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Statistical coordination & Partnership



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Coordination...

- Why
 - To ensure that statistics are holistically produced by the National Statistical System in an efficient way, according to common and harmonized standards, norms and principles.

BUT...

- A myriad actors
 - Incoherent approaches, unsynchronized, no synergizes and lack or poor integrated programmes
 - Literal competition and elbowing each other
- Results
 - Duplication of efforts
 - Wasted resources – no impactful outcome
 - Sustainability.. questionable
 - Misapplied resources and not aligned to NSDS or NDP
 - Pressure on NSO planning.

Data and Statistics Coordination

Global

Regional

Level 3

CCSA
Members: international and supranational organizations (AfDB, Paris21, Afristat, IMF, OECD, ...)

Level 2

CCS-UNS
Members: specialized agencies and the Secretariat (UNDP, UNFPA, FAO, ILO, ITU, UNWTO, WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, ...) + regional economic and social commissions

Level 1

Regular Bi-monthly conference calls b/n UNSD & Regional Com. ECA, ECE, ESCAP, ECLAC, ESCWA + Regional Commissions NY Office

- StatCom-Africa (ECA)
- CoDG (AUC)
- ASCC (AUC, AfDB, ACBF, ECA, RECs)
- Other partners
- Other initiatives – OIBC, CRVS

Recall ...coordinate ?

- The Paris Declaration
 - Donor countries to harmonize their procedures and to coordinate activities at both the country and the international levels.
- With the aim to ensure
 - Impact and
 - Sustainability

Areas of coordination.....

- Four main elements of Coordination in National Statistical Systems
 - Validation (reliable reporting)
 - Participation (including collaboration, ownership, stakeholder empowerment)
 - Harmonization
 - Resource maximization (including. cost effectiveness, modernization)

Results of effective coordination

- Effective use of funds (public money) in the most efficient way
- Ensure synergy of competences and resources
- Avoid duplication and reduce response burden
- Avoid discrepancies
- Provide users maximum oversight and accessibility
- Better use of partner engagement

Backed by

- A Good Statistical Act
- Well articulated NSDS

Coordination- Resource Maximization

- Good coordination can produce inventories on each partner support thus avoiding duplication of resources.
- Other Resource Maximization Actions
 - examine effective available or existing resources
 - analyze areas that need more resources with a view of ensuring cost effective overtime
- Comparative Advantage

Conclusions and recommendations

- Need for legal framework that build international trust
- Existence of statistical programme that guides national priorities
 - NDP
 - NSDS
- Encourage the establishment of donors coordination at national level
- With COVID-19 impact,
 - Building back better for resilient and agile national statistical systems
 - Transforming by digitalizing statistical systems



THANK YOU!

Ideas
to
Action