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Strengthening statistical capacity-building in support of progress
towards the Internationally Agreed Developments Goals in the
Southern African Development Community region

Implementation strategy for the SADC region

SADC

Statistical Capacity Building Development in SADC – An Overview

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- SADC was established at the Summit of Heads of State and Government on 17 August 1992 in Windhoek, Namibia.
- SADC currently composed of 15 member states, namely, Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
- SADC Secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana
- SADC Mission: *“To promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient productive systems, deeper co-operation and integration, good governance, and durable peace and security, so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy*

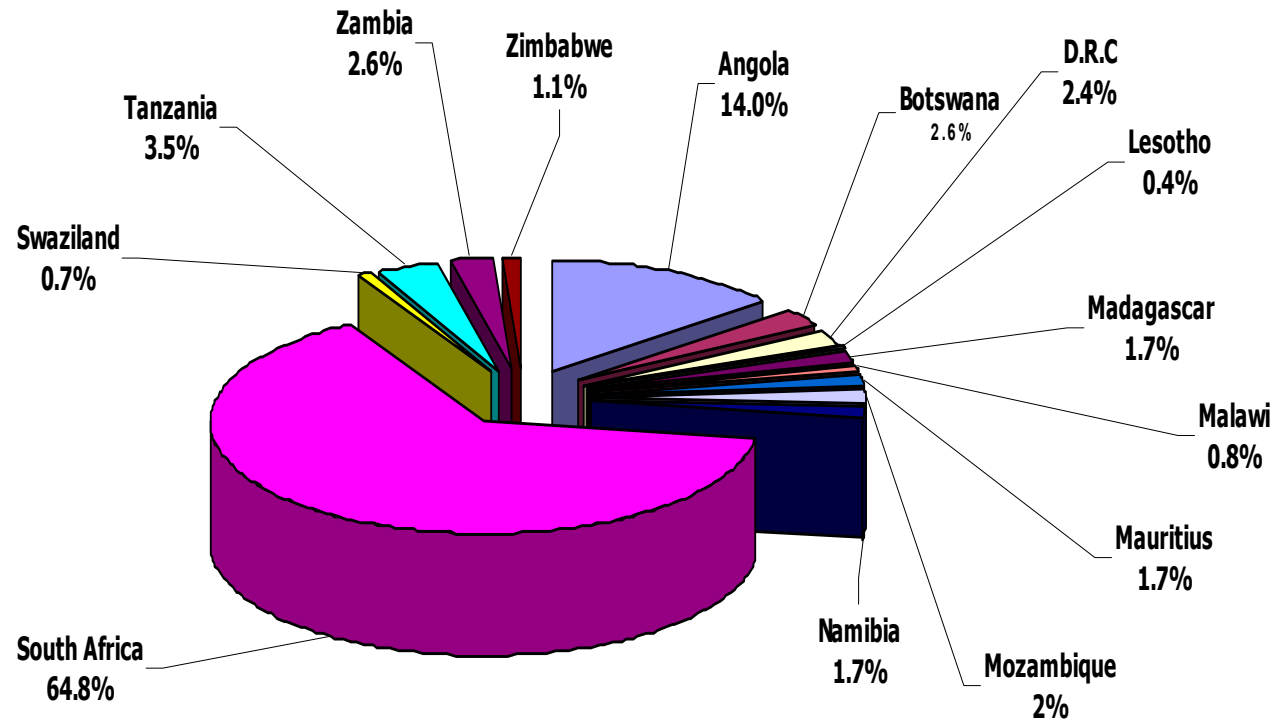
Introduction and Background (cont'd)

SADC Selected Indicators, 2007 estimates

- Combined GDP US \$ 436 billion
- Average Annual real GDP growth 6.2%
- Total Population 255 million
- Total Imports US \$ 147.4 billion
- Total Exports US \$ 172.7 billion
- Trade Balance 25.3 billion
- Per Capita GDP US \$ 1712

Percentage Share of GDP in SADC, 2007

Figure 3: Percentage Share of GDP in SADC, 2007



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| Angola | Botswana | D.R.C. | Lesotho | Madagascar | Malawi | Mauritius |
| Mozambique | Namibia | South Africa | Swaziland | Tanzania | Zambia | Zimbabwe |

RISDP AND SADC STATISTICS

- SADC Development Agenda guided by SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) adopted by summit in Arusha, Tanzania in 2003
- What is RISDP?

The SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) is a 15 year regional integration development framework, setting the priorities, policies and strategies for achieving the long-term goals of the SADC. It is intended to guide member states, SADC Institutions, regional stakeholders, international cooperating partners in the process of deepening integration to turn the Community's vision into reality.

RISDP AND SADC STATISTICS (cont'd)

- Statistics duly recognized in RISDP as one of cross cutting issues.
- Four Interventional Areas identified in RISDP:
 - Development of legal framework in Statistics;
 - Harmonization of Statistics in SADC region;
 - Provision of Relevant Statistics for regional integration;
 - **Statistical Capacity Building Development in SADC**

SADC Statistical System

- The SADC Statistical System comprise the collective set up of the following:
 - National Statistics Systems of the Member States,
 - Statistics Programme at the SADC Secretariat,
 - SADC Statistics Committee, and;
 - other related mechanisms that support these structures.

SADC Statistics Committee (SSC).

- Established 1995 in Windhoek by Council of Ministers;
- Heads of National Statistics Offices of the member states bona fide members of the Committee but other key statistical stakeholders institutions such as Reserve/Central Banks and International Cooperating Partners sometimes participate in meetings of the Committee;

SADC Statistics Focal Points

Subject Matter	Focal Point
Informal Sector Surveys	Botswana
Censuses and Population	South Africa
National Accounts	Mozambique
Investment Statistics	Tanzania
Economic Classifications	Zimbabwe
Foreign Trade Statistics	Zambia

SADC Statistics Programme

- The overall objective of the SADC Statistical Programme is to support regional integration by making available relevant, timely and accurate statistical information to be used in SADC planning, policy formulation, protocol monitoring and decision-making.

SADC Statistics Programme aims at achieving the following;

- The Harmonization of statistical concepts, definitions and methods among member states;
- Coordination of regional statistics (National Accounts, Foreign Trade, Population, Prices, Gender, Agriculture, Education, Employment etc) development programmes;
- Customisation of international and other regional statistical classifications, definitions and standards to SADC;
- Enhancement and promotion of capacity building (including training) of National statistical systems;

SADC Statistics Programme (Cont'd)

- Collection, processing, storage and dissemination of National statistical data and collation into relevant and reliable regional statistics; and
- Development and Management of an integrated regional statistical databases

Statistical Capacity Building Projects in SADC

Between 2001 to date the following projects undertaken:

- ⑩ **SADC Regional Statistical Training Project;** (2001 – 2007 + post activities)
- ⑩ **Price Statistics Project (Harmonisation of Consumer Price Index)** (2002-2006);
- ⑩ **Statistical Capability Building for Poverty Reduction Strategies project** (2002-2006))

Statistical Capacity Building Projects in SADC (cont'd)

- ⑩ **SADC Millennium Census Data Analysis Project** (2002-2005)
- ⑩ **Harmonization of Trade Statistics** (2005 and on going).
- **International Comparison Program** (ICP-Africa) 2005-2007 AfDB;
- **SADC Development Account Project (2006-2009), UNSD;**
- **Capacity Building for Regional Integration (CBRI) program** – Stats component (IMTS, N-Accounts, Prices and Databases etc) July 2009-2012)

SADC Regional Statistical Training Project

- **OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

- ➔ To promote regional integration by making available relevant, accurate and timely statistical data that is used beneficially for policy formulation, decision making and general use.

- **PROJECT PURPOSE**

- ➔ To enhance human resources capacity for the production and utilization of official statistics that are required in support of the priority policies (in Protocols and other agreed areas) of SADC and member states”.

- **PROJECT COST**

- ➔ Euro 5.8 million, Euro 4.8 million European n Union and SADC Euro 1.0 million

- **PROJECT DURATION**

- ➔ 2001 -2007

SADC Regional Statistical Training Project (cont'd)

- **EXPECTED OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT**

- ◆ Regional Training Strategy and National Training Strategies developed;
- ◆ Improved training capacity in the region in support of the above training strategies;
- ◆ More users (of statistics) are better able to utilize official statistical information as a result of the implementation of the above training strategy; and
- ◆ Producers (of statistics) are better able to meet users' needs by provision of official statistics through improved training in management, communication and technical skills.

SADC Regional Statistical Training Project (cont'd)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Steering Committee for general policy and strategic guidance for project implementation;
- Composition of Steering Committee representatives of:
 - ◆ NSOs of the member states;
 - ◆ SADC Secretariat; and
 - ◆ Delegation of the European Commission in Botswana and the Eurostat as observers;

SADC Regional Statistical Training Project (cont'd)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (cont'd)

- Project Management Unit for day to day management and coordination of project activities- Based at Secretariat
 - Project Manager
 - Technical Assistant
 - Administrative Assistant

Major Achievements of RSTP

- **Audits of NSS of Member states;**
- **SADC Regional Statistics Training Strategy (RSTS);**
- **Roll Out Plan/Implementation Strategy for the SADC RSTS;**
- **Conduct of short training courses in various statistical subject matter areas;**
- **Model Syllabus and related training materials and Training Pack for SADC (DVD)**

Key Deliverables of RSTP (Cont'd)

- **Programme of short Courses (DVD)**
- **Advanced Diploma in Statistics (finalisation stage)**
- **Website for wider promotion of use of training materials**

sadcstatisticstraining.org

Future Plans

- ❑ Translation of Training materials (Model Syllabus + Programme of short courses) into French and Portuguese;
- ❑ Encourage Member states to adopt and adapt Model syllabus + Programme of short courses to national circumstances;
- ❑ Establishment of centre of excellence for training in official statistics for SADC;
- ❑ Promote staff exchange programmes between member states to share the limited available statistical expertise in region;

Future Plans (cont'd)

- ❑ Revise/update SADC National Accounts Training Manual based on 2008 SNA;
- ❑ Implementation of AfDB SCB II program from 2009-2010.
 - ❑ MS to decide priority areas for intervention in line with NSDS priorities;
 - ❑ Focus areas including National Accounts, Prices, Gender, Infrastructure, Census (Preparatory & Analysis); Database development; NSDS, and of course ICP –Africa activities.

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