



UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING  
MOHAMMED VI

### **The Kingdom of Morocco celebrates the World Statistics Day**

HCP is in charge of organizing its activities

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**H.M. the King of Morocco has kindly assented to the request of the High Commission for Planning (HCP) to grant His High Patronage to the celebration of the World Statistics Day in Morocco.**

#### ***What is HCP ? - Summary Presentation***

In Morocco, the ministerial department of Planning within the Government has traditionally been responsible for managing the national statistical system. Since 2003, upon instructions from His Majesty The King Mohammed VI, this department was raised as an administration of mission headed by a High Commissioner for Planning, appointed with the rank of Minister by His Majesty the King. This reform has awarded the independence of statistics, planning and prospective studies and public policy evaluation, a new institutional and intellectual dimension.

Morocco subscribed in 2005 to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The HCP is a member of the United Nations Statistical Commission, of the directing committee of MEDSTAT, a cooperation program launched by the European Commission, of the African working group on National Accounts, of the Board of PARIS 21 and Vice-President of the Statistical Commission for Africa. It is admitted to the OECD Committee on Statistics in charge of developing alternative measurements for human development and social progress.

The HCP develops a wide network of scientific and technical exchange with statistical and prospective institutions worldwide and in the framework of a growing cooperation with developing countries, particularly those of the Maghreb and Africa.

Since 2003, Statistics constitutes long with the National Accounts, Forecasting and Prospective, as well as Planning, one of the main departments of the High Commission for Planning (HCP), besides other specific organizations also under its authority, such as the National Institute for Business cycle Analysis (INAC), the Observatory of the Population's Living Conditions (OCVP) and the Center for Demographic Studies and Research (CERED).

**Complying with the conceptual and methodological standards adopted by the international and regional organisations within the United Nations, OECD and European Union, the HCP :**

*In terms of National Accounts*

- **Produces** annual and quarterly national accounts as well as accounts of economic regions based on the 1993 System of National Accounts, with: 1/a change of the base year every five years; 2/the development of multiple sectoral (tourism, national education, agriculture) and thematic (water and forestry, environment) satellite accounts; 3/a more precise disintegration of sectors and economic agents (informal sector and non profit institutions (NPIs), financial corporations and public administrations, etc...);
- **Conducts** for the purpose of national accounts base year changes, heavy surveys on economic structures, households' consumption and living standards, informal sector, etc... noting that the General Census of Population and Housing is conducted every ten years, the last one dating from 2004;

*In terms of regular and permanent statistics*

- **Expands** the scope of regular economic and social statistical indicators (employment, wages, production, prices, etc..) to thematics of societal nature such as measuring the prevalence of violence against women, to citizens' perception of these indicators and to their evaluation of the economic and financial situation and of the socio-economic and administrative environment or, yet, the Multi-Round Demographic Survey;

- In addition, ensures the harmonization of official statistics production and assures the development Morocco of classifications in accordance with international standards;

*In terms of ICT*

- **Uses Computer** Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) in censuses and surveys, the Automatic Document Reading System (ADRS) in their data processing and Geographical Information System (GIS) in their analysis;
- **Posts online** in an exhaustive manner, all data from surveys and studies of short and medium term economic forecasting and the publications of socio-economic forums and prospective on two websites :
  - [www.hcp.ma](http://www.hcp.ma), the official and institutional site of HCP;
  - [www.omdh.hcp.ma](http://www.omdh.hcp.ma), a website dedicated to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Human Development and created during the preparation of MDG Report 2009, in order to better inform users and widen the debate on these issues.

***Under the High Patronage of His Majesty The King,  
Celebration activities of the World Statistics Day  
under the title: "Statistics: concept, method and ethics"***

- **Press conference** on the meaning and the agenda of the World Statistics Day;
- **Release of the results of a survey** conducted on the occasion of the World Statistics Day regarding the citizens perception of Statistical indicators and the HCP's performance in this field;
- **Conference-debate** on "Achievements and Prospects of statistics in the world and in the Kingdom of Morocco" with the participation of :
  - Government members;
  - Members of parliamentary committees responsible for economic, financial and social issues of the two Houses of Parliament,
  - Representatives of the various components of the General Confederation of Enterprises of Morocco.

- Representatives of Trade unions, universities and civil society's associations.
- **"Open days"** across each of the Moroccan Regions targeting social and economic actors, students, pupils and all interested citizens, to:
  - Explain collection methods, treatment and analysis of statistical data;
  - Promote the HCP's websites: the institutional website as well as the site dedicated to the Human Development and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
  - exhibit the new technologies used by the High Commission for Planning in the production and exploitation of statistical information including the Geographic Information System (GIS), Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI), the Automatic Document Reading System (ADRS) and the Inflation Simulator.

During these activities, which will last three days and to which the United Nations representations in Morocco will be invited to participate, several didactical tools (leaflets, posters, CDs, etc..) will be distributed as well as reports and publications on human development and MDGs developed by our country.