Implementation of the FDES: National Action Plans for Environment Statistics

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Why needed? Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

• Cape Town Global Action Plan launched 15 January 2017 at UN World Data Forum 2017
• Provides framework for developing statistical capacity to achieve 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals
• Key Objectives: sectoral planning, coordination, strengthening basic statistics
Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data
Role of National Statistical Programmes

Strategic Area 1: Coordination and strategic leadership on data for sustainable development

Objective 1.1: Strengthen national statistical systems and the coordination role of national statistical offices

Key Actions include:

- Needs assessment of national statistical capacities
- Integrate data production and dissemination into national strategies for the development of statistics (NSDS) and national and sector development plans

Objective 1.2: Strengthen coordination among national statistical systems and regional and international organizations active in the production of data and statistics for sustainable development

Key Actions include:

- Improve the coordination mechanism for collecting, sharing, and communicating sustainable development statistics
Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data

Strategic Area 3: Strengthening of basic statistical activities and programmes, with particular focus on addressing the monitoring needs of the 2030 Agenda

Objective 3.6: Strengthen and expand data on domains that are currently not well developed within the scope of official statistics

Key Actions include:

- Promote the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistical (FDES 2013).
- Build and/or strengthen partnerships between national statistical offices and line ministries.
Linking Cape Town Action Plan to National Action Plans

• Development of Strategic and National Action plans
  • Blueprint for Action – development of national environment statistics programmes
  • Important advocacy tool for NSOs
  • Increases collaboration/coordination within NSS
  • Helps mainstream environment statistics into key areas such as economic statistics
• SDG Indicator 17.18.3 Number of countries with a national statistical plan that is fully funded and under implementation, by source of funding
  • Developing capacity for SDG monitoring through national statistical programmes
Implementation: National Action Plans

Strategic Pillars

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- Pillars cover main areas of statistical development
- Modular approach
  - Pillar sets Outcome
  - Outputs and activities are tied to budget and workplan as coherent modules
  - Developed from ESSAT results
- Allows gradual implementation or targeting to particular funders
Pillars of the Blueprint for Action

• National priorities identified within the pillars
• Methodological development and dissemination of know-how
  – Application of methodological tools to strengthen national statistical systems
• Capacity building and technical assistance
  – Participate in the programme of technical assistance and capacity building using the FDES
  – Initiate national environment statistics programmes and participate in training and capacity building activities
• Inter-institutional collaboration
  – Appropriate legal mandate and management organs are in place
  – Start/strengthen national committees for inter-institutional collaboration in the development of environment statistics
• Networking
  – Develop national capacities to integrate into or create national, regional and global networks
• Resource mobilization
  – Develop statistical, policy/management and expert communities
  – Ensure adequate resources to environment statistics programmes. Support and participate in fundraising and advocacy global groups
• Advocacy
  – Develop communication methods for various audiences
  – Promote the use of environment statistics in national policy planning and development activities
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Reporting Template

• Pillars of the Blueprint for Action allows for sequential, modular, incremental plan
  • Allows for results based framework
  • Can be used fully or partially to develop project plans
  • Extraction of modules based on donor interest
  • Pillars/outputs/workplan/budget

• Uses results of the ESSAT to inform outputs and activities

• Structure fits into statistics project plans and into NSDS
  • Can be used to inform workplan of NSDS and Strategic Objectives
  • NSDS goes beyond the Action Plan – longer period, additional strategic components
Discussion

• Relevance of the Pillars of the Blueprint for Action?
  • Further examples under each Pillar?
• Examples of priority actions being requested by countries?
• Examples of international and regional conferences/networks that could be included?
• Examples under each Pillar which can be included on the UNSD website? E.g. advocacy strategy etc.