Background

- ECOWAS Environmental policy
- Framework for ECOWAS agreed set of environmental statistics and indicators
- UNSC revised FDES 2013
Introduction

• This workshop is organized by UNSD in collaboration with ECOWAS Commission
• This Workshop on Environment Statistics is in support of the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013)
• It is for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region.
Introduction......

• The workshop became necessary because monitoring and measurement of progress towards environmental sustainability is non-existing in the region.

• Where it exists it is weak due to lack of records and insufficient production of environmental statistics and indicators.

• FDES 2013 was endorsed by UNSC at its 44th session in 2013 in New York.

• The framework is aimed at strengthening environment statistics programmes in countries.
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• The UNSC recognized FDES 2013 as a useful tool in the context of sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda.

• The implementation of the FDES will help countries to address the increasing demand for integrated information in support of integrated policies in the follow-up to Rio+20 and the post-2015 development agenda through the strengthening of environmental statistics and indicators.
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• The implementation programme for the FDES 2013 and its supporting materials represents a global statistical initiative.

• The implementation strategy focuses on the development and strengthening of the processes for the collection and compilation of basic data, and the integration of data in an FDES 2013 context.
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• The Workshop is part of UNSD regular programme of technical cooperation to support the implementation of the FDES in member states.

• UNSD held a similar Workshop in Arusha, Tanzania for the East African Community (EAC) countries as part of the 9th tranche Development Account Project.

• In this way Africa will receive common training on the implementation of the FDES 2013 thereby promoting harmonized approaches in environment statistics.
UNSD has a long standing relationship with the ECOWAS Commission on environment statistics.

UNSD assisted ECOWAS with the development of a “Framework for Strengthening Capacity in the Development and Institutionalization of Environment Statistics in the Region”.

ECOWAS with the help of UNSD developed a regional set of environmental indicators and related methodology sheets, which we have not been able to implement.
Strategy

• The Workshop represents a substantial part of the strategy to build regional and national capacities for the implementation of the FDES 2013.

• It aims at providing participants from NSOs and selected MDAs with detailed knowledge and understanding of contemporary approaches to environment statistics.

• At the end, Participants will be able to identify gaps and deficiencies in environmental data, and contribute to the production of regular, accurate and reliable environment statistics in their respective countries.
Objectives

• To build national capacities for the implementation of the FDES 2013.
• To constitute regional focal points for the integration and implementation of FDES 2013 into ECOWAS core set of environmental statistics.
• To acquaint participants from NSOs and MDAs with detailed knowledge and understanding of contemporary approaches to environment statistics.
Expected Outcome

- Participants would have been trained on basic concepts, methods and best practices in environment statistics based on the FDES 2013;
- To provide a forum for exchange of information on the status of national environment statistics;
- To enhance the capacity of statisticians in the ECOWAS member states to improve their capabilities in environment statistics;
- Reviewed ECOWAS regional set of environmental indicators in relation to the FDES 2013 Basic Set of Environment Statistics; and
- Enhanced regional programme on environment statistics for the ECOWAS member states.
Main Activities

• The Workshop will consist of:
  i. Series of experts’ presentations,
  ii. Sharing of country practices,
  iii. Discussion of lessons learned from country practices,
  iv. Facilitated group discussions,
  v. Presentations by resource persons will cover, the characteristics and basic concepts of environment statistics,
  vi. The conceptual foundation and the structure of the FDES 2013,
  vii. The six components of the FDES 2013,
  viii. FDES 2013 supporting materials such as the Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT) will also be presented and discussed.