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Sixth Meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development (FASDev VI)

Tunis, Tunisia 8 December 2014

Provisional annotated agenda

1. Registration

Participants will be invited to register. Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday, 8 December 2014.

2. **Opening ceremony**

- a. The Director of the African Centre for Statistics of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will call the meeting to order and make welcoming remarks.
- b. Official statements by representatives of the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commission, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) and the World Bank will follow.

3. Adoption of the programme of work and organizational matters

Under this item, the provisional agenda and the draft provisional programme of work will be discussed, amended, if necessary, and adopted. The secretariat will also use this opportunity to discuss pertinent administrative matters and make announcements.

Documentation:

- Draft provisional agenda of FASDev VI
- Draft programme of work of FASDev VI
- Draft annotated agenda of FASDev VI
- Concept note of FASDev VI

4. Levels and trends of support for statistical development in Africa

This session will include a presentation of overall partner support based on the PARIS21 PRESS report, and an analysis of the support levels and trends. It will also include presentations on specific programmes or initiatives in selected countries with a special focus on the achievements of the programmes, not just on the implementation processes. The reports and presentations will focus on results. The Chair will allow interventions from the floor (not more than three minutes) on some of the programmes.

Documentation:

- Presentation/paper by PARIS21 (PRESS report)
- Presentation/paper by the United Republic of Tanzania
- Presentation/paper by Mali

5. **Ongoing and new initiatives**

This session will be devoted to presentations by partners and/or countries on initiatives that have been launched following FASDev V. These initiatives are of a subregional and/or regional nature and are intended to improve the capacity of African countries in producing and using quality statistics to support their development efforts.

Documents to be submitted by:

- PARIS21
- World Bank
- AfDB
- International Statistical Fellowship Programme

6. Making partner support more effective and efficient

This session will deal with modalities of financing statistical development and implementing National Strategies for the Development of Statistics, the application of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness principles to support statistics, architecture for supporting statistical development in Africa, donor coordination under the Statistics for Results Facility, coordination of support for statistical development among international organizations, and the role of partners in fostering South-South cooperation.

Documentation to be submitted by:

- Sweden (Support for Statistical Development in Africa)
- Italy (Support progamme for the Statistical Sector in Africa)
- Statistics Canada
- Eurostat
- Statistical Coordination Mechanism of the Agencies of the United Nations and donors by the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and one country

7. Training session on the Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity-Building

The World Bank will conduct a training session on the Trust Fund, which will focus on the procedure and mechanism for requesting funds from the institution. During the session, the directors general of national statistics offices will also be informed about opportunities and processes for getting financial support from the World Bank.

8. **Presentation of main conclusions and communiqué**

The main conclusions and recommendations of FASDev VI will be presented in the form of a declaration or communiqué for formal adoption by the participants. In addition to precise recommendations, the document will include a discussion on issues that stakeholders have to report on during the following FASDev.

Documentation:

• Communiqué of FASDev VI

9. Closing

ECA and PARIS21 will make some concluding remarks before closing the session.