



# UNSD-COMESA Workshop on Environment Statistics

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# Background

- COMESA Treaty – Policy background
- COMESA Statistics Strategy

# COMESA Treaty Provisions

## **ARTICLE 122 Scope and Principles of Co-operation**

- *The Member States agree to take for their mutual benefit, concerted measures to foster cooperation in the joint and efficient management and sustainable utilization of natural resources within the Common Market.*
- *The Member States recognize that economic activity is often accompanied by environmental degradation, excessive depletion of resources and serious damage to natural heritage and that a clean as well as an attractive environment is a prerequisite for long-term economic growth.*
- *The Member States undertake, through a regional conservation strategy, to co-operate and coordinate strategies for the protection and preservation of the environment against all forms of pollution including atmospheric and industrial pollution, pollution of the water resources, and pollution from urban development.*
- *The Member States undertake to co-operate and adopt common policies for the control of hazardous waste, nuclear materials, radioactive materials and any other materials used in the development or exploitation of nuclear energy.*

# COMESA Treaty Provisions

## **Articles 123 Co-operation in Management of Natural Resources**

- *The Member States agree to take concerted measures to foster co-operation in the joint and efficient management and sustainable utilization of natural resources within the Common Market for the mutual benefit of the Member States.*
- *The Member States agree to take necessary measures to conserve and manage forests,*
- *The Member States shall take measures to engage in Api-Agro-Forestry Systems.*
- *The Member States agree to co-operate in the management of their fresh water and marine resources*

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## *Article 124 Co-operation in the Management of the Environment*

- *The Member States undertake to co-operate in the management of the environment and agree to:*
  - *Develop a common environmental management policy that would preserve the ecosystems of the Member States, prevent, arrest and reverse the effects of environmental and industrial pollution, declining bio-diversity, loss of genetic diversity and land degradation;*
  - *Develop special environmental management strategies to manage forests, terrestrial and marine resources, water resources, atmospheric emissions, water and hazardous toxic substances;*
  - *Take measures to control trans-boundary, air and water pollution arising from mining, fishing and agricultural activities.*

# Linking policy to statistics

- Firstly Article 139 of the treaty highlights the need for comprehensive information systems which include the need for statistical series and other policy relevant information. Article 140 provides for cooperation in statistical development among member states in the harmonization and provision of statistics for regional policy making endeavors.

# COMESA Statistics Strategy

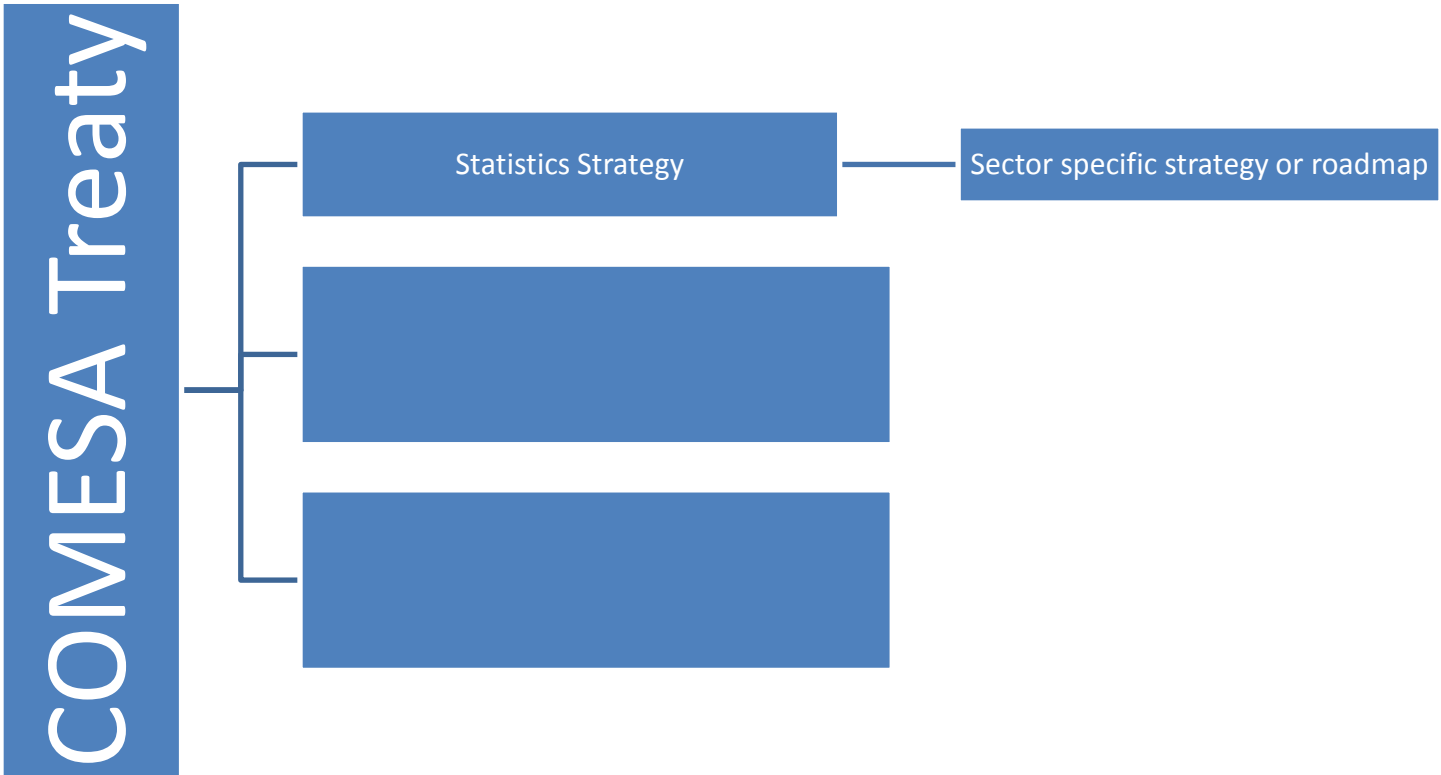
- Provides statistical articulation of Treaty Provisions
- Objectives
  - *To ensure that statistics in the region are produced using harmonized frameworks and/or international standards in order to ensure comparability.*
  - *To enhance the quality, availability and comprehensiveness of statistics in the region.*
  - *To ensure a wide dissemination of statistical outputs for use by policy makers and COMESA member States in their review and monitoring of the Common Market.*
  - *To implement new, efficient and innovative methods for the production and sharing of statistics in the COMESA region.*

# Architecture of the COMESA Statistics Strategy

Indicators	Summary statistics related to a key COMESA policy issue	COMESA Medium Term Strategic Plan; RISM; CAADP; Monetary convergence; ACTESA; CAADP; Millennium Development Goals
Accounting frameworks	Accounting frameworks that allow for harmonization of statistical compilation for example the System of National Accounts 2008	COMESA regional economic and social performance COMESA's sustainable development
Statistical Data	Statistical data used as input in the accounting frameworks	Economic Statistics Business and industry statistics Social statistics Agriculture & Environmental statistics and other sectoral statistics



# COMESA Statistics Strategy



# Mapping FDES to Treaty Provisions

Components of the FDES and the Basic Set of Environment Statistics	COMESA Treaty Provisions
Environmental Conditions and Quality	Article 123
Environmental Resources and their Use	Articles 123, 124
Residuals	Articles 123, 124
Extreme Events and Disasters	Articles 94, 135
Human Settlements and Environmental Health	Article 110
Environment Protection, Management and Engagement	Articles 124

# Implementation issues

- COMESA Assessment on Status of Environmental Statistics
- Development of roadmap for implementation of framework
- 2015 Council of Ministers decision to adopt a roadmap for the implementation of the FDES in COMESA.
- Mobilization of financial and technical assistance for implementation