

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Workshop on

**“Sound institutional environment, cooperation,
dialogue and partnerships for the production
and utilization of SDG indicators ”**

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1. LEGAL INSTRUMENTS ESTABLISHING KNBS



- ❑ KNBS is a semi autonomous Government Agency established under the Statistics Act Number 4 of 2006 of the Laws of Kenya.
 - ❑ Before then, it operated as the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), a government department in the Ministry of Planning and National Development under the Statistics Act (Cap 112) of 1961.
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2. MANDATE OF KNBS

- The mandate of KNBS includes collection, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information, and the coordination of the National Statistical systems (NSS)
 - NSS *constitutes data producers, data users and data providers*
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2. MANDATE OF KNBS Cont'd

- Specifically, the Bureau is the Principal Agency of the Government for collecting, analysing and disseminating statistical data in Kenya and custodian of official statistical information
 - Maintain a comprehensive and reliable national socio-economic database
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3. Kenya National Statistical System



- The Constitution of Kenya recognises the importance of statistics in all spheres of development
- the Statistics Act, 2006 provides the legal and institutional framework for production and management of statistics in Kenya.
- KNBS is established under the Statistics Act, 2006 as a semi-autonomous agency of government for production and dissemination of Official Statistics and the supervisor and coordinator of National Statistical System (NSS).

Kenya National Statistical System Cont'd



- Official statistics are collected through censuses, surveys or compiled from administrative records collected by various government agencies
 - These statistics are produced in line with agreed international/national standards and conform to the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.
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Kenya National Statistical System Cont'd



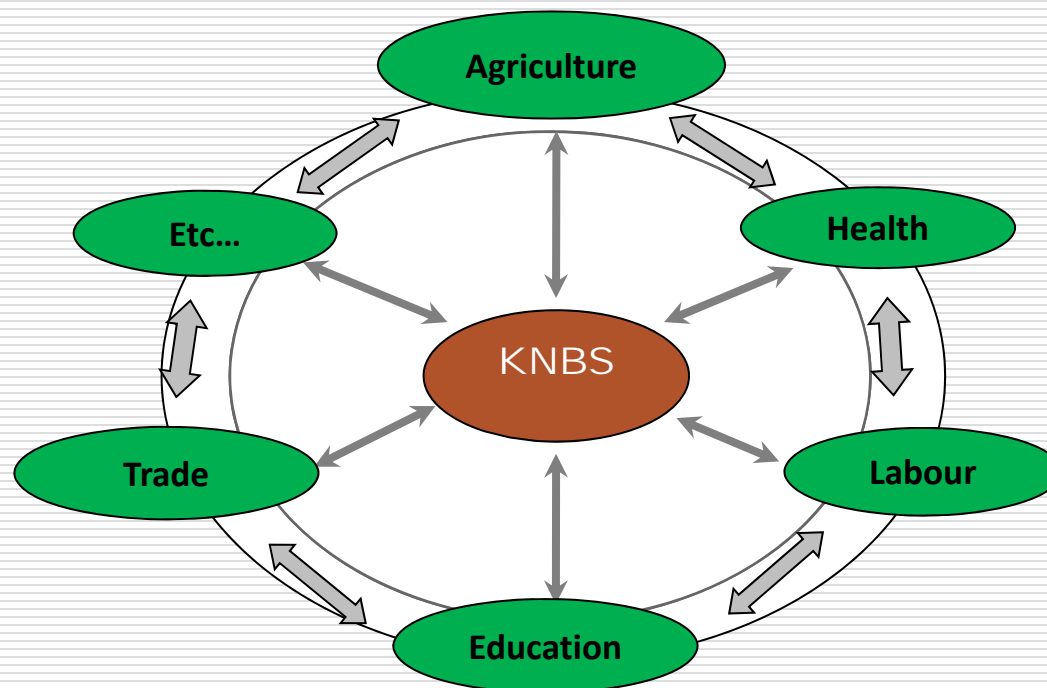
- All the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and non state actors are included in the National Statistical system (NSS).
- Effective coordination between KNBS and the NSS, through Strategic planning is necessary to ensure that international standards and norms are implemented and that methods, concepts, definitions and classifications are harmonized across agencies

Kenya National Statistical System Cont'd



- This requires a vibrant National Strategy for Statistical Development framework ,
 - For purposes of coordinating statistics by various stakeholders KNBS has established sector working committees that harmonize, identify data gaps and ensure data is submitted to Bureau in a timely manner.
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4.0 NSS Structures



4.0 GOVERNANCE IN PRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

The mechanisms and tools that characterize the efficacy of the NSS are:

- The legal framework
 - Leadership and coordination
 - The role of the KNBS
 - The protection of fundamental values
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GOVERNANCE IN PRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS *Cont'd*

1. The legal framework established by the *Statistics Act*

- ✓ Provide the necessary infrastructure and institutional arrangements for collection, management, dissemination and utilization of official statistics in the country.
 - ✓ Through such a framework, leadership and coordination mechanisms are developed, and the conditions surrounding the collection of information for statistical purposes are defined
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GOVERNANCE IN PRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS Cont'd

2. Leadership and coordination—Four key functions

- Positioning the national statistical system
- Holding consultations and maintaining key partnerships
- Influencing the national and international environments in which statistical information is used to better support research and decision making
- Ensuring that the appropriate foundations (for planning, management and control) are in place to support the production, management, availability and use of high-quality statistical information

Partnerships in production of official Statistics



- ❑ KNBS has maintained a culture of working in partnership with various stakeholders and maintaining continued interaction in the execution of its mandate.
- ❑ Involve all agencies-MDAs, UN system, international Agencies etc
- ❑ Agreement on roles and responsibilities for each partner
- ❑ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) -Enter into performance agreements with producers of official statistics
- ❑ Public-Private sector

Collaboration

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- ❑ This is through Promoting collaboration and integration among the producers of official statistics
 - ❑ Co-financing activities
 - ❑ Collaborating in implementing the activity
 - ❑ Capacity building
 - ❑ Advocacy
 - ❑ Areas of collaborations with universities
 - ✓ Statistical Association
 - ✓ Capacity Building
 - ✓ Attachment
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Communication and Advocacy

- ❑ Is essential to achieve, maintain commitments and support and overcome resistance
- ❑ Support the dialogue between the Users Suppliers and Producers of Statistics
- ❑ Done through User/producer Forums, Launching of reports, sector committees, engagement of relevant stakeholders before surveys/censuses
- ❑ ~~Advertisements through various media~~

5.0 Strategies for SDGs Implementation

Strategy 1: Strengthen capacity of the SDGs Implementation Unit, Ministry of Devolution & Planning

- Establishment of an SDGs Secretariat comprising personnel with diverse expertise, capable of guiding SDGs implementation, monitoring and reporting

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

Strategy 2: The advocacy and capacity building thematic areas have already been identified as a priority for the SDGs.

- Unlike the MDGs, the roadmap has scheduled awareness creation activities and capacity building to be conducted within the first and second year so that more time is dedicated to actual implementation of the SDGs.

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

Strategy 3: Strengthening national Statistical capacities.

- ▶ KNBS supervises and coordinates the National Statistical System to ensure:
 - comprehensiveness and methodological soundness of statistics that are produced by the government Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

- ▶ Coordinating statistical activities across government include setting statistical standards, reviewing and commenting on the validity of statistics.

A challenge facing the NSS, (to an extent also KNBS), is limited statistical capacity.

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

It is essential to tap into existing local/international expertise required to create synergies for new data collection tools and technologies in the SDG monitoring frameworks, such as earth observations and mobile telephony data.

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

Areas of focus in strengthening statistical capacities include: ~

- Training of MDAs, including Counties, on basic statistics and management of information, particularly administrative data
- Technical assistance to the NSO and National Statistical System on imputation of the indicators and sharing of methodologies involved, including adoption of small area technology.

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

strengthening statistical capacities : ~

- Knowledge sharing, between international and national statistics agencies, on the indicators where methodology is still non-existent (Tier III)
- Incorporation of key stakeholders in the SDGs data debate through the existing national technical statistics committees (Trade, Agriculture & Nutrition, Education, Environment, Health, Peace & Justice, SDGs, Trade, etc).

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

strengthening statistical capacities : ~

- ❑ Technical and financial support in conducting SDGs related surveys, further analysis of existing surveys and censuses (e.g. KDHS, KPHC) to derive baseline information for the SDGs
- ❑ Effective coordination of big data (large/complex datasets) from non-official data sources
- ❑ Collaboration with private sector and international agencies to develop geospatial databases

Strategies for SDGs Implementation

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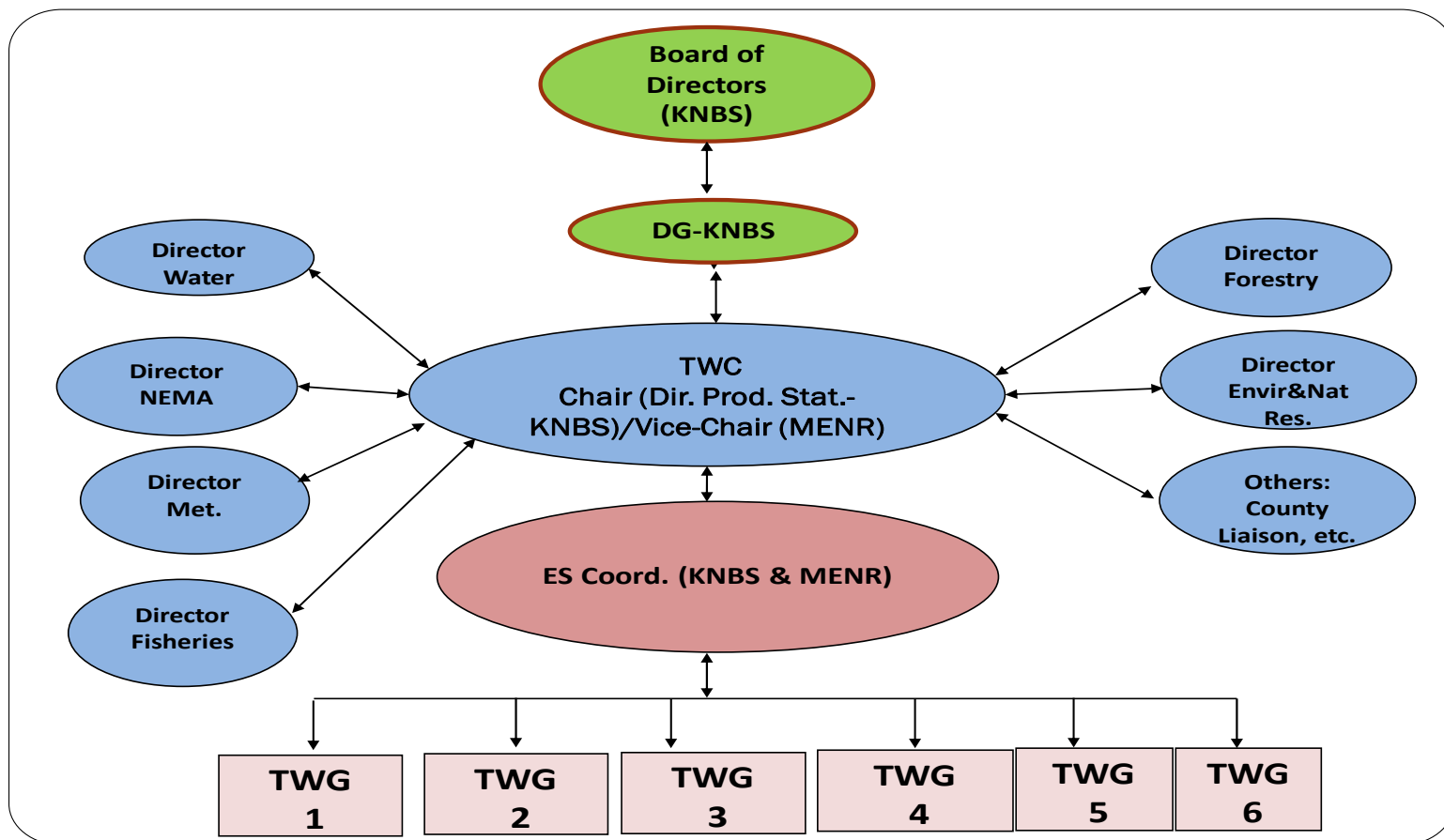
- Establishment of a National Strategy for the Development of Statistics

6.0 Environment Statistics Governance

- Due to emerging demand of environment statistics Kenya has established a stand alone committee on Environment statistics to address:
 - Harmonize indicators produced various institutions
 - Identify gaps
 - Implement FDES, ESSAT
 - Commence reporting on 35 SDGs indicators identified under 7 environmental Goals

Environment Statistics Governance

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Environment Statistics Governance

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- ❑ TWG 1: Environmental conditions and quality
 - ❑ TWG 2: Environment resources and their use.
 - ❑ TWG 3: Residuals/waste
 - ❑ TWG 4: Extreme Events and Disasters
 - ❑ TWG 5: Human Settlements and Environmental Health
 - ❑ TWG 6: Environment Protection, Management and Engagement
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7.0 CHALLENGES

- Inadequate funding
 - Awareness to appreciate statistics
 - Emerging data demands both locally and Internationally
 - Provision of disaggregated data at the lower administrative level
 - New technological changes e.g.ICT
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CHALLENGES

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- Tapping of data from non-traditional data E.g Geospatial data, Big Data
 - Finalization of National Strategy for Statistical Development
 - Getting all key stakeholders to work with Bureau
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8.0 Statistical Initiatives

- ❑ Review of 2006 Statistics Act to align it with the current constitution 2010
 - ❑ Rolling out of National Strategy for Statistical Development
 - ❑ Establishment of Statistic units in line Ministries, Depts and Agencies
 - ❑ Mainstreaming of SDGs in institutions and incorporated in Performance contracting in all public institutions
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Statistical Initiatives Cont'd

- ❑ Establishment of County statistics Bill under discussion by Senate with view of coming up with statistic unit at devolved level
 - ❑ Use the sector committees structure when conducting statistical activities
 - ❑ Expanding the NSS to ensure all players are involved including non-state actors
 - ❑ Adoption of a policy to use new technology in all data collection
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Statistical Initiatives Cont'd

- ❑ Expanding of statistical frames to facilitate devolved governments
 - ❑ Enhanced accessibility of data by making it available online
 - ❑ Developing of Quality framework
 - ❑ Performance for Results(P for Results)
 - ❑ Collaboration with Statistics Sweden
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