Tanzania’s Experience on using UNSD Template for Development of National Environmental Statistics Action Plan and Implementation of FDES

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The 2nd NESAP 2018-2020
1. Background Information

- Tanzania’s economic growth depends heavily on its **environmental and natural resources** with more than 80 percent of the population remaining dependent on them for income generation.

- Despite their importance, critical challenges remain, **threatening the sustainability of the environment and natural resources**
1. Background Information

- Some of these challenges include:
  - The environmental impacts of climate change such as **persistent drought and extreme weather events**
  - Degradation of and encroachment on water sources
  - The unsustainable harvesting and use of natural resources and
  - Unchecked cultivation practices
1. Background Information

- National Efforts to improve environmental management:
  - Formulation of the National Environmental Policy (1997) – currently under review
  - Enactment of the Environmental Management Act No. 20 of 2004
  - Mainstreaming of environment concerns into Tanzania Development Vision 2025
  - Domestication of environmentally related SDGs indicators
  - Preparation of National Environment Action Plans
  - Ratification of various Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and
  - Collaboration with UNSD, GIZ, UNEP and UNU in compilation of Climate Change and E-waste Statistics
1. Background Information

Despite the efforts of the government in mainstreaming environment concerns into development policies, there is no reliable data to measure its performance for evidence-based decisions.

- National Environment Action Plan
- National Environment Policy of 1997
- Tanzania Development Vision, 2025
- SDGs
- Other related Policies

NESAP, 2018 - 2020
2. Objectives of the NESAP

- **The NESAP, 2018-2020** is an important tool for:
  - Providing high quality statistical information to monitor implementation of the NEP, 1997, Africa Development Agenda, 2063 and the UN SDGs, 2030
  - Setting priority areas of production of environment statistics,
  - Plan for resources and setting time frames for compilation of environment statistics to monitor and track performance of various development frameworks
  - Supporting evidence-based policy and decision making and
  - Providing information for the general public, as well as for specific user groups.
3. Role of ESSAT in designing the NESAP

- Implementation of the ESSAT in the country has provided great baseline information in the preparation of effective NESAP.

- Among the key ESSAT undertakings used in designing and which will support implementation of the NESAP includes:
  - Data gaps assessment which supports statistics prioritization in the NESAP.
  - Identified environmental data sources and stakeholders.
  - Establishment of National Technical Working Group on Environment Statistics as part of institutional strength.
  - Mapping report of the National Environment Policy and NEAP with the FDES, 2013 and lesson learned from the 1st NESAP, 2018/19.
3. Role of ESSAT in designing the NESAP

- Other key **ESSAT undertakings used in designing** and which will support implementation of the NESAP includes information on:-
  - Institutional needs including Adequacy of Legal Framework and environment coordination structures
  - Capacity development and training needs
  - Physical infrastructure and equipment development
The NESAP activities and outputs will have significant impact on National Environment related Policies and Programs (NEP, 1997, Africa Development Agenda, 2063 and the UN SDGs) because the plan will:

- Address environmental challenges identified during the data gaps assessment using the ESSAT such as:
  - planning for the data gaps,
  - strengthening coordination within the NSS,
  - enhancing the knowledge of statisticians at MDAs in compilation of quality environment statistics, and
  - improving on resource mobilization to support compilation of quality environment statistics.
4. Outputs and activities – The Context

- List of planned activities and Outcomes of the NESAC, 2018-2020 are based on the two main baseline documents:
  - Pillars of the FDES Blueprint for Action and
  - The results from the data gaps assessment using ESSAT

- Activities of the NESAP builds on the experience gained during the implementation of the first plan which ended in June, 2018.

- The NESAP has five thematic areas which will be implemented through various activities
4. Outputs and activities...

1. Methodological development and dissemination of know-how
   - Review of the data gaps assessment report from ESSAT
   - Review data capture forms used in MDAs
   - Development of metadata templates....

2. Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
   - Capacity building within the NSS through workshops
   - Consultancy service on compilation of Climate Change and E-waste
   - Country visits to share experiences
4. Outputs and activities...

3. Inter-institutional collaboration

- Strengthening collaborations of the NTWG within the NSS
- Establish a MoU between NBS and other data producers
- Other related activities...

4. Networking

- Strengthening collaborations within EAC and SADC
- Strengthening collaboration with GIS and use of geospatial data
- Other related activities......
4. Outputs and activities...

5. Resource Mobilization and Advocacy

- Mainstreaming of the environment statistics into the NSDS II
- Embedding env. related module of questions to establishment-based surveys
- Advise MDAs to set funds in their annual budgets to support compilation of env.st
4. Challenges and Recommendations in developing the NESAP Using UNSD Template

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<td>Background and justification</td>
<td>It focuses on social and economic information on the country related to the environment</td>
<td>Highlights the data gaps to monitor different national, regional and global development agenda may be important for justification of having a separate NESAP</td>
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<td>Stakeholders</td>
<td>The same information collected from ESSAT are required in this section</td>
<td>Remove the section since the required information will be obtained from ESSAT report Annexed with the NESAP</td>
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<td>Outputs and activities</td>
<td>There is inconsistency in information flow and naming of the Pillars of the FDES Blueprint for Action</td>
<td>For consistency; there is a need to harmonise these two documents.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Overall budget</td>
<td>It is the most difficult section of the plan. The required information is crosscutting and too detailed for NSO to fill</td>
<td>The budget template should be filled by all data producers within the NSS</td>
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<td>It is also difficult to estimate amount expected from Donors if there are no interested sponsors</td>
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