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**Regional Workshop for African countries on  
Compilation of Basic Economic Statistics jointly organized by  
United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and  
African Centre for Statistics at Economic Commission for Africa (ACS)**  
16-19 October 2007, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

## **Provisional Agenda**

**Tuesday, 16 October 2007**

*9:00-9:30*

[1] Registration

*9:30-10:00*

[2] Opening ceremony

UNECA  
UNSD

*10:00-10:55*

[3] Administrative matters

[4] Objectives of the meeting

[5] Adoption of agenda

[6] Challenges facing African countries in the compilation of basic economic statistics and UNSD assistance strategy

Conclusions of the first meeting on compilation of basic economic statistics in African countries (23-26 July 2007, Pretoria, South Africa) – UNSD presentation

*10:55-11:10 Coffee break*

*11:10-12:30*

[6] cont. UNECA overview of economic statistics in African countries

International experience in setting up an economic statistics compilation programme (UNSD - Mr. Leonard Cook, UNSD consultant)

AFDB experience in the use of basic economic statistics and assistance to regional member countries

General discussion

*12:30-14:00 Lunch break*

14:00-15:25

[7] How to establish reliable economic survey frames/lists and keep them updated

(a) Role of economic census: past experiences and future plans

UNSD  
Zambia  
Nigeria  
Kenya

General discussion

15:25-15:40 *Coffee break*

15:40-17:00 (b) Use of administrative data and business registers – a need for strategic planning

South Africa  
Namibia  
Mozambique  
Sierra Leone

General discussion

**Wednesday, 17 October 2007**

9:30-10:55

[8] System of economic surveys: how to organize it in a more efficient way and ensure a better quality of the collected data (*e.g., what types of surveys are needed and why; what are the good practices in survey design and organization as well as in data capture, editing and processing procedures; how to achieve a more integrated system of surveys; challenges in surveying the informal sector*)

UNSD  
Uganda  
South Africa  
Ethiopia  
Kenya  
Malawi

10:55-11:10 *Coffee break*

*11:10-12:30*

[8] cont.                    UNECA  
                                  Cameroon  
                                  Senegal  
                                  Madagascar

*12:30-14:00 Lunch break*

*14:00-15:25*

[8] cont.                    Mali  
                                  Tunisia  
                                  Sierra Leone  
                                  Nigeria

*15:25-15:40 Coffee break*

*15:40-17:00*

[8] cont.                    Zambia  
                                  Namibia  
                                  Togo

**Thursday, 18 October 2007**

*9:30-10:55*

[8] cont.                    Mozambique  
                                  Egypt  
  
                                  General discussion

[9]                    Basic economic statistics as a foundation for sound national accounts

                                  South Africa  
                                  Uganda  
                                  General discussion

*10:55-11:10 Coffee break*

*11:10-12:30*

[10] Measuring data quality and compilation of metadata– international experience and challenges in the African context

UNSD  
Zambia  
Egypt  
Togo  
Tunisia

General discussion

*12:30-14:00 Lunch break*

*14:00-15:25*

[11] Approaches to strengthening national statistical infrastructure and interagency cooperation to support more effective compilation of economic statistics

UNSD - Mr. Leonard Cook, UNSD consultant  
South Africa  
Uganda  
Senegal  
Madagascar

General discussion

*15:25-15:40 Coffee break*

*15:40-17:00*

[12] Data dissemination and work with users

UNECA  
Nigeria  
Malawi

General discussion

**Friday, 19 October 2007**

*9:30-10:55*

- [13] Role of international, regional and sub-regional organizations – ways to make assistance and cooperation programmes more coherent and focused

ECA  
AU  
AFDB  
ECOWAS

General discussion

*10:55-11:10 Coffee break*

*11:10-12:30*

- [14] Towards improved compilation of basic economic statistics in African countries:  
An outline of a mid-term action plan.

A round table discussion

*12:30-14:00 Lunch break*

*14:00-16:00*

- [15] Conclusion of the workshop

- [16] Evaluation of the workshop