

**African Conference:
Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics**

Co-organized by the African Development Bank (AfDB), Statistics Canada and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

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Hotel Le Meridien Re-Ndama
Libreville, Gabon
21-22 November 2015

The African Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics will be held on 21-22 November 2015 in Libreville, Gabon, back-to-back with the 11th African Symposium on Statistical Development (23-25 November) and the joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Committee of Director Generals (StatCom/CoDGs) (26-28 November).

The African Conference is part of a series of regional conferences on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics in support of the post-2015 Development Agenda. It builds on the outcome of the High-Level Global Conference organised by UNSD and Eurostat in January 2015 in New York and the recognition by the 46th session of the UN Statistical Commission of the emerging demands for high-quality statistics and the need for modernization of national, regional and international statistical systems. The Conference aims at taking stock of various international, regional, sub-regional and national initiatives for integrating and modernising statistical systems, and shaping the global initiative for a Transformative Agenda to the African context. The Conference will be organised in four substantive sessions covering the 5 thematic areas of the Transformative Agenda. It is expected African countries to steer this event for which substantial time will be assigned to group discussions and plenary interventions.

The Conference will also allow for the presentation of the outcome and achievements of the concluding International Statistical Fellowship Programme (ISFP) for Africa. The ISFP is a programme financed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada and implemented by Statistics Canada to share knowledge and good practices with and among statisticians from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean on institutional arrangement, organisational structure and management of national statistical offices.

The Conference is targeting heads of national statistical offices, chief statisticians of international and regional organisations, multilateral and bilateral partners, and other stakeholders.

Participants to the Conference are also expected to attend the 11th African Symposium on Statistical Development (23-25 November), and the joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Committee of Director Generals (26-28 November).

For more information, documents and materiel visit:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/workshops/2015/gabon/lod.asp>.

Agenda

Saturday 21st November

Registration (08:30 – 09:15)

Welcome and opening (09:15 – 10:30)

- *Mr. Francis Thierry Tiwinot, Statistics Gabon* (10')
- *Mr. Charles Leyeka Lufumpa, African Development Bank* (10')
- *Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD* (15')
including outline of the Transformative Agenda and working methods of the Conference
- *Mr. Pieter Everaers, Eurostat* (15')
including report on the outcome of the Global Conference
- *Ms. Valérie Bizier, Statistics Canada* (15'),
including outline of the ISFP

Tea/coffee break with media briefing (10:30 – 11:00)

Possibility for invited media to interview and discuss with some of the key speakers

Session 1: Coordination at and between the global, (sub-) regional and national statistical systems, communication, and advocacy
11:00-15:00

Facilitator: *Mr. Aboubacar Beye, National Agency for Statistics and Demographics of Senegal*

Presentation: *Mr. Pali Lehohla, Statistics South Africa* (30')

Questions and answers (15')

Breakout meetings (45')

Lunch break (12:30-14:00)

Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

Session 2: Innovation and modernisation through standard-based statistical business architecture
15:00-18:15

Facilitator: *Mr. John Kalumbi, Central Statistical Office of Zambia*

Introduction: *Mr. Stéphane Dufour, Statistics Canada* (15')

Presentation: *Mr. António dos Reis Duarte, National Statistical Institute of Cabo Verde* (30')

Questions and answers (15')

Tea/coffee break (16:00-16:30)

Breakout meetings (45')

Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

Sunday 22nd November

Session 3: Securing foundation to modernization and integrated statistical systems

09:00-12:30 *Session related to the ISFP organised by Statistics Canada*

Facilitator: *Mr. Eric Rancourt, Statistics Canada*

Presentations (1h45):

- *Mr. Cosme Vodounou, AFRISTAT*
National Statistical System transformation process and integrated strategic planning and its implementation tools
- *Mr. Neil Jackson, United Kingdom Department for International Development (DfID)*
Coordination of National Statistical Systems: the UK experience
- *Ms. Margaret Nyakango, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics*
Improving human resources management practices
- *Mr. Aboubacar Beye, National Agency for Statistics and Demographics of Senegal*
Rehabilitation of internal communications: source of positive changes
- *Ms. Valérie Bizier, Statistics Canada*
Improving quality management practices
- *Mr. Ben Paul Mungyereza, Uganda Bureau of Statistics*
Setting up a professional services unit, case of Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Questions and answers (15')

Tea/coffee break (30')

Plenary discussions (60')

Lunch break (12:30-14:00)

Session 4: Capacity building and training

14:00-16:30

Facilitator: *Mr. She Etoundi J.G.B., National Statistical Institute of Cameroun*

Presentation: *Mr. Ibrahima Ba, National Statistical Institute of Ivory Coast* (30')

Questions and answers (15')

Breakout meetings (45')

Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

Tea/coffee break (16:30-17:00)

Conclusions and closing (17:00 – 18:30)

Conclusions

The concluding session was postponed and held just after the opening ceremony of the 11th Africa Symposium on Statistical Development (ASSD) on Monday 23rd November.

Presentation of the outcome of the conference and plenary discussions with the contribution of panellists (60’):

Facilitator: *Mr. Ben Kiregyera, Statistical Consultant*

Panellists:

- *Mr. Pali Lehohla, Statistics South Africa*
- *Mr. António dos Reis Duarte, National Statistical Institute of Cabo Verde*
- *Mr. Ben Paul Mungyereza, Uganda Bureau of Statistics*
- *Mr. Ibrahima Ba, National Statistical Institute of Ivory Coast*

Closing

Closing interventions by representatives from Pan-African organisations and farewell (30’):

- *Mr. Charles Leyeka Lufumpa, African Development Bank*
- *Mr. Joseph Tinfissi Ilboudo, African Centre for Statistics (UN-ECA)*
- *Dr. Rene Kouassi, African Union*
- *Mr. Pali Lehohla, Africa Symposia on Statistical Development*
- *Mr. Francis Thierry Tiwinot, Statistics Gabon*