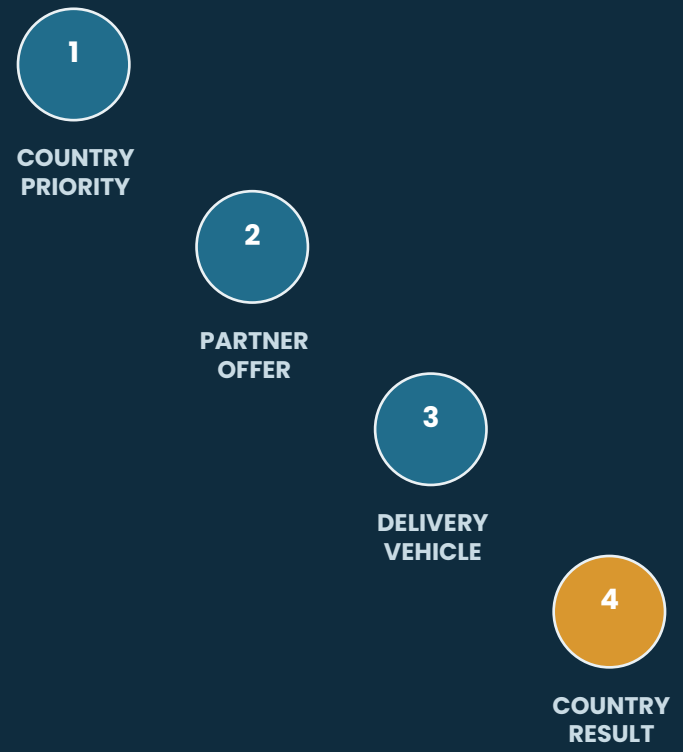
TWELFTH FORUM ON AFRICAN STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT

Matching partner support to Africa's statistical priorities

Where support is available, where gaps remain, and what coordination is required



Session III | Financing, coordination and emerging priorities

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PURPOSE AND EVIDENCE

Five submissions provide a preliminary map, not a complete picture

The analysis supports the Session III discussion on coordination, modernization, financing, and country-level results.

6
partner submissions reviewed

3
Session III decision themes

15 min
to frame the panel discussion

Submissions included

ECA/ACS
Institutional template

AfDB
Institutional template

STATAFRIC
Institutional template

PARIS21
Institutional template

World Bank Group
Institutional template

ONS-UK
Institutional template

EVIDENCE LIMITS

Preliminary coverage
The six templates do not represent all partner support.

Uneven detail
Some submissions document more activities than others.

Classification
“Not documented” is not proof that no support exists.

EXECUTIVE SYNTHESIS

Three conclusions should frame the panel

The submissions show capability, but access, scale, and accountability remain uneven.

01 TECHNICAL COVERAGE

Broad, but uneven

Support is strongest in strategy, harmonization, digital systems, agriculture and national accounts. Several operational areas are less clearly documented.

02 FINANCING

Substantial, but concentrated

Large operations exist, but reported amounts use different bases and access routes are not consistently clear to countries.

03 COORDINATION

Present, but not systematic

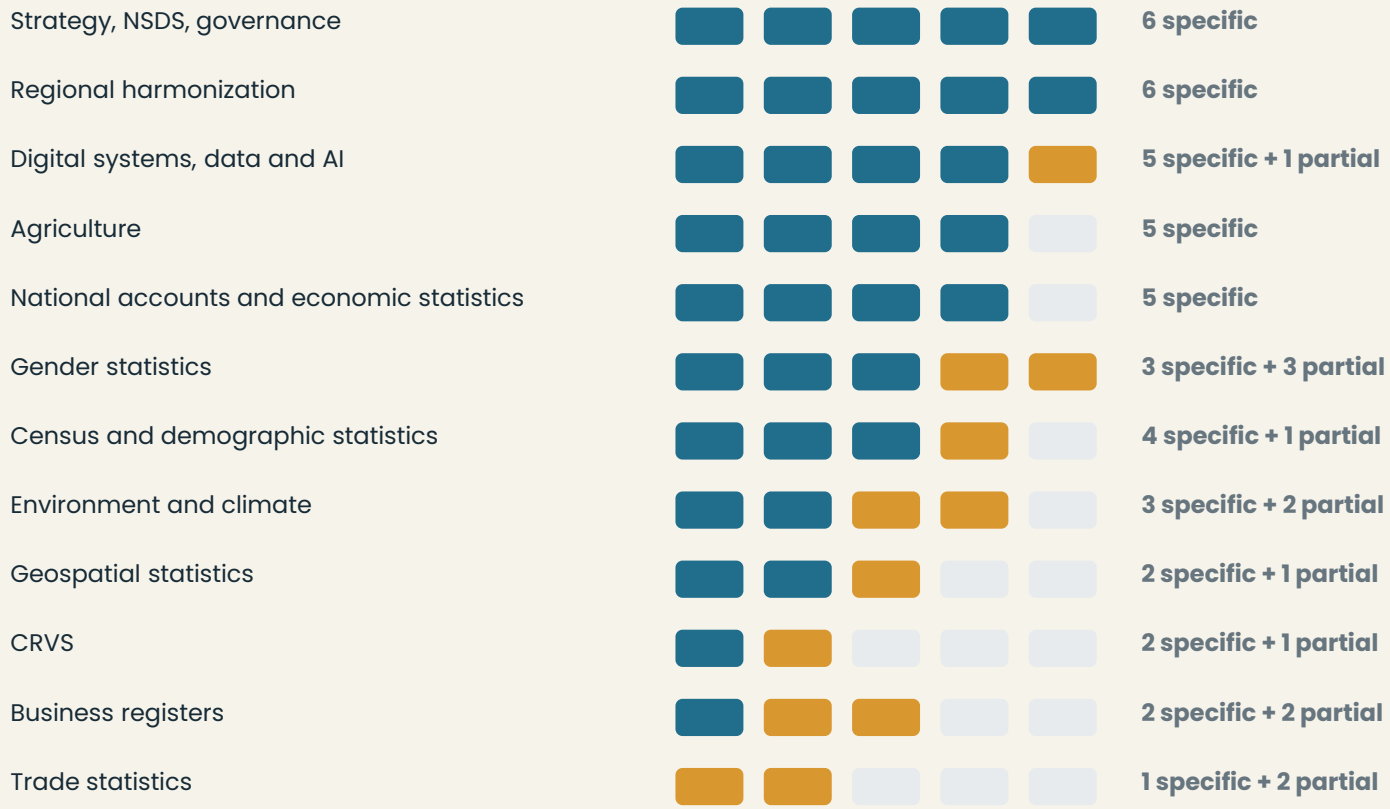
Joint projects and shared tools exist. Country-level division of labour, calendars, leads and result indicators are not consistently documented.

Session III test: Can partners convert these capabilities into coordinated, accessible, and measurable country support?

TECHNICAL COVERAGE

Documented support is strongest in strategy and harmonization

Bars show how many of the six submissions describe a specific offer; lighter extensions indicate a partial or coordination role.



READING FOR THE PANEL

- **Build on strength** — Strategy, standards and regional platforms already have multiple institutions behind them.
- **Clarify thin areas** — CRVS, business registers and trade statistics are less clearly documented.
- **Do not over-read blanks** — A blank field may reflect an incomplete template, not the absence of activity.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

Substantial operations exist, but access routes remain uneven

Reported amounts differ by period, instrument, geography and institutional role and are not directly comparable.

STRUCTURED FACILITY / LENDING

World Bank Group

WHAT IS DOCUMENTED

Large lending and grant operations; Global Data Facility pools donor resources.

ACCESS READING

Access through country operations, government engagement and facility channels.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC FINANCING

AfDB and ECA/ACS

WHAT IS DOCUMENTED

Reported project allocations and mobilized resources for defined initiatives.

ACCESS READING

Access is project- or partnership-specific; amounts are not open funding windows.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION

PARIS21 and STATAFRIC

WHAT IS DOCUMENTED

Technical assistance, institutional delivery, standards, and training;

ACCESS READING

Support is generally on request, through work programmes or partner arrangements or UK diplomatic channels..

Panel focus: What mechanism can countries access, under what conditions, and what result will be reported?

DEMAND AND EMERGING PRIORITIES

Offers align with country priorities on paper; delivery scale is often unclear

COUNTRY PRIORITY	EVIDENCE OF DEMAND	DOCUMENTED OFFER	READING
AI and data science	27 of 32 members report need	Activities across all six submissions	**Offer exists; recurring workforce pathway and scale unclear**
National accounts	6 of 14 consulted NSOs	World Bank, AfDB, ECA/ACS, STATAFRIC	**Strong provider base; sequencing and division of labour needed**
Censuses and sampling	3 of 14 NSOs; 2028–30 rounds	World Bank, ECA/ACS, and ONS-UK; support roles elsewhere	**Large financing gap remains for operations**
CRVS	17 of 32 report continuing need	Two specific offers plus partial support	**Thin documented delivery relative to demand**
Geospatial statistics	22 of 32 report continuing need	World Bank and ECA/ACS; partial role elsewhere	**Providers identifiable; country reach not consistently quantified**

Emerging-data implication: scale responsible AI and alternative-data use without weakening core statistical operations.

COORDINATION VEHICLES

Move from thematic overlap to a country-level delivery compact

Overlap is useful when roles, financing, milestones and accountability are explicit.

1 COUNTRY PRIORITY
Problem and expected result

2 NAMED LEAD
Accountable convenor

3 DELIVERY PARTNERS
Technical roles and financing

4 SHARED MILESTONE
Date, output and indicator

Existing vehicles to build on

JOINT PROJECT	ESTELLA: ECA and FAO in Kenya, Senegal and Zimbabwe.
CO-FINANCING	World Bank programmes with STATAFRIC; AfDB and partners supporting regional platforms.
SHARED PRODUCT	NADABAS training across STATAFRIC, AfDB and ECA; statistical portals and AI readiness tools.
COMMON STANDARDS	SHaSA II technical groups; implementation support for 2025 SNA and related classifications.

Next mapping: topic × country × period × lead × financing × result indicator

FOR THE PANEL

One specific commitment per institution

Every response should name an action, lead, partner, country or programme, and date.

A

COORDINATION

Which country-level vehicle will your institution join or lead, with which partners, and by what date?

B

DATA USE AND EMERGING DATA

What quantified commitment will your institution make to responsible AI, alternative-data use or data-use capacity in 2027?

C

FINANCING AND RESULTS

Which financing mechanism can countries access, and what country-level result will be reported before the next Forum?

Requested output: action + accountable lead + delivery partner + date + measurable result

APPENDIX

Partner profiles and validation status

Primary role, reach and route to support.

ECA/ACS Regional coordination, technical support, standards and data platforms

AfDB Technical assistance, harmonized methods and project financing

STATAFRIC Continental harmonization, technical groups, peer learning and training

PARIS21 NSDS, AI readiness, data use, leadership and on-request assistance

World Bank Group Lending, grants, surveys, censuses, geospatial and data innovation

ONS-UK Funded technical assistance across economic statistics, censuses, vital and population statistics, data-policy systems, and Open SDG.

Access: ODA-eligible countries, preferably through UK Embassies or High Commissions.

APPENDIX

AI and data-innovation offers

Four distinct offer types should not be treated as equivalent.

01 READINESS AND GOVERNANCE

PARIS21 AI readiness assessment and toolkit; task team and case studies.

02 TOOLS AND PLATFORMS

World Bank AI4Data; AfDB Open Data Platform 2.0; ECAStats and Geoportal; and ONS Open SDG.

03 COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION

AfDB maturity assessments and labs; World Bank mobile and language-data activities.

04 LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING

STATAFRIC leadership and technical-group work; partner courses and workshops.

Unresolved scale question: 27 of 32 members report a data-science and AI training need, while 5 report training received.

APPENDIX

Illustrative reach of selected programmes

Measures are programme-specific and are not directly comparable.

~20

African capitals with World Bank GEMS staff; 400,000+ project sites mapped

16

African countries in World Bank 50x2030 agricultural surveys

28

countries with World Bank LSMS survey support

52

countries in ICP-Africa 2024, coordinated by AfDB

15

Member States with NADABAS support from STATAFRIC

3

countries in ESTELLA, ECA with FAO, using Earth Observation

Use these figures to illustrate programme reach, not to rank institutions or aggregate coverage.

APPENDIX

Minimum information for the next partner mapping

A common structure will make offers searchable, comparable, and actionable.

1	**STATUS**	Active, planned or available on request
2	**COUNTRY REACH**	Mandate, current programme countries, and eligibility
3	**ACCESS ROUTE**	Contact point, application or government engagement path
4	**FINANCING BASIS**	Facility, project allocation, technical cooperation or in-kind support
5	**DELIVERY SCALE**	Trainees, institutions, countries, duration, and repeatability
6	**ACCOUNTABILITY**	Lead, partner, milestone and country-level result indicator

Output: a living partner offer map that countries can use and FASDEV can monitor.