



Webinar on “Experience sharing on the modernization and use of administrative data and records for statistical purposes”

28 and 29 June 2022, 3:00-5:30 pm (GMT+3)

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1. Background and objectives

Administrative data and records have become an important source to complement censuses and surveys and reduce data gaps. The [assessment baseline](#) information for SDG indicators domesticated by Zanzibar has shown, for instance, that 50 of the 156 indicators require administrative data for their monitoring. However, the use of these data for statistical purposes in Africa is still limited. At the same time, it is recognised that this data source is more frequently updated and could potentially reduce production costs and improve data disaggregation.

Data demand arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, Agenda 2063, sub regional agendas, national and sub national development plans put significant pressure on National Statistical Systems. The latter have to take decisive action to transform how data and statistics are produced and disseminated to adequately respond to the demand. Going in this direction, the [Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data](#) (CT-GAP) called the global statistical system, amongst others, to improve the quality of national statistical registers and expand the use of administrative records, integrating them with data from surveys and other new data sources to compile integrated social, economic and environmental statistics to follow up on the 2030 Agenda.

The CT-GAP was echoed in the African region with the creation of the African Group on transformation and modernization of national statistical systems (AGTM) by the Statistical Commission for Africa in October 2020. The mission of this group is to strategically guide and coordinate the work on transformation and modernisation of national statistical systems in the continent ([E/ECA/STATCOM/7/12](#)). As mandated by the Statistical Commission for Africa, ECA has taken steps to operationalize the Group. The Commission also supports the implementation of its three technical teams' work plans, which are as follows: digitalization and integration of Data Science Initiatives, survey methodology, and National Statistical System, Administrative Data Systems, and Statistical Legislation. For instance, the ECA has launched a program to assist its Member States in modernizing administrative data and registers for statistical purposes.

Against this background and in line with the second strategy for the harmonization of statistics in Africa, which requires to expand the base of the production of African statistics, including through the use of administrative data, ECA will organize a webinar on “Experience sharing on the modernisation and use of administrative data and records for statistical purposes” in partnership with UN-Women; the African Union Commission; the National Institutes of Statistics of Burundi, Cameroon, Niger and Sierra Leone; and the Office of National Statistics of the United Kingdom’s.

2. Why participating at this webinar?

The webinar will provide a platform to share experiences and best practices in the modernization and use of administrative data and records for statistical purposes from national statistical offices in Africa and beyond. It will also highlight the challenges countries that successfully use this source of data faced during the modernization process and how they were addressed. The webinar will also serve as a forum for African countries to share information on the kind of support they need from partners to



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implement a roadmap to modernize their administrative data and registers for statistical purposes. It will also help to share information on available tools, materials, and programmes supporting this.

3. Logistical details

The webinar will be held on Zoom on 28 and 29 June 2022. Simultaneous translation will be provided between English and French.

The national statistical offices and institutions that would like to share their experiences on the modernization of administrative data and registers for statistical are invited to inform ECA (Léandre Ngogang, ngogangwandji@un.org) at their earliest convenience, preferably by 15 June 2022.

4. Draft programme

Day 1	
15.00 – 15.15	Opening remarks by: - Oliver Chinganya, Director – African Centre for Statistics
15.15 – 15.30	ECA’s programme on administrative data and global perspectives <i>By Leandre Ngogang - ECA</i>
15.30 – 15.50	The legal environment in the UK enabling the use of admin data and ONS-UK experiences in applying this <i>By Simon Whitworth – ONS data ethics and governance</i>
15.50 – 16.10	Discussion
16.10 – 17.10	Country’s experiences and practices in modernizing administrative data and registers, including challenges , 20 min per presentation Burundi, <i>by Modeste Ndayisenga</i> Cameroon, <i>by Abanda Ambroise</i>
17.10 – 17.30	Discussion
17.30	End of day 1
Day 2	
15.00 – 15.05	Recap of day 1
15.05 – 15.25	Understanding the quality issues with administrative data: ONS-UK approach, the big challenges and issues and guidance on assessing quality of admin data. <i>By Charlie Wroth-Smith, ONS-UK quality centre</i>
15.25 – 15.45	GBV admin data guideline and quality assurance of administrative data toolkit. <i>By Isabella Schmidt and Silja Emmel, UN-Women</i>
15.45 – 16.05	The “data journey” <i>By Tom Mills, Head of Data Development Unit, ONS-UK</i>
16.05 – 16.25	Discussion
16.25 – 16.40	AUC programme in support of administrative data <i>By [Maxime Bonkougou], PAS team leader, AUC</i>
16.40 – 17.30	Panel discussion: Modernizing administrative data and registers – Way forward <i>Miriam B Jalloh, Statistics Sierra Leone</i> <i>Saidou Issoufou, National Institute of Statistics of Niger</i>



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	<i>Wroth-Smith Charlie, ONS UK</i>
17.30 – 17.40	<i>Wrap-Up Session and Farewell</i>

5. Registration

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