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# Towards a Regional Programme on Environment Statistics

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# I. Background

Environment constitutes a fundamental pillar of sustainable development policies and programmes

Importance of indicators and statistics to assess the state of the environment in Africa and inform policies on environmental management and control

Under-resourced and uncoordinated National Statistics Systems incapable of adequately responding to the increase in the demand of "good" indicators and statistics

## II. Objective

Strengthen capacity to produce and use environment indicators and statistics at national, sub-regional and regional level in Africa, in the framework of NSDS, in support of policies, including reporting on nationally and internationally agreed development goals.

### III. Expected accomplishments

1. Development and adoption of a core set of environmental indicators and statistics for national and regional reporting
2. Mainstreaming of environment issues and concerns in data collection systems to inform policy debate and design
3. Improved technical capacity of African national statistical systems to collect, compile, analyze and disseminate indicators and statistics on environment and other pillars of sustainable development

## IV. Activities and Expected Outputs

Expert Group Meetings: Core set of environment indicators and statistics with standardised metadata

Institutional set-up: Development of Sectoral strategy of environment statistics as an integral part of the NSDS

Training: development and pilot testing the training materials on environment statistics in selected AEIN and one UN pilot countries; development of curriculum for statistical training centres and universities in Africa

## V. Activities and Expected Outputs (cont'd)

Networking: the Africa Environment Information Network (AEIN) provides a framework to build capacity and pilot test the development of environment statistics

Technical cooperation: Joint UNECA, UNSD, UNEP, AfDB, UNDP, FAO, UNFCCC training workshops aimed at building capacity of countries to address specific thematic areas of environment statistics

Publication: Compendium (on-line database and hardcopy) of social, economic and environment statistical and spatial based indicators as annex to the Africa Environment Outlook reporting process to improve access to statistics to facilitate tracking of the MDG as well as the NEPAD Environment Action plan implementation in Africa

## VI. Relationship with existing initiatives

Africa Environment Information Network (AEIN) Initiative and Africa Environment Outlook process (AEO)

Implementation of the RRSF

AU-ECA-AfDB Land Initiative

Development account on Biodiversity (6<sup>th</sup> tranche)

UNSD programme on training and capacity building in environment statistics



# VII. Timeframe

Millennium Development Goals - 2015

Biodiversity 2010 (2010 BIP)

Reference Regional Strategic Framework for  
Statistical Capacity Building in Africa – 2015

NEPAD 2025

# VIII. Financing

Joint programme to support implementation of NSDS within the AEIN framework;

Partnership:

UNECA, UNEP, UNSD, UNDP, AU, AfDB, FAO, Afristat, Inwent, IUCN-BRAC, etc.....

# Thank You



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