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

[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


          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

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[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

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[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


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
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[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


A round table discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-16:00

[15] Conclusion of the workshop

[16] Evaluation of the workshop