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Abbreviations and ACRONYMS

ACS	African Centre for Statistics
AfDB	African Development Bank
ADF	African Development Fund
ANSD	Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie
ACBF	African Capacity-Building Foundation
ACPC	African Climate Policy Centre
AFROST	African Group on Statistical Training and Human Resources
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
ASJ	African Statistical Journal
ASD	African Statistics Day
ASN	African Statistical Newsletter
ASP	African Statistical Pocketbook
AUC	African Union Commission
ASYB	African Statistical Yearbook
ASSD	Africa Symposium on Statistical Development
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CCSA	Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities
CEMAC	Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale
CRvS	Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
CSA	Central Statistical Agency
CSO	Central Statistics Office
DFID	Department for International Development
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EGM	Extraordinary General Meeting
ERETES	An information system used for the elaboration of National Accounts according to the SNA. Eurostat and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs are the co-owners of its copyright. The monitoring is ensured by a Directors' Committee (Eurostat, the French MAE, INSEE) which decides on the main orientations
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
FASDEV	Forum on African Statistical Development
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
HMN	Health Metrics Network
ICAS	International Conference of Agricultural Statistics
IGO	Intergovernmental organization
ICP	International Comparison Programme
ILO	International Labour Office
INSEE	National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies
IRWS	International Recommendations for Water Statistics
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MYPs	Multi-Year Programmes
NADA	National Data Archive Application
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NSDS	National Strategy for the Development of Statistics
NSO	National statistical Office
PARIS 21	Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21 st Century

RECs	Regional economic communities
RPSF	Reference Regional Statistical Framework
SHaSA	Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa
StatBase	Statistical Database
StatCom	Statistical Commission for Africa
SRO-CA	Subregional Office for Central Africa (ECA)
SRO-NA	Subregional Office for North Africa (ECA)
SEEA	System of Economic and Environmental Accounting
SNA	System of National Accounts
UBOS	Uganda Bureau of Statistics
UNCC	United Nations Conference Centre
UNEP	United Nations Environment programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNSC	United Nations Statistical Commission
UNSD	United Nations Statistical Division

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The objective of this document is to provide an overview of the implementation of the African Centre for Statistics' (ACS) programmed activities for the biennium 2010-2011 and its planned work programme for the biennium 2012-2013. The 2010-2011 work programme was presented during the 2nd meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa (StatCom-Africa II) that was held in January 2010 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The report will also present the additional activities that were undertaken by ACS. The programmed outputs of ACS have been increasing since its reestablishment in 2006. The programmed outputs were 17, 29, 38, and 68 for biennium 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013, respectively. The number of staff has also been increasing during the indicated period.

2. The presentation of this report will be as follows. After the introduction, the second section presents the 2010-2011 work programme and its implementation status while the third section presents additional activities that were implemented. The fourth section reviews the human resources used to implement statistical activities at ACS and the fifth section deals with the proposed work programme for the biennium 2012-2013. Finally, the last section points out issues for consideration by the Commission.

II. THE WORK PROGRAMME 2010-2011 AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION

3. The work programme for the biennium 2010-2011 was subdivided into three categories, 13 sub-categories and consisted of thirty-eight deliverable outputs. As of 30 September 2011, thirty-two outputs have been implemented, resulting in an implementation rate of 84.2 per cent. The status of the outputs as at 31 July 2011 was as indicated below.

Categories	Approved Outputs	Implementation Status
A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)		
(i) Substantive servicing of meetings	- Second session of the Statistical Commission for Africa (1 output)	Done
(ii) Parliamentary documentation	- Implementation of the national strategies for the development of statistics in Africa (1 output) - Joint ECA/AfDB progress report to StatCom-Africa on the implementation of the RRSF (1 output) - Status of the 2010 round of population censuses in connection with monitoring the MDGs (1 output)	Done Done Done
(iii) Ad hoc expert groups	- Harmonization of national accounts and compilation of comparable GDP (1 output) - Harmonization of price indices for regional integration (1 output) - Use of censuses and surveys for deriving MDG indicators (1 output)	Done Done Done

**B. Other substantive activities
(regular budget/extra-
budgetary)**

(i) Recurrent publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint ECA/AfDB African Statistical Yearbook (2 outputs) - Joint ECA/AfDB Compendium of intra-African and related foreign trade statistics (1 output) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JASYB 2010 Done JASYB 2011 Done Done
(ii) Non-recurrent publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handbook on harmonized price indices and harmonized national accounts (1 output) - Joint ECA/UNSD handbook on the development of MDG indicators (1 output) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned for September 2011 Done
(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint African Statistical Journal (1 output) - Joint ECA/AfDB African Statistical Newsletter (1 output) - Joint statistical pocketbook (1 output) - Posters, press communiqués, audio and video materials and statistical information kits containing the statistical annex to the Economic Report on Africa (1 output) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done Done Done
(iv) Special events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African Statistics Day (2 outputs) - Fourth Forum on African Statistical Development (1 output) - African Symposium for Statistical Development (2 outputs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2010 Done, 2011 ongoing Done 2010 done, 2011 will be in January 2012
(v) Audio-visual resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DVD for African Statistics Day (1 output) - Other CD recording (1 output) - DVD recording (1 output) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Done Ongoing
(vi) Technical material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint ECA/AfDB/AUC statistical databases, including MDG indicators, censuses, household surveys and gender statistics (1 output) - Joint ECA/United Nations Statistics Division website on statistical profiles of NSOs and experts (1 output) - Website on the statistical networks of practitioners and online resources (1 output) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done Done

**C. Technical cooperation (regular
budget/extrabudgetary)**

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint ECA/ILO /World Bank workshop on the informal sector, household surveys and labour statistics (1 output) - Joint ECA/UNFPA workshop on population censuses and surveys (1 output) - Joint UNEP /ECA workshop on environmental statistics, agricultural statistics and climate change (1 output); - Workshop of the Millennium Development Goals Africa Working Group (1 output); - Workshop on basic economic statistics and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done Done Done
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	economic classifications in support of the 1993 SNA (1 output);	Done
	- Workshop on the use of international and intra-African trade statistics for regional integration (1 output);	Planned for November 2011
(ii) Fellowships and grants	- Visiting fellowship to support the work of ECA in various areas of statistics, including economic statistics, agricultural statistics and climate change and population censuses and surveys (4 fellows, 1 output);	Done
(iii) Field projects	- Capacity-building of member States through the Statistical Training Programme for Africa (1 output);	Done
	- Enhancing the capacity of national statistics offices and the regional economic communities in the development of harmonized and comparable data for regional integration (1 output);	Done
	- Strengthening statistical capabilities through the design and implementation of national strategies for the development of statistics (1 output);	Done
(iv) Advisory services	- Advisory services in various areas of statistics, including the design of NSDS and the organization and management of NSOs, population censuses and national account statistics (6 missions, 1 output)	Done

4. During the biennium ACS is well on track to implement the remaining outputs which include the following:

(a) Handbook on harmonized price indices and harmonized national accounts planned for September 2011;

(b) African Statistics Day 2011 planned for November 2011;

(c) Africa Symposium on Statistical Development 2011 planned for January 2012;

(d) DVD for African Statistics Day planned for November 2011;

(e) DVD recording; and

(f) Workshop on the use of international and intra-African trade statistics for regional integration planned for October 2011.

III. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO THE 2010-2011 WORK PROGRAMME

5. Additional activities were undertaken following recommendations from StatCom-Africa II and other important emerging issues. The main ones were on improving the status of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa and data management.

6. The summary descriptions of the activities that were implemented in the biennium 2010-2011 are attached as annex 1 to this report.

V. PROGRAMMED OUTPUTS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2012-2013

7. During the biennium 2012-2013, sixty-eight outputs are programmed to be delivered. The number of deliverable outputs in the biennium 2012-2013 has increased by 79 per cent when compared with the previous biennium. The increase has also been manifested in all the three categories. On the other hand, the number of staff will remain more or less the same as in 2011. The summarized deliverable outputs for the period indicated are as indicated in annex 2.

Annex 2: The summarized deliverable outputs for the period 2012-2013

Categories	Programmed Outputs
A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)	
(i) Substantive servicing of meetings	- StatCom Africa-III meeting - 2 nd Conference of African Ministers of Civil Registration
(ii) Parliamentary documentation	- 4 Reports on NSDS, 2010 RPHC, Civil Registration, and Vital Statistics - 2 Assessments on RRSF, and CRVS
(iii) Other services provided: Ad-hoc expert group meetings	- 6 EGMs on National Accounts, Development Indicators, CRVS, Gender Statistics, Informal Sector, and Data Management
B. Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Recurrent publications	- 4 publications: (2 editions of JASYB, Compendium of intra-African and related foreign trade statistics, and Compendium on gender statistics)
(ii) Non-recurrent publications	- 2 Manuals on the implementation of the 2008 SNA, and development of indicators; - 4 Handbooks on environmental statistics in Africa, production and use of gender statistics, development of the informal sector satellite accounts, and major statistical data management software - 2 Implementation guides for civil registration, vital statistics
(iii) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall-charts, information kits	- 8 Outputs (African Statistical Day (2 outputs), African Statistical Newsletter (2 outputs), African Statistical Journal (2 outputs), African Statistical Pocketbook (2 outputs))
(iv) Technical materials	- 7 Outputs (Maintenance of African statistical database (2 outputs), Development and maintenance of climate change database (2 outputs), Maintenance of database on indicators of economic and social issues (2 outputs), Development of statistical database on infrastructure and natural resources development (1 output))
(v) Special events	- 5 Outputs (African Statistical Day (2 outputs), FASDEV-V (1 output), ASSD (2 outputs))
C. Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
(i) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia)	- 12 Workshops/seminars/courses on: FASDEV-V; implementation of the 2008 SNA in Africa; economic and social classifications; statistical training; production and use of gender statistics; international trade statistics; environmental statistics and accounts; ASSD with special emphasize on civil registration; ASSD with special emphasize on vital statistics; time use-surveys for the measurement of the contribution of women to countries' economies; national satellite accounts on household production; informal sector, national accounts, and labour input matrix (LIM) - 2 External reviews of JASYB

(ii) Fellowships	- 1 Output (Six visiting scholars, fellows and interns to support the work of ECA in various areas of statistics)
(iii) Field projects	- 6 Outputs (Strengthening the capabilities of NSOs to implement the SNA in support of the 2011 ICP-Africa (2 outputs), Strengthening statistical capabilities in satellite accounts for household production (2 outputs), Statistical training programme for Africa (2 outputs))
(iv) Advisory Services	- 1 Output (Advisory services, upon request to member States, RECs and IGOs)

8. The summary of the 2012-2013 programmed outputs in comparison with that of the 2010-2011 biennium by categories and sub-categories are as follows.

Categories and sub-categories	Total for 2010-2011	Total for 2012-2013	% change From 2010-2011
A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)	7	14	100
(i) Substantive servicing of meetings			
(ii) Parliamentary documentation	1	2	100
(iii) Other services provided: Ad-hoc expert group meetings	3	6	100
	3	6	100
B. Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	20	32	60
(i) Recurrent publications	3	4	33
(ii) Non-recurrent publications	2	8	300
(iii) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall-charts, information kit	4	8	100
(iv) Technical materials	3	7	133
(v) Special events and Audio-visual resources	8	5	-38
C. Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	11	22	100
(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops	6	14	133
(ii) Fellowships and grants	1	1	0
(iii) Field projects	3	6	100
(iv) Advisory services	1	1	0
Total outputs	38	68	79

IV. RESOURCES USED TO ACHIEVE THE STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES AT ACS

9. The reestablishment of the statistical function at ECA in August 2006 was meant to meet two critical challenges: to re-establish ECA's credibility in the coordination of statistical development in Africa and to manage expectations of stakeholders. Recent developments in fostering the statistical function at ECA are a testimony to the fact that ACS is now well positioned to meet the challenges facing African stakeholders in statistical capacity-building in support of their development efforts. One of the clear manifestations of this positioning which is critical to the success of the Centre's work programme is the scaling up of its human resources.

10. Following an intensive advocacy campaign aimed at fully staffing ACS to enable it meet the expectations of African stakeholders, the Centre is now fully equipped in terms of human resources. With the full staff complement in place, the Centre is organized into three sections and a data management function, all endowed with a critical mass of relevant statisticians with a good skill mix. The current staffing situation of the Centre consists of 27 regular staff including 14 professional level posts and 13 general service posts as is indicated below.

Professional Posts	No. of Staff
D1	1
P5	4
P4	3
P3	4
P2	1
Senior regional advisor	1
Total	14

General service posts	No. of Staff
G7	9
G6	1
G5	1
G4	1
G3	1
Total	13
Grand total	27

VI. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE

11. The Sub-Committee may wish to provide its views and recommendations on the following issues:

(a) Implementation status of the programmed outputs 2010-2011 including, the remaining and additional outputs; and

(b) The Work Programme for 2012-2013.

Annex 1

Summary descriptions of the activities implemented in 2010-2011

1. The statistical component of the 2010-2011 ECA programme implementation plan was articulated around the following programme elements: Promotion, coordination of, and advocacy for statistical activities; building a data hub at ECA for the provision of development data; implementing the standard international System of National Accounts (SNA); supporting statistical training programmes; establishing a regional programme for population and housing censuses in line with internationally-adopted cycles; improving the status of civil registration and vital statistics in Africa; and providing technical assistance in various areas of statistics. Presented below are some of the major achievements under the programme elements during the biennium.

Promotion, coordination of, and advocacy for statistical activities in Africa

Africa Symposium on Statistical Development

2. The sixth Africa Symposium on Statistical Development (ASSD) was held from 31 October to 2 November 2010 in Cairo, Egypt. The theme of the Symposium was “*Data Analysis and Use in the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses*”. The Symposium was attended by 350 participants from national statistical offices, pan-African institutions, international organizations, and educational and research institutions. The resolutions of the Symposium covered areas such as strengthening civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems, the role of research institutions and statistical training centres in reinforcing the capacity of stakeholders in census data analysis, revival of the African Statistical Association, proper implementation of International Comparison Programme (ICP-Africa), reinforcing the capacity of countries in post enumeration surveys, sharing household survey data on African countries, and harmonization of population projections in inter-censal periods. The Symposium adopted Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) as its theme for the next five years starting in 2012. In addition to the main Symposium other meetings and side-events were held, namely: the first ICP-Africa governing board meeting; first meeting of the African national statistical associations; and the meeting of the African Group on Statistical Training and Human Resources (AGROST) The seventh ASSD will be held back to back with the third meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa in January 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Africa Statistics Day

3. In 2010 African countries aligned the theme of the African Statistics Day (ASD), which is celebrated every year on 18 November, with the World Statistics Day that was celebrated for the first time on 20 October 2010 under the theme “*Celebrating the many achievements in statistics: Service, Professionalism, Integrity.*” ASD 2011 was also celebrated under the theme “*Keeping accounts to improve Africa’s present for a brighter future*”. As ACS has done in previous years, it supported the national celebrations by preparing materials for the ASD celebration and providing them to member States. The materials included advocacy posters in English, French, Arabic and Portuguese and drafts of technical notes and Medial Advisory in English and French.

4. In both 2010 and 2011, ACS celebrated the ASD with the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) of Ethiopia. During the one-day celebrations presentations were made on various

statistical topics. The day was marked at the UNCC where various stakeholders in the national statistical system of Ethiopia participated.

Building a data hub at ECA for the provision of development data on Africa

The Joint African Statistical Yearbook

5. Providing users with development data on African countries has always been one of the priority areas of the work of ECA. In this regard, ECA publishes an Annual Statistical Yearbook (ASYB), jointly with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the African Union Commission (AUC). The second and third editions of the publication were produced in March 2010 and 2011, respectively. The joint data collection mechanism and the related publication have significantly reduced the burden on countries and also the potential for publishing conflicting information on African countries. In addition to the ASYB, a joint Statistical Pocketbook with the main indicators on social, economic and environmental conditions in Africa was produced for the first time in June 2011. The Compendium on Intra-African and Related Foreign Trade Statistics, which has been discontinued since 2005, is also produced in 2011.

African Statistical Journal and Newsletter

6. The publication of the African Statistical Journal (ASJ) was one of the major initiatives aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and best practices among stakeholders in the African Statistical System. The AfDB is funding the publication and distribution of the Journal that is co-edited with ACS. Two issues of ASJ are released in May and November of every year. Additionally, ACS continues to produce the quarterly African Statistical Newsletter, with four issues published in March, June, September and December of every year.

ECA Statistical Data Management Platform

7. ACS continues to maintain the statistical database (StatBase) as the corporate platform for statistical data management and dissemination and some enhancements were made in 2010. As part of the continuing implementation of StatBase in the ECOWAS region, ACS conducted training in Dakar, Senegal on the use StatBase data management platform for compilation and dissemination of statistical data at the Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie (ANSD).

8. ACS staff undertook a mission to pilot the ECA statistical data management platform in Rabat, Morocco from 13 to 21 December 2010. The objectives of the mission were to pilot the statistical data management platform at the subregional Office for North Africa (SRO-NA), the National Statistics Office (NSO) of Morocco and the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU); to train staff of the SRO-NA, NSO and AMU on the use and administration of the platform; to install the platform at SRO-NA and the NSO Morocco premises; and to migrate SRO-NA existing data to the platform. A mission with the same objective was also undertaken to the national statistics institute of Cameroon and the SRO-CA in Yaoundé. Finally, similar missions were undertaken at the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Gabon NSO as well as to the Sudan.

Census Micro Data

9. ECA has implemented a mirror of the African Integrated Census Microdata (AICMD) at ACS website, <http://ecastats.uneca.org/aicmd/>.

Implementing the current standards of the System of National Accounts (SNA) in Africa

10. African countries have increasingly adopted and implemented the 1993 SNA, with more than 30 countries having moved from the 1968 to the 1993 System. However, the global standard has been upgraded to the 2008 SNA. ECA has undertaken several activities in the area of national accounts during the indicated period.

11. A regional workshop on implementing the international strategy in economic statistics was organized in collaboration with UNSD and the Central Statistics Office (CSO) of Mauritius and held from 6 to 9 July 2010 in Port Louis, Mauritius.

12. ACS participated in a workshop on national accounts and macroeconomic aggregates analysis from 13 to 17 September 2010 in Bamako, Mali. The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the strategic plan for implementing the 2008 SNA.

13. A mission was undertaken by ACS staff to the headquarters of AfDB from 10 to 12 November 2010 to discuss the collaboration and cooperation between AfDB and ECA in the implementation of the 2011 Round ICP-Africa and the implementation of SNA.

14. ACS in collaboration with the CSO of Mauritius organized an expert group meeting on the harmonization of national accounts from 23 to 25 November 2010 in Port Louis. The purposes of the EGM were to review the draft implementation guide, to share country experiences, and to discuss related issues in the implementation of the 2008 SNA in Africa.

15. A training workshop on the ERETES software was organized by ACS in collaboration with Eurostat from 4 to 8 April 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training was given to the staff of ACS as well as the staff of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of the Ethiopian Government. ERETES "Supply and Use Balance – Input/output table" was developed by the French Ministry of Cooperation and the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE).

16. A seminar on the implementation of the 2008 SNA in Africa which was jointly organized by ECA, AfDB, and UNSD was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 11 to 15 April 2011. It is expected that this initiative would lead to a multi-year programme to move the countries over to the 2008 SNA and to establish a minimum common data set of annual and high frequency statistics. This regional programme is part of the global implementation programme for the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics.

17. A training workshop on International Comparison Programme (ICP) - National Accounts was jointly organized by ECA and the World Bank ICP Global Office. The Seminar took place at UNCC in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 16 to 20 May 2011 and was attended by the staffs of ACS, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of the Government of Ethiopia and AfDB.

Supporting statistical training programmes

18. ACS was represented at the meeting on the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics that was held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy from 13 to 14 September 2010. The main objective of the meeting was to review the preparation of proposed African implementation plan of the Global Strategy which was then presented at the Fifth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-V) held from 13 to 15 October 2010 in Kampala, Uganda.

19. ACS participated in a joint mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from 20 to 26 September 2010, with the African Capacity-Building Foundation (ACBF), AfDB, the Partnership in Statistics for development in the 21st century (PARIS21) and the World Bank. The main objective of the mission, which was requested by the Congolese Government, was to explore the possibility of creating a statistical training institution based on the standards of the existing sub-regional training institutions such as ENSEA Abidjan, ISSAE Yaoundé and Dakar.

20. The African Group on Statistical Training and Human Resource (AGROST) held its third meeting in Maputo, Mozambique, from 4 to 6 April 2011. The main objective of the meeting was to ensure the coordination of activities and initiatives in support of statistical training and human resources development in Africa. The latest meeting of the AGROST took place in the margins of the ISI World Congress in Dublin, Ireland in August 2011. The meeting aimed at discussing with ISI Council a proposal for capacity-building programme for the African region.

Population and housing censuses

21. Population and housing censuses is an area where the ACS made notable progress. The strategy under this programme consisted in advocating for census taking during the global 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses (RPHC); support to countries at different stages of census taking; provide countries with manuals and handbooks for proper census taking; and ensuring exchange of good/bad practices among member States.

22. With respect to participation, so far 31 ECA member States have conducted their censuses, constituting a 59 per cent implementation rate. If the trend continues, it is more likely that the participation of African countries in the 2010 RPHC will be better than during the 2000 round when only 37 countries undertook a census. This is a result of strong advocacy namely through the ASSD.

Improving the status of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa

23. The first Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration was held from 13 to 14 August 2010 at the headquarters of ECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Conference was attended by 294 participants including 32 Ministers, 9 representatives of ministers, and 98 African countries representatives. The Conference, which was preceded by the preparatory meeting of experts from 10 to 12 August 2010, was co-organized by ECA, AfDB, AUC and the government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia that hosted the event. UNSD provided technical support, with additional input from UNICEF, UNFPA, HMN and UNHCR. The Ministers resolved to: take appropriate policy measures to facilitate the implementation of plans, programmes, and initiatives for the reform and improvement of CRVS systems to achieve universal coverage and completeness; formulate laws and policies that ensure

timely and compulsory registration of vital events occurring within their countries, with guarantees for equal access to the systems for all persons; and intensify awareness raising campaigns on the procedures and importance of CRVS systems, to ensure effective functioning of systems. The Ministers called upon ECA, AfDB, AUC and other development partners to continue to support capacity-building activities and in the mobilization of resources; for ECA to consider establishing a substantive post on civil registration and vital statistics with appropriate support staff at ACS in order to ensure the sustainability of ongoing efforts to improve CRVS systems in Africa; and for ASSD to give priority to mobilizing Africa to improve CRVS systems.

24. An Expert Group Meeting on the Post-Ministerial Conference Activities on Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Africa was held in Addis Ababa during 17 to 21 January 2011. The meeting was attended by representatives of national statistical and civil registration offices, statistical training centres and young statisticians. International organizations were also represented, and the organizing partners sent their own experts to coordinate and facilitate the meeting, and contribute to the discussions. The experts have concluded their meeting by requesting premier regional organizations and other development partners to support the implementation of the Regional Medium-term CRVS Plan and the Call to Action document based on the declaration made by the Ministers responsible for Civil Registration during the historic conference held in August 2010.

25. An expert group meeting on international standards for civil registration and vital statistics system was held from 27 to 30 June 2011 in New York, USA. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Principles and Recommendations for Vital Statistics Systems, Revision 2 for updates and elaboration and to propose an outline for the next review of the recommendations.

Capacity-Building

26. As part of a project to improve the availability and use of statistical information for decision-making, ACS organized two train-the-trainer workshops. The first one was hosted by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of Nigeria and organized from 23 to 26 March 2010 in Abuja, Nigeria for selected English-speaking countries while the second workshop was organized from 1 to 4 June 2010 in Rabat, Morocco for selected francophone countries and regional economic communities.

27. An expert group meeting on MDGs was held from 28 June to 3 July 2010 in Kigali, Rwanda. It was organized in collaboration with AfDB. The main objective of the meeting was to review the draft manual on how to derive MDG indicators from censuses, surveys and administrative records and was prepared based on the recommendations of StatCom Africa-II.

28. A workshop on the organization and management of statistical systems was held from 28 September to 1 October 2010 in Dakar, Senegal.

29. A workshop was organized on informal sector, household surveys and labour statistics in Mali in November 2010. It was jointly organized by ECA, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank.

30. A workshop on Engendering Statistical Processes was organized by ACS in collaboration with ANSD from 1 to 3 February 2011 in Dakar, Senegal. The overall objective of the workshop was to introduce to members States and African statistical development

stakeholders the first draft of the handbook on gender statistics developed by ECA in order to raise their awareness on the importance of dialogue between statistics producers and users for a better engendering of survey, census and statistical tools in Africa; and to get their inputs for the improvement and the finalization of the handbook and the practical way of using it.

31. A workshop on MDG Monitoring in Africa – Issues, Challenges and Way Forward was held in Kampala Uganda during 7 to 11 March 2011. This workshop was jointly organized by ECA, AfDB, AUC, UNFPA and UNDP in partnership with the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS). The first part of the workshop was focused on challenges with regard to collection, compilation and reporting of data on MDG indicators by the countries while the second part of the workshop was devoted to reviewing the draft regional 2011 Report on Assessing Progress towards Attaining the MDGs in Africa.

32. A workshop on environment statistics and accounts was organized by ACS from 7 to 11 March 2011 at UNCC in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The main objectives of the regional workshop was to train staff of the NSOs and environment ministries of member States on the concepts of environment statistics, environmental and economic accounting; and agree on a core set of environmental indicators and statistics for national and regional reporting. In addition, the participants were able to share their country experiences in environment data collection, compilation and dissemination, and to establish a network of environmental statisticians among the countries as recommended by the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative NEPAD.

33. A workshop for the Implementation of the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-Water) and the International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) was organized for selected countries in the Southern African subregion. The workshop was co-organized by UNSD and ECA, and was hosted by Statistics South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa from 6 to 10 June 2011. The main objective of the workshop was to provide hands on technical assistance to selected countries in the Southern African subregion in order to develop an agreed programme of work and institutionalizing water accounts and statistics using SEEA-Water and IRWS.

Technical assistance and other activities in various areas of statistics

34. ACS has conducted a number of technical advisory services in different areas of statistical development in support of evidence-based policy decision-making, accountability, multilateral surveillance and convergence programmes, especially for subregional integration and monitoring the progress toward the MDGs. This took place in areas such as prices, trade, education, health, agriculture, gender, civil registration and vital statistics, database management, etc.

35. ACS and the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) in collaboration with InWent Centre for Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics of Germany organized an expert group meeting on climate change measurement as a Pre-ADF VII side event on 11 and 12 October 2010. The objectives of the meeting were to map out the climate related information situation for Africa and showcase climate change issues and the information used to address them by preparing an analysis of the situation with existing data and model scenarios; and to put emphasis on the role of the information input in order to highlight the importance of information in climate change studies for adaptation and mitigation.

36. A data collection mission was undertaken to the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 29 November to 3 December 2010. The data collected were used during the preparation of a publication entitled Perspectives of the African Economy 2011 as well as to update statbase database at ACS.

37. A mission was undertaken to Namibia from 9 to 18 January 2011 in order to train staff in the regional offices and the central statistical office on the use of digital techniques for census cartography and data processing.

38. A technical assistance mission was undertaken from 21 to 28 February 2011 to Senegal in order to enhance the capacity of ANSD staff on the use of digital techniques for census cartography in preparation of the 2011 Population, Housing and Animal Husbandry Census of the country.

39. A technical assistance mission was undertaken to Economic and Monetary Commission of Central African States (CEMAC) in Douala, Cameroon from 28 February to 4 March 2011. The objectives of the mission were to strengthen the capacity with regard to 2008 SNA implementation and to collect data in the area of economic statistics.

40. A mission was undertaken to the Central Statistical Office of Botswana from 21 to 25 March 2011 to provide technical support in census cartography and data processing in preparation to the forthcoming 2011 Population and Housing Census.

41. A mission was undertaken to Cameroon from 17 to 24 April 2011 to provide technical assistance for census results dissemination through the development of an interactive digital atlas.

42. A mission was undertaken in Botswana during 16 to 21 May 2011 in order to assess current status of CRVS system in the country and make recommendations for strengthening the various aspects of the system namely, legal, administrative, operations and management, statistical, computerization.

43. A technical assistance mission was undertaken to Djibouti from 30 May to 10 June 2011 to develop and maintain a spatial database allowing for a continuous updating and editing of cartography products that meets the needs of planners and decision makers.

Participation of ACS staff members in workshops / meetings

44. The fifth meeting of the African Statistical Coordination Committee (ASCC) was specifically organized in preparation for the joint African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development that was held from 28 to 30 March 2010. The Ministerial Conference considered African Charter on Statistics and the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA). It also discussed the preparation for the sixth ASSD and the initiative to establish AfricaInfo Database.

45. ACS participated in the meeting of group of experts on national accounts from 26 to 29 April 2010 in Geneva. The meeting discussed government finance and national accounts; natural resources, financial accounts, balance sheets and the measurement and recording of pensions; the

impact of globalization on national accounts, including labour mobility, financial crisis and e-commerce, and reviewed the first draft publication on globalization and SNA.

46. ACS was represented at the international conference on Informal Sector and Informal Employment that was held from 6 to 7 May 2010 in Hanoi, Vietnam. A joint presentation on how to select the most adequate instruments to measure informal sector and informal employment in Africa was presented by AFRISTAT and ACS.

47. ACS participated in the 16th Session of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) that was held from 1 to 3 September 2010 in Vienna, Austria. ACS contributed to the deliberations and led the discussions on the interregional project on the measurement of the informal sector being funded under the seventh tranche of development account projects, and the coordination and preparation of a proposal on CRVS for submission to the eighth tranche of the development account projects.

48. ACS participated in the launching of the UNSD/DFID project on improving the compilation and dissemination of national development indicators, including the MDGs in the Africa region meeting that was organized by UNSD in Nairobi, Kenya from 18 to 20 October 2010.

49. ACS participated in the regional workshop on the latest version of the National Data Archive Application (NADA 3.0) that was organized by PARIS21 from 18 to 21 October 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya. The main objectives of the workshop were to introduce the improvements of the latest version of the NADA software, to teach participants on the use of NADA 3.0 for documenting, archiving, and disseminating surveys, and to demonstrate how existing NADA 2.0 can be migrated to NADA 3.0.

50. ACS participated in the workshop on the training of trainers on e-learning in statistics. The workshop was organized by InWEnt and the Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics of Makerere University from 19 to 22 October 2010 in Kampala, Uganda.

51. A staff of ACS participated in the 42nd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) and related side events from 22 to 25 February 2011 in New York, USA. While in New York the staff participated in various meetings that included the African Group on the preparation of the UNSC, EC-ESA cluster on statistics, Regional Commissions and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts, Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities, United Nations Children's Fund on the evaluation of Devinfo, International Statistical Institute, and other UN entities on statistical programmes.

52. A staff member participated in the subregional Workshop on Environment Statistics and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was undertaken to Dakar, Senegal from 28 March to 1 April 2011. The Workshop was organized by the ECOWAS Commission in collaboration with UNSD in order to formulate a subregional environment statistics programme. The objectives of the workshop were to collect data on the MDGs' Goal 7, Ensuring Environmental Sustainability, agreed indicators; to discuss data quality; the use of the methodology sheets on a set of selected core indicators as well as dissemination of environment statistics.

53. ACS staff participated in the International Workshop towards Harmonization of Time Use Surveys at the Global Level with Special Reference to Developing Countries that was organized in Delhi, India from 6 to 8 April 2011 by the Centre for Development Alternatives.

The objectives of the workshop were to follow-up on the progress of the international efforts aimed at the harmonization of concepts and methods related to time use surveys; to exchange knowledge and best practices with experts from other regions and other organizations on the subject; to bring the lessons learned from the experience on statistics harmonization in Africa in general, the conduct of time use surveys in particular in order to help in the harmonization process; and to present the situation in Africa and the ECA future plans on time-use surveys promotion.

54. A meeting of experts on improving civil status registration systems and combating document fraud was held in Warsaw, Poland from 9 to 11 May 2011. The overall objective of the meeting was to exchange experiences and best practices and also formulate proposals for transnational cooperation in strengthening capacities and exchanging information.

55. ACS staff attended the Meeting on the Monitoring the Implementation of 2011 International Comparison Programme (ICP) in Africa which was organized by AfDB from 10 to 12 May 2011 in Tunis, Tunisia. The objectives of the meeting were to present the roles of ECA in ICP; to participate in the discussions on the activities and work programme for ICP-Africa 2011; to discuss on the follow-up actions and way forward of the Regional Seminar on the Implementation of the 2008 SNA held in April 2011 in Addis Ababa, and the related Regional Project Document with the AfDB secretariat; and to have bilateral meetings and exchanges with RECs representatives on national accounts and related activities.

Study tour

56. A three-day study tour was undertaken at ACS by representatives of the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) of the Sudan from 25 to 28 October 2010. The delegation was composed of the Director-General and other four staff members of CBS. The delegation was briefed on the main activities of ACS including: overview of the Centre; employment survey, informal sector, labour input matrix and satellite accounts; RRSF and NSDS; national accounts and 2011 Round ICP-Africa; gender and related social statistics issues; civil registration and vital statistics; environment and climate change statistics; data collection and compilation for ASYB; StatBase and general statistical data management issues; and food balance sheet in agriculture.

Annex 2

Programme of Work 2012-2013

1. **Objective of the Organization:** To strengthen the availability and utilization of quality statistical information for evidence-based policy formulation and tracking progress towards the achievement of national and international development targets, including the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, within the framework of the Reference Regional Strategic Framework for Statistical Capacity-Building in Africa in support of African integration processes.

Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

Expected accomplishment	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of member States to produce and use economic, demographic, social and environmental statistics, including gender-disaggregated and gender-responsive statistics in support of regional integration and the Millennium Development Goals	(a) (i) Increased number of countries that have adopted a national strategy for the development of statistics in accordance with international statistical standards and practices <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 22 Estimate 2010-2011: 30 Target 2012-2013: 38 (ii) Increased number of countries that successfully conduct population and housing censuses during the 2010 round in compliance with international standards and practices <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 18 Estimate 2010-2011: 25 Target 2012-2013: 34
(b) Enhanced national capacities to produce harmonized and comparable statistical data in support of regional integration, macroeconomic convergence programmes, common currency and better economic management in the regional economic communities	(b) (i) Increased number of national statistical offices compiling a comparable set of economic and environmental accounts, in compliance with the 2008 System of National Accounts <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 30 Estimate 2010-2011: 35 Target 2012-2013: 40 (ii) Increased number of countries that have adopted the minimum set of manuals required for statistical harmonization <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 21 Estimate 2010-2011: 27 Target 2012-2013: 35

External factors

2. The ACS provision of adequate backing to member States is expected to fully achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (i) member States provide scale up resources for conducting regular statistical operations, censuses, surveys, administrative data; (ii) RECs, regional and international partners join efforts to support the statistical harmonization and capacity building; and (iii) the African Statistical Coordination Committee which brings together the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the African Capacity-Building Foundation (ACBF) plays its role in improving statistical coordination in the region and within the RRSF and the African Charter on Statistics frameworks.

Outputs

3. During the biennium 2012-2013, the following outputs will be delivered.

4. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings: third session of the Statistical Commission for Africa (2012); second Conference of African Ministers responsible for civil registration (2012);

(b) Parliamentary documentation: reports to StatCom- Africa III on the implementation of NSDS in Africa (2012); report on the status of 2010 round of population and housing censuses in Africa (2012); report on civil registration in Africa (2012); report on vital statistics in Africa (2013); external and independent assessment of the implementation of RRSF for statistical capacity-building in Africa (2012); and the assessment of the status of the civil registration and vital statistics systems in Africa (2012); and

(c) Other services provided: Ad-hoc expert group meetings: group of experts on national accounts (2012), group of experts on development indicators (2013); group of experts on civil registration and vital statistics (2012); group of experts on gender statistics in support of regional integration and MDGs (2012); group of experts on informal sector satellite accounts (2013); group of experts on data management (2012).

5. Other substantive activities (regular budget/extra budgetary):

(a) Recurrent publications: the joint ECA/AfDB/AUC African Statistical Yearbook (one in 2012 and one in 2013); compendium of African foreign trade statistics (2013); compendium on gender statistics (2013);

(b) Non-recurrent publications: manual on the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA) in Africa (2012); manual on developments of indicators beyond 2015 (2013); handbook on the development of environmental statistics in Africa (2013); implementation guide for civil registration (2012); implementation guide for vital statistics (2013); handbook on the production and use of gender statistics (2012); Handbook on the development of the informal sector satellite accounts (2013); Handbook on major statistical data management software (2012);

(c) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall-charts, information kits: African Statistical Day (ASD) (one in 2012 and one in 2013); African Statistical Newsletter (ASN) (one in 2012 and one in 2013); African Statistical Journal (ASJ) (one in 2012 and one in 2013); African Statistical Pocketbook (ASP) (one in 2012 and one in 2013);

(d) Technical materials: maintenance of African statistical database (one in 2012 and one in 2013); development and maintenance of climate change database (one in 2012 and one in 2013); maintenance of database on indicators of economic and social issues (one in 2012 and one in 2013); development of statistical database on infrastructure and natural resources development; and

(e) Special events: African Statistical Day (one in 2012; one in 2013); Fifth forum on African Statistical Development (FASDev-V; 2012), Annual Africa Symposium on Statistical Development (one in 2012; one in 2013);

6. Technical cooperation (regular budget/extra budgetary):

(a) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia): workshop on the fifth session of the forum on African Statistical Development (FASDEV-V) (2012); workshop on the implementation of the 2008 System of National Account (SNA) in Africa (2012); workshop on economic and social classifications (2013); workshop on statistical training (2013); workshop on the production and use of gender statistics (2012); workshop on international trade statistics (2012); workshop on the development of environmental statistics and accounts in Africa (2012); technical workshop for the Africa symposium on statistical development (ASSD) with special emphasis on civil registration (2012); technical workshop for the Africa symposium on statistical development (ASSD) with special emphasis on vital statistics (2013); workshop on time use-surveys for the measurement of the contribution of women to countries economies (2012); seminar on national satellite accounts on household production (2012); and training courses on informal sector, national accounts, and labour input matrix (LIM) (2013); external review of the African Statistical Yearbook (annual) (one in 2012 and one in 2013)

(b) Fellowships: six visiting scholars, fellows and interns to support the work of ECA in various areas of statistics including informal sector, gender statistics, statistical training programme for Africa and data management;

(c) Field projects: strengthening the capabilities of NSOs to implement the SNA in support of the 2011 Round of the International Comparison Programme (ICP-Africa), in collaboration with AfDB, consisting of group trainings, pilot studies and development of manuals and methodologies to decompose GDP by the expenditure method for PPPs computation, data compilation for ICP-Africa (2012, 2013); strengthening statistical capabilities in satellite accounts for household production, time-use surveys, database managements and geo information systems (one in 2012 and one in 2013); statistical training programme for Africa (AGROST) for capacity developments of member countries, in collaboration with partners covering both initial and in-service training (one in 2012 and one in 2013); and

(d) Advisory Services: Advisory services, upon request, to member States, RECs and IGOs on national accounts, gender statistics, census data processing and statistical training in the context of the UN ten-year capacity building programme for the AU, the Multi-Year Programmes (MYPs) and the MDGs;