



UNSD-COMESA Workshop on Environment Statistics Roadmap for FDES

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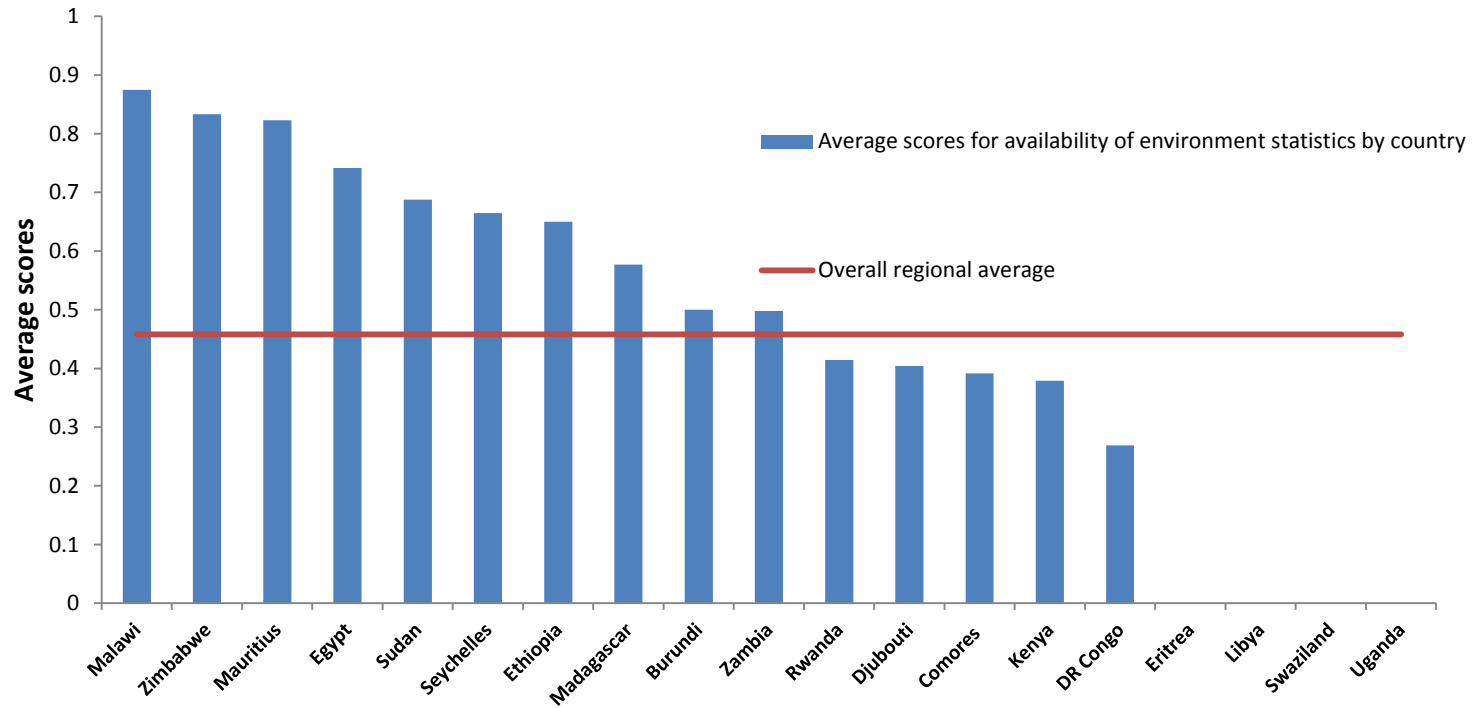
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Background

- COMESA Assessment on Environmental Statistics
- Development of roadmap &
- Council of Ministers' decision on

Availability of Environmental Statistics

Availability of environment statistics by country



Categorization of countries

- Strong Environment Statistics (ES): Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Egypt;
- Medium ES: Seychelles, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Burundi, Zambia;
- Weak/poor ES: the rest.

COMESA ES Roadmap

- Building of partnerships with UNSD, other sub regional agencies and key agencies in development of environment statistics.
- Capacity building at regional and national level.
- Developing the institutional dimension of environment statistics through identification of all stakeholders in the data production process
- Under existing national statistical laws, promote advocacy for clarity on the definition of mandates and competencies of institutions responsible for each sector of environment statistics.
- Enhancement of inter institutional collaboration
- Comprehensively addressing institutional challenges and constraints in finance, human resource, technical capacities and coordination.
- Sector Assessments for both existing and non-existing environment statistics in Member states.
- Compilation and publication of national environment statistics reports.

COMESA ES Roadmap

- Preparatory Stage - Team building, Institutional arrangements, Legal framework and national policy priorities , national strategy for establishing an environment statistics programme; methodological resources;
- Foundational Stage - Assessment; building capacities, inter- and intra-institutional collaboration mechanisms; Defining the environment statistics product(s);
- Operational Stage - Adapting the FDES to the country's needs and priorities; Environment statistics to be produced at the national level; Developing data compilation and collection instruments; Carrying out data validation; · Developing metadata; · Preparing publications; · Preparing launch events; Disseminating environment statistics products; Obtaining feedback;
- Consolidation Stage - Institutionalizing and strengthening of environment statistics units; · Formalizing national inter-institutional collaboration platforms; Allocating budget and staff resources dedicated to environment statistics; Connecting with and participating in regional and global expert groups, networks and resources; Maintaining and further developing environment statistics' coverage and timeliness; Ensuring statistical quality (Source: UNSD Blueprint for Action for the implementation of the FDES 2013).

COMESA ES Roadmap

- In most countries, the national statistical offices, which normally oversee the national statistical system and coordinate these platforms, must have adequate authority, resources and capacities to lead the multi-stakeholder processes.
- Depending on the institutional set up, in many developing countries the coordination of the national environmental information systems lies with the environmental ministry or equivalent institution.
- The program will take into account that in different countries the leading/responsible institution for environment statistics and for leading the described inter-agency platforms or committees could rest upon the national statistical office, the ministry of environment, or be a joint effort.

COMESA ES Roadmap

Monitoring and evaluation will include:-

- Annual reports that will be submitted by each Member state NSO and consolidated by the COMESA Secretariat for presentation to the COMESA Committee on Statistical Matters.
- Within Member states, quarterly reports should be compiled and submitted to the COMESA Secretariat.
- Regional workshops of environmental statisticians dealing with the initiation of project review and implementation issues.
- Country visits by COMESA Secretariat.
- Peer review and exchange arrangements based on promotion of country best practice.

COMESA ES Roadmap

- 2015-2017 time plan