

## AFRICAN CENTRE FOR STATISTICS

### Monthly update of activities and events- FEBRUARY 2024

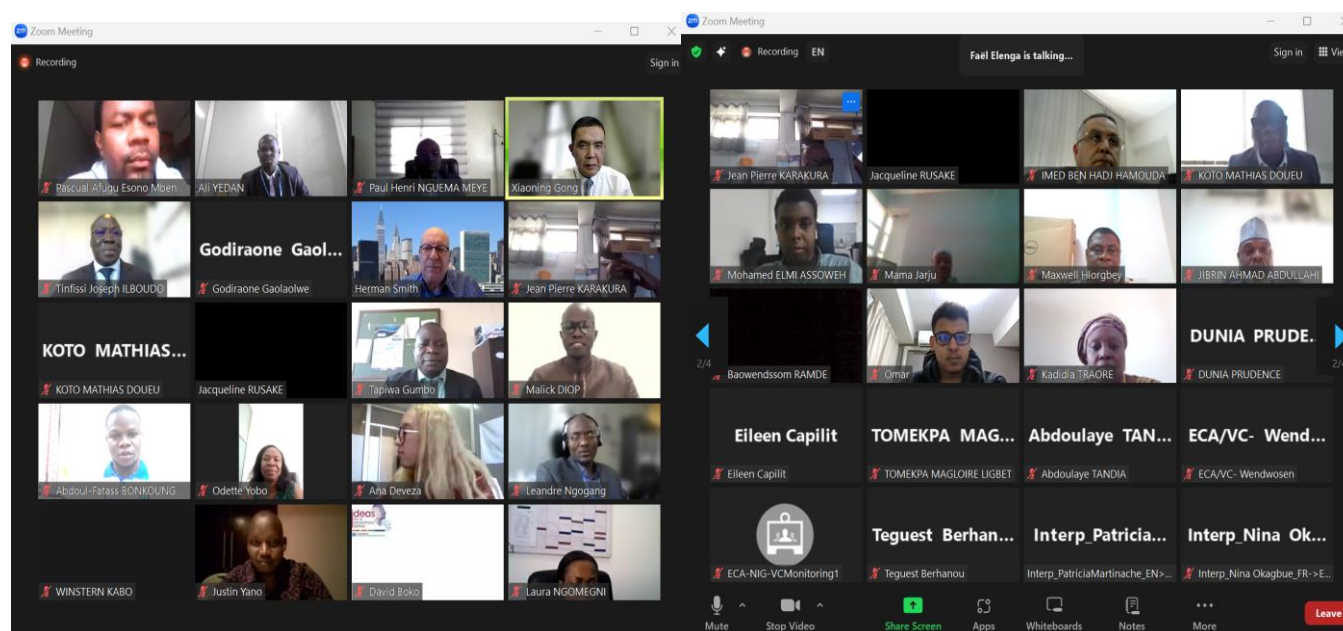
#### 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA)

On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the African Centre for Statistics (ACS) held a webinar on the 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA). The 2025 SNA is an update of the 2018 System of National Accounts (SNA), through three-pronged approaches:

- Undertaking technical research in prioritized and other national accounts issues and experimentation and testing of selected recommendations.
- Engaging in a broad consultation on the issues related to thematic areas, and
- Ensuring overall consistency with other statistical standards in the system of economic statistics.

The purpose of this webinar was to provide a better understanding of the different chapters of the 2025 SNA and to have a consensus and common positions among African countries before the Fifty-fifth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, scheduled to be held in New York from 27 February - 1 March 2024. The presentation was conducted by Mr Hermanus Smith, a senior statistician, and Chief of Section at the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

The webinar gathered staff from the Economic Commission for Africa, Directors General, National Accounts experts from African National Statistical Offices, AFRISTAT, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, and African Regional Economic Commissions (RECs).



*A Part of the participants of the webinar*

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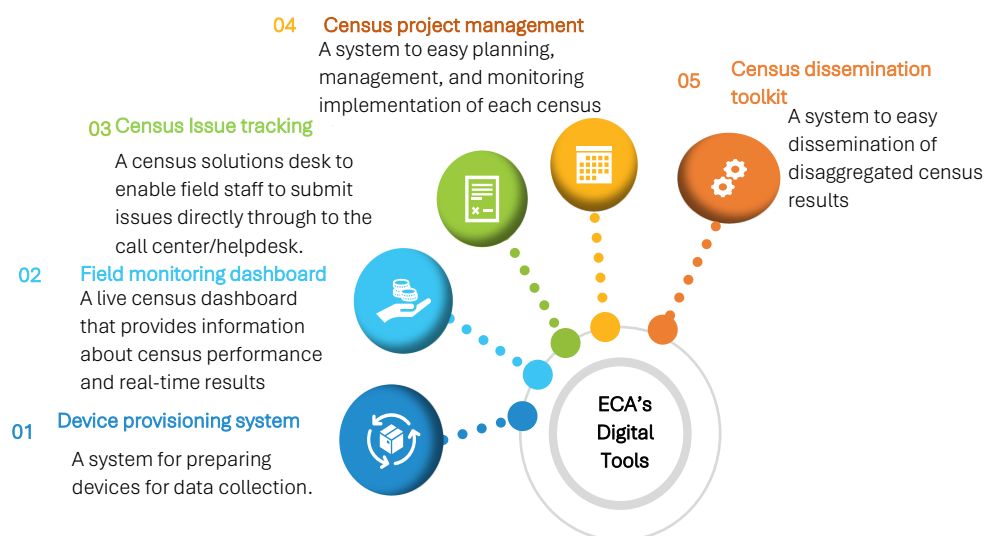
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## 2020 Population and Housing Census (PHC) round

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ACS has continued to support member states in the implementation of digital censuses and promote the use of ECA's innovative digital census management tools.



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## Post Enumeration Survey (PES) training.

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The ACS, and the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) in partnership with the United Kingdom Office for National Statistics (ONS) conducted a post-enumeration survey workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. The workshop was designed to teach participants from member states that are due to carry out a census about post-enumeration surveys (PES) and what is required to carry out an effective PES. The participants were drawn from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, Djibouti, The Gambia, Tunisia, and Burundi with three delegates from each. In addition, case studies from other countries such as Rwanda, Ghana and Namibia were presented.

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## Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX)

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The ACS provided support to develop capacities in the use of Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) tools to support SDG data and metadata reporting through Open SDG. Open SDG is an open source, free-to-reuse platform for managing and publishing data and statistics related to the SDGs. Participants learned to link SDMX validated data to the Open SDG for use. This is a game changer for efficient dissemination of SDGs for monitoring and reporting.



A regional training workshop held in Harare – Zimbabwe from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The participants included staff of the National Statistics Offices responsible for SDGs compilation, management, reporting and dissemination, including on the Open data Portal as well as staff with a good background and knowledge in Information Technology and Statistics expertise.

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development (ARFSD)

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ACS is in high gears preparing for the 10<sup>th</sup> ARFSD which will focus on the 2024 High Level Political Forum selected SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17 and the corresponding aspirations of Agenda 2063/strategic objectives of the second ten-year implementation plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063. The 10<sup>th</sup> ARFSD will take place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024. In particular, the Forum will:

- Build on and promote uptake of the relevant outcomes of the 2024 ECA Conference of Ministers (COM).
- Take forward the outcomes of the 2023 SDG Summit and associated events including commitments or recommendations on the SDG stimulus package, international financial architecture, and other financing arrangements.
- Identify and advance measures to support and render momentum to the 12 high-impact initiatives to accelerate SDG implementation at regional and national levels.
- In the context of SDG 13, take forward the outcomes of COP28 of UNFCCC
- Prepare for and provide Africa’s inputs to the Summit of the Future to be held in New York, on 22-23 September 2024.

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## Cooperation between Statistics Norway and ACS

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On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024, ACS received a delegation from Statistics Norway – international development cooperation that will have a collaboration on a wide range of statistical activities to fill data gaps, strengthen institutional development, as well as communication and advocacy for statistics.



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## 12<sup>th</sup> StatsTalk-Africa monthly webinar series

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On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024, ACS convened its 12<sup>th</sup> StatsTalk-Africa monthly webinar series that provide a space for dialogue about data, statistics, and innovative tools with data experts and users. This particular webinar was intended to demystify concepts, processes, divergences and developments in digital identity and legal identity systems. During which, the Director-ACS- Oliver Chinganya noted that ECA as the secretariat of the regional Africa Programme for Accelerated Improvement for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS) aims to provide management and programmatic guidance to the African agenda of reforming and improving CRVS systems. The APAI-CRVS programme provides guidance on the institutional and operational linkages, workflows, and results management mechanisms in a more comprehensive and holistic manner, encompassing the interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral interfaces of CRVS systems. The APAI-CRVS programme has a digitalization working group whose role is to ensure digitization of civil registration as well as legal identity.

Noting that ECA coordinates the implementation of the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda in Africa, that is aimed at establishing a mechanism for conferring legal identity to all in a continuous, universal, and inclusive manner, from birth to death. Currently, the work of the APAI-CRVS programme has been extended to include National Population Registers, which incorporate records of all residents in the country, together with their basic demographic information, and updates for births, deaths, changes of marital status, and international migration.

For more details See:

- [Building Inclusive National Identity Systems - Interlinking digital identity and legal identity | APAI-CRVS \(uneca.org\)](#)
- [Digital ID to unlock Africa's economic value if fully implemented, say experts | United Nations Economic Commission for Africa \(uneca.org\)](#)
- Video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVYWEF6sdy0>

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## Meeting of the Bureau and members of the statistical commission for Africa

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On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, UNECA represented by the ACS convened a meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices in Africa at the Africa Union permanent mission in New York. The purpose was to agree on common positions on statistical issues to deliver one voice for Africa during the UN Statistical Commission. During which the Director ACS – Oliver Chinganya, briefed the Permanent Missions to the UN (Africa Group) about the statistical developments in Africa with focus on the modernization of National Statistical Systems and experiences of the 2020 Round of population and housing censuses. On a positive note, the Ambassadors were very appreciative of the work of ACS-UNECA.



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## Related global statistical events

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There were great interventions including from Africa at the 55<sup>th</sup> UN Statistical Commission that commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the UN General Assembly Hall in New York.



ACS also participated in several side events of the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Statistical Commission including:

- Towards achieving target 16.9 and legal identity for all – how far have we come and what’s next?
- Transitioning from the 2020 to the 2030 Round of Population and Housing Censuses: Lessons and Prospects.

Organized the meeting of the Bureau and members of the statistical commission for Africa.

Many other Side Events of the 55<sup>th</sup> UN Statistical Commission were announced and many of the virtual events were recorded. [The full list of side events can be consulted here.](#)

Related global statistical events included:

- 12 February: [Take advantage of the available funding opportunities to join us in Mexico City for the IAOS-ISI 2024 Conference!](#) (All Network)
- 21 February: [The new UN Data platform](#) (All Network)
- Various: Members of the [SDMX User Forum](#) are actively discussing a wide range of SDMX-related topics. Head on over to the group to join the discussions (SDMX User Forum)

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## Upcoming events

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ACS has scheduled the 13<sup>th</sup> StatsTalk -Africa webinar on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 on the topic understanding the role of the UN Regional Hub on Big Data and Data Science for Africa in advancing the work on official statistics. Here is the Registration link: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/10316323-7a98-4c59-a5ed-5ebe153ed35c@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70>

The presenters include:

- **Mr. Yusuf Murangwa** - Director General-National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR)
- **Ms. Therese Uwimana**- Director of Data Revolution and Big Data-National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR)
- **Mr. Simon Tichutab Onilimor** - Data Scientist - Ghana Statistical Service (GSS)

