD of Burkina Faso has Developed a specific module on migration in the questionnaire of last Census (5<sup>th</sup> in 2019)
- ❖ One of the best countries providing most yearly data for ECOWAS and AUC
- ❖ Disseminate through INSD Website
- ❖ Etc.



### III- Experiences from Burkina Faso and Cabo Verde: MAINS RESULTS FOR THE REGION

- Many countries are handling Migration thematic in their Censuses and national survey. Ghana, Gambia, Niger, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire have included Migration Module
- Updated, reliable and relevant data will often be available to facilitate the estimation of missed data
- The ECOWAS 1st report on regional indicator statistics in West Africa Migration Statistics is posted on many NBS Website.



#### *So we need technical and financial supports to:*

- Develop properly migration Component (Regional DATAPORTAL for West Africa),
- Operationalize all the National Coordination Committee on collection and management of Migration Data in all ECOWAS Member States to Improve quality Migration data for Users and Policy markers: Long term support projects from partners for countries and RECs to completely handle migration statistics production
- Pursue capacity building to the actors at national and regional level
- Review of existing tools for collecting and managing statistics on migration in West Africa according to recent international standards

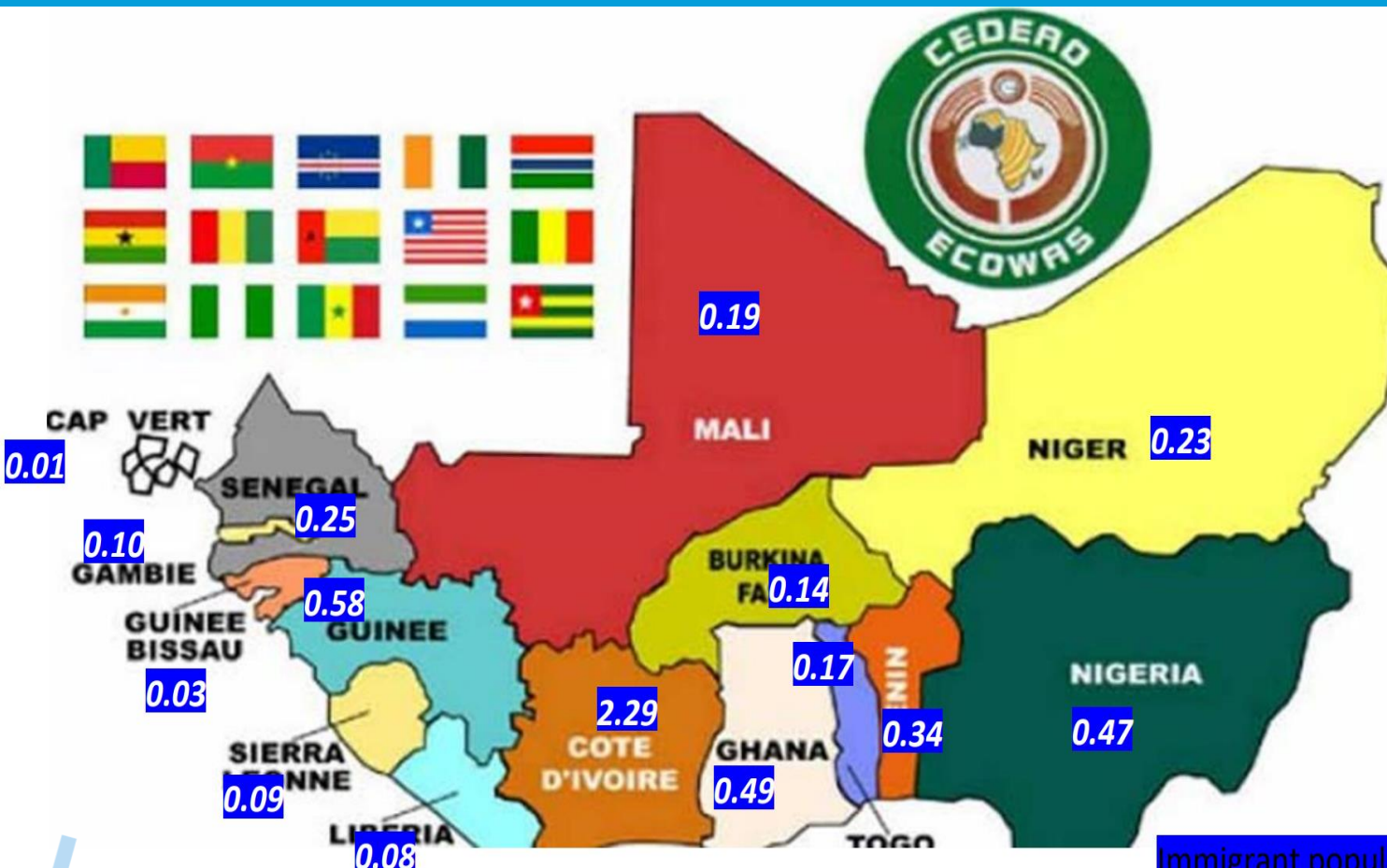
Strengthen Dissemination activities for development policies and strategies implementa



To improve Migration statistics production, We need to :

- Agree on a minimum list of indicators for comparability between countries, RECs and international level
- Develop a Harmonized guides of definition & concept, and also of collection and analysis methods
- Create a network of partners and regularly discuss on their interventions to better coordinate the production chain of Migration statistics, to avoid frequent duplication of efforts in the countries and for more impacts
- Joint data collection activities Sharing experience between countries and accross region.
- Etc.

# Thank you, Merci, Gracias



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