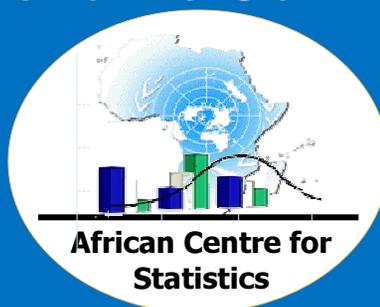


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The Regional Coordinating Role of ECA in the Implementation of SEEA

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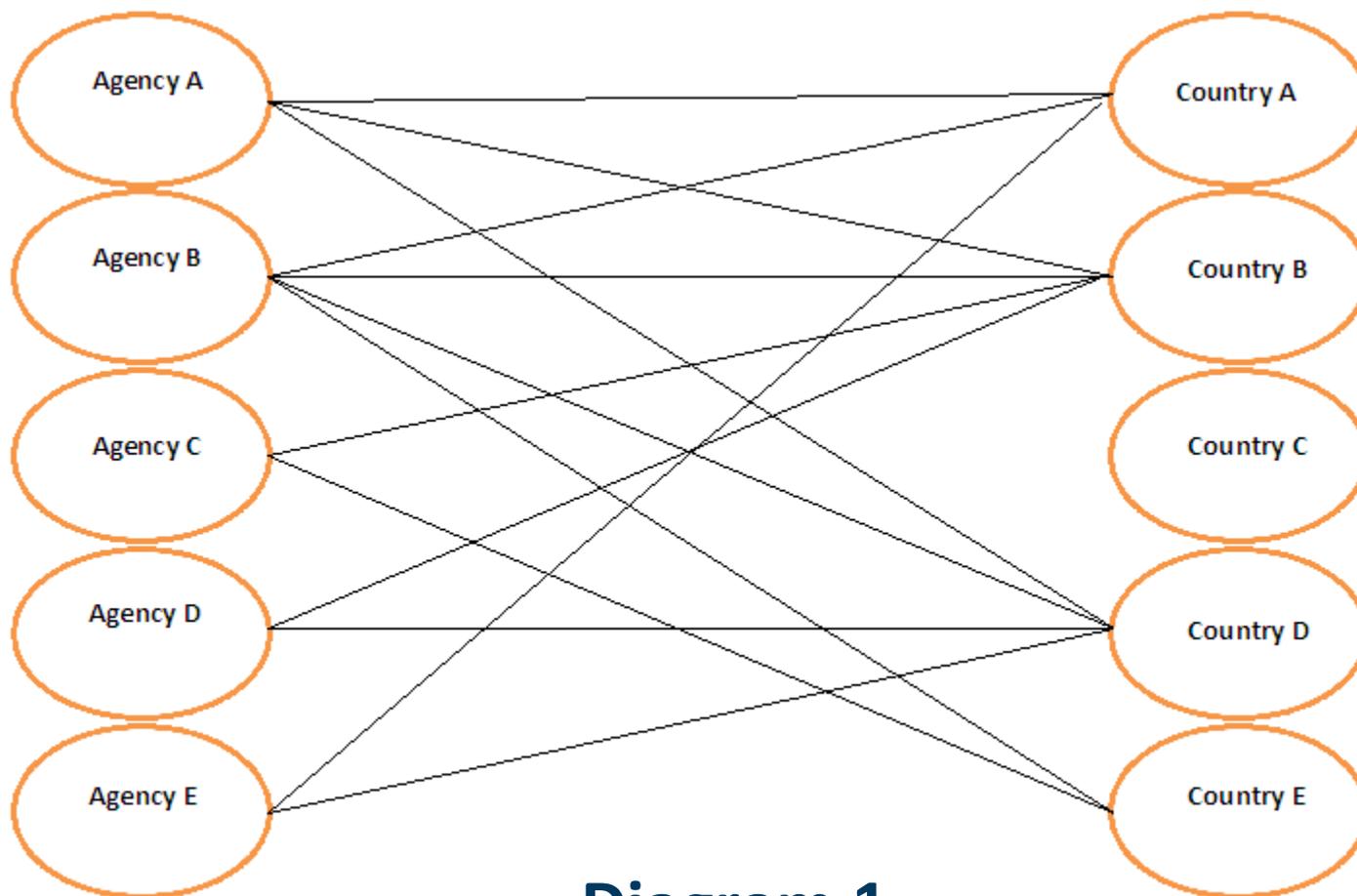
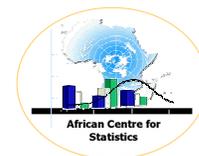


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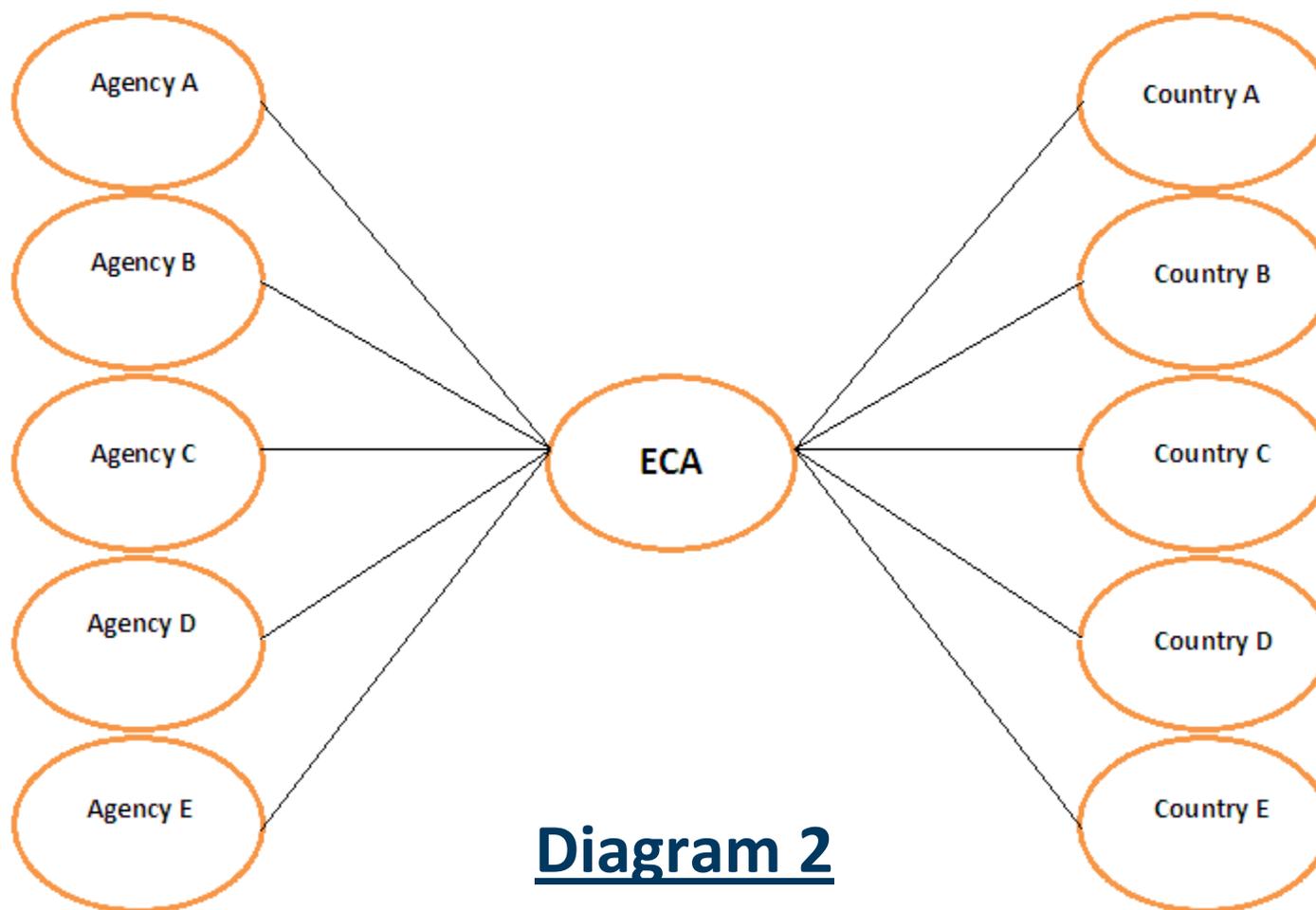


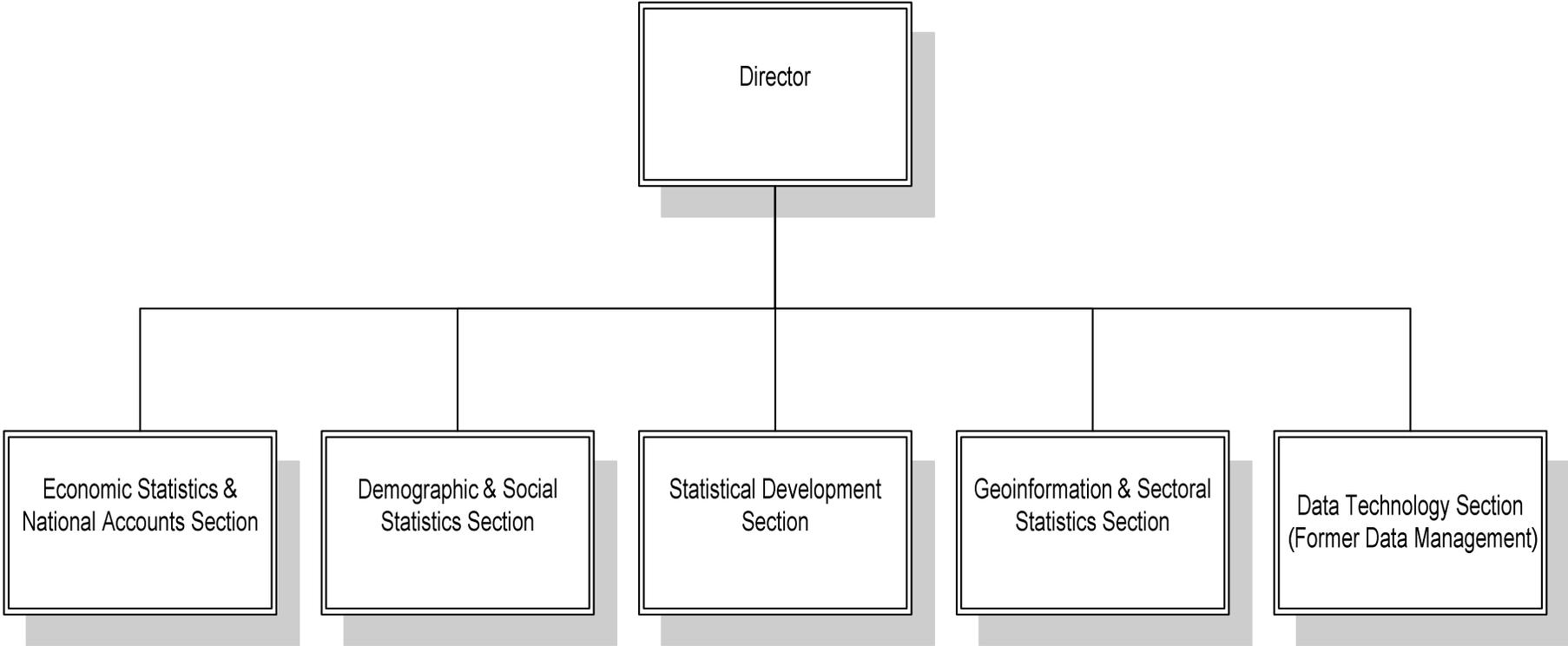
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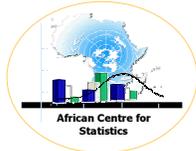
African Center for Statistics

Director, five Chiefs

**+ 40 Professionals
+ 20 General Services**



Total Staff Members: 60+



Focus: Statistics-Based Policy Research

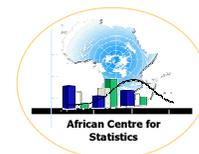
- ECA to be retooled and its programmes to be recalibrated, based on its differentiating factor, so as to make significant contribution to the transformative agenda of the Continent.
- Enhanced support to Member States through focused capacity development intervention: statistics-based policy research on
 - Macroeconomic policy
 - Social development
 - Regional integration and trade
 - Natural resource management
 - Innovation & technology
 - Gender, and
 - Governance.



Policy: African Statistical Common Initiative

By virtue of our proximity to member States and our role as the regional arm of the UN in Africa:

- To formalize interaction with the UN system towards the improvement of collating statistical information and delivering capacity building activities.
- To position itself to coordinate UN system wide work in the area of statistics through formal **MOUs** with specialized agencies.
- To be in the form of the creation of an “***African Statistical Common Initiative***” that will bring together all UN agencies.



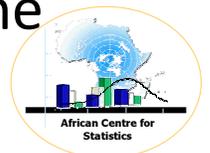
SNA & SEEA: Challenges

- Limited human, financial, and technical resources
- Weak capacity and statistical infrastructure
- Unharmonious national accounts systems on the Continent
- Inconsistency and incompleteness in the coverage of the economy
- Early stages in the development of national accounts
- Lack of environmental statistics



SNA & SEEA: Opportunities

- Governance structures: StatCom-Africa / Conference of DG
- the African Statistical Coordination Committee (ASCC)
- SHaSA: “Strategy for harmonization of Statistics in Africa” to define the cooperation and division of labor
- SNA: African strategy and implementation plan for the implementation of the 2008 SNA
- Workshop on “Sustainable Development Indicators: Conceptual Framework, Data Collection and Analysis” on 11-13 December 2012 in Addis Ababa
- Workshop on “Natural Resource Accounting” on 24-26 April 2013 in Addis Ababa
- Assessment questionnaire designed and administrated at the beginning this year



Summary

- There is a key role to be played by UN Regional Commissions such as ECA to be the regional coordinator for the implementation of SEEA in particular and for collating data and capacity building in general.
- The challenges for the statistical development in Africa are a lack of adequate human, technical, and financial resources.
- At the same time, there is an increasing demand for economic, social, and environmental statistics both inside and outside of the region, which are enhancing the need of the coordinating role of the UN Regional Commissions.



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