

Regional Workshop for African countries on Compilation of Basic Economic Statistics

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
Statistics South Africa (SSA)

23-26 July, 2007, Pretoria, South Africa

Agenda

Monday, 23 July 2007

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:00 Opening ceremony

UNSD
Statistics South Africa

10:00-10:40 Objectives and organization of the meeting
Administrative matters and introduction of participants
Adoption of the agenda

10:40-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 An overview of economic statistics in African countries: what data series are available and how relevant they are for policy making?

Country presentations

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-15:30 *[cont.]* An overview of economic statistics in African countries: what data series are available and how relevant they are for policy making?

Country presentations

General discussion

15:30-15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50-17:00 Legal and institutional foundations of economic statistics in Africa: issues and policy options; role of international experience

UNSD overview of international experience

Round table discussion of country experiences

Tuesday, 24 July 2007

9:00-10:40 Issues of organization and conduct of economic surveys in the African context

Stat SA presentation on its system of economic surveys.

Round table discussion

10:40-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 [*cont.*] Issues of organization and conduct of economic surveys in the African context

Country presentations

General discussion

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-15:30 Main problems and possible ways to improve economic surveys.

Round table discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

15:30-15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50-17:00 Economic censuses and their role in compilation of economic statistics

UNSD presentation on the recent survey on country practices

General discussion

Wednesday, 25 July 2007

9:00-10:40 Economic census in the African context: when it is needed and how to organize it; problems and possible solutions.

Stat SA presentation on Large Sample Surveys

Country presentations

Round table discussion

10:40-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 Advantages and disadvantages of economic census; plans of African countries to conduct economic censuses in future

General discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-15:30 Can African countries make more progress in use of administrative data in compilation of basic economic statistics?

UNSD presentation on international experience in use of administrative data

Stat SA presentation on Business register

General discussion

15:30-15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50-17:00 Strengthening national statistical infrastructure and interagency cooperation to support more effective data compilation

Stat SA presentation

General discussion

Thursday, 26 July 2007

9:00-10:40 How to make basic economic statistics more useful for compilation of national accounts?

Stat SA and SA Reserve Bank presentations

A round table discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

10:40-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 Towards improved compilation of basic economic statistics in African countries: follow up-actions

A round table discussion

Conclusions and recommendations

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-16:00 Conclusion of the workshop

Evaluation of the workshop