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towards the Internationally Agreed Developments Goals in the
Southern African Development Community region

Implementation strategy for the SADC region

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IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME
for the 2008 SNA
in the SADC region

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Focus of the week

- Implementation strategy for the 2008 SNA including ISIC rev 4
- Assessment of country practices
- Improvement in data sources
- Maintaining annual estimates while introducing quarterly estimates
- Sharing a lot of information



SNA implementation - Impediments

- Insufficient staff and training.
- For exhaustive coverage of economic activities – data collection mechanism and supporting infrastructure need to be improved
- Quality and policy relevance of basic economic and macroeconomic statistics are not well promoted
- Lack of modern management, ICT infrastructure in the NSOs
- Lack of coordination between TAs providing country, regional and international agencies
- Reference manuals and compilation guidance not easily accessible.



What we know

- We have been informed about the impediments to SNA implementation
- Some solutions were suggested such as that of Celina who informed us of the importance of good documentation of methodologies to deal with high staff turnover.



Implementation Strategy - Principles

- **The 2008 SNA implementation strategy is guided by three distinct principles**
 - Strategic planning,
 - Coordination, monitoring and reporting; and
 - Improving statistical systems



Regional Implementation programme

- Long-term multi year programme
- To be driven by country needs – priorities to be determined (reflecting their ownership of the programmes)
- Serve to enhance national capability and ensure national self-sufficiency
- Regional Commissions and other regional organizations are expected to play a pivotal role in the coordination, monitoring and reporting of the implementation programme to avoid the evolution of parallel systems



Regional Impl. Plan - Outline

Objectives and actions of the regional plan

- main goals to be achieved
- benchmarks set for strengthening macroeconomic and basic statistics
- needs and priorities -

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- Define indicators of achievement for SNA implementation

2. Coordination and governance

- Plan for establishing a governance structure at the regional, sub-regional and national level to facilitate the implementation plan



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3. Activities planned

- Actions directed at National governments and users of NA data for policy purposes
- Involvement of RCs, RCBs, RDBs, academia, national and regional statistical training institutions, including the kind and extent of assistance and support needed;



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4. Monitoring and reporting.

- Proposal for a monitoring mechanism
 - to signal, possible delays, or major technical flaws encountered so that remedial action can be taken as required.
 - preparation of periodic reports on progress of the status of deliverables and on how resources and outlays have been disbursed and used.

5. Suggestions for the functioning of potential "Centres of Competence".

- SNA Knowledge Platform in supporting the SNA implementation in the region.



Thank You



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