



**Report of the Meeting of Directors general of National Statistics Offices  
on the Data Revolution in Africa  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; 21 - 22 January 2016**

## **Introduction**

1. In response to a request by the 23rd Ordinary Summit of the African Union. ECA, AUC, AfDB, UNDP and other partners organized a high level conference (HLC) on data revolution as a side event of the joint AU/ECA conference of Ministers in March 2015. The main outcome of the high level conference was a set of principles for implementing the data revolution, encapsulated as the “Africa Data Consensus.” The report of the High level conference and the Africa Data Consensus were presented to the ninth session of the Committee of Directors General (CoDG) of National Statistical Offices in November 2015, and the Committee recommended that the report on Data Revolution should take into account the African Charter on statistics and SHaSA. In this regard, the report should first be reviewed by the DGs and then submitted to the AU Summit for endorsement.
2. This meeting of directors general was organized as a special ad hoc experts’ group meeting, under the auspices of ECA, AUC and AfDB, to provide a forum for that review through a focused discussion on the role of NSOs in implementing the data revolution in Africa.
3. The meeting also provided a forum to prepare for common African positions on issues to be discussed by the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission
4. The meeting was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa. Initially, it was planned to start on 20 January and run for three days. However, due to the holiday of Ethiopian Epiphany (Timkat) on the 20<sup>th</sup>, it was not possible to access logistical and catering services on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the programme had to be compressed to two days, 21 and 22 January.

## **Attendance**

### *Member states*

5. The meeting was attended by heads of national statistical offices of 20 countries: Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Morocco, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda.
6. Six countries were represented by senior officials of the national statistical offices. There are: Angola, Benin, Comoros, Liberia, Mauritania, Mozambique and Nigeria,
7. Angola and South Africa had additional senior official in attendance.
8. The full list of participants is in Annex II

### *United Nations Agencies*

9. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Statistics Division, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) were represented.

### *International and Regional Organizations*

10. The meeting was also attended by representatives of African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), AFRISTAT, Development Initiatives, E&K Research Consulting, East African Statistical Training Centre (EASTC), ESRI, International Statistical Institute (ISI), Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Women Environmental Programme (WEP), and World Wide Web Foundation (WF).

## ***Media Organizations***

11. In addition to members of the press who covered the opening session, four media organizations were represented and participated in the entire proceedings. These are: Sommites Magazine, Radio Tiemeni Siantou, Ifriquya Media and Communications, and Ghana Business News.

## **Account of the Proceedings**

### **Bureau**

12. Since the meeting was organized as a follow up to the ninth session of CoDG, the bureau of CoDG officiated during the meeting. In the absence of the Chair (Gabon), the meeting was chaired by the first Rapporteur of CoDGr, being Botswana, with second Rapporteur of CoDG, being Mauritania as Rapporteur.

### **Opening**

13. Opening remarks were given by Oliver Chinganya, Manager, Capacity Development at the African Development Bank and Dr. René N'Guettia KOUASSI, Director of Economic Affairs at the African Union Commission.

14. Mr. Chinganya stressed that the Pan-African institutions should arrive at a common understanding on how to operationalize the data revolution concept within the realms of SHaSA, the Africa Charter on Statistics and other existing regional strategies and frameworks, including recent pronouncements on Sustainable Development Goals. He informed the meeting that AfDB will provide necessary support in terms of technical and financial assistance, adding that the issue of data revolution is at the core of the Bank's High 5s Agenda of Light Up and Power Africa, Feed Africa, Integrate Africa, Industrialize Africa and Improve quality of life of the people of Africa.

15. Dr. Kouassi pointed out the AU vision and views on the Data Revolution and its key objectives. Then, he highlighted the necessary transformations that are needed for the achievement of the data revolution. Finally, he stressed on the measures to be undertaken at national and regional levels within the existing frameworks and development agendas.

16. The meeting was formally opened by the Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist of ECA, Mr. Abdalla Hamdok. In his opening remarks, he pointed out that although the Africa Data Consensus produced by the High Level Conference is widely considered a technically sound document, it had not been developed as part of an intergovernmental process. He therefore commended the decision of the DGs when they met in Libreville to bring review it and through proper intergovernmental processes. He emphasized that the African Data Revolution must take place at the country level, with the national statistical systems as its foundation, and therefore the NSOs should be its leaders and champions. Therefore, it is critical for NSO directors to gain a full understanding of what the data revolution means to their countries. He further reminded delegates that the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA) stands as a cornerstone whose link with the regional and global agendas needs to be clearly identified, and together with the African Charter of Statistics should guide their discussions.

### **Agenda**

17. The following agenda was adopted for the meeting:

- a. Opening
- b. The Global Scene
- c. The African Scene

- d. The Africa Data Consensus – Mapping to SHaSA and the African Charter on Statistics and its draft implementation road map
  - e. Contributed Presentations
  - f. Parallel breakout sessions, including reporting back
  - g. Preparation for UN Statistical Commission
  - h. Adoption and Way Forward.
18. The full programme of work is in Annex III.

## **The Global Scene**

19. Two presentations were received from the United Nations Statistics Division and a member of the Secretary General’s Independent Expert Advisory Group on Data Revolution (IEAG). The first presentation recalled the importance and power of the data revolution taking place globally and its importance for Africa. It further emphasized the need to ensure that National Statistics Offices lead and direct this revolution.

20. The second presentation argued that although the data revolution had begun as a UN initiative it is now being “captured” by an active group of non-governmental actors who created a “Global Partnership” without involvement from the NSOs. It urged African countries to resist the attempt by non-African business interests to control the direction of the data revolution in Africa. Africa must challenge the non-representative nature of the current Global Partnership and the architecture that continues to by-pass the United Nations and African Governments.

## **The African Scene**

21. Three presentations were received from ECA, AUC and AfDB (see PowerPoint presentations). The discussions following the presentations reaffirmed the growing complexity and importance of several data communities and the important role of NSOs in empowering and validating the data being produced. The need to build the capacity of these data communities to provide accessible and verifiable statistics was emphasized, as well as policy and legal reform. It was suggested that the Africa Data Consensus offers huge potential to expand capacities of countries to produce data and statistics, and the possibility of accessing new finances and resources. However, delegates recalled that SHaSA and the African Charter on Statistics have been endorsed by African leaders at the highest level, and must not be discarded.

## **African Data Consensus**

22. The meeting received and discussed two presentations by members of the drafting team of the High Level Conference. The first presentation showed that there is a great deal of convergence among these three instruments from their strategic intent, treatment of global standards, national challenges and emphasis on expanding the statistical base not just for monitoring policy implementation but for planning and budgeting. Institutional capacity-building and promoting a culture of decision-making are the focus of three instruments. There are also some important departures in the ADC focus. These include, the importance of generating sub-national data and statistics and the importance of data communities. The second presentation outlined the draft implementation roadmap that was developed for the ADC.

23. During the ensuing discussion, delegates re-iterated that the data revolution in Africa should be anchored and spearheaded within the context of SHASA and Agenda 2063 through the implementation of NSDSs at country level. The process should be led by National Statistics Offices and inclusive of all new and emerging data communities (users and producers). Therefore, the ADC should fit into the revised SHaSA and not the other way.

## **Contributed Presentations**

24. Five stand-alone presentations were made by experts and resource-persons. Across these five presentations were case-studies, examples and tips for building country capacities, innovation, country compacts across different institutions and the potential of geo-mapping technology.

## **Breakout Sessions**

25. Prior to the breakout sessions, a consensus was reached on the importance of not presenting ADC as an alternative to the existing strategies, structures and frameworks to which the African governments have committed themselves. SHaSA remains the guiding document for the development of statistics in Africa. Two approaches were proposed for embedding the ADC into SHaSA: (i) to absorb the elements of the ADC into the revised SHaSA; or (ii) to make the ADC an addendum to the revised SHaSA.

26. The meeting broke into four groups along SHaSA themes and programmes. The four groups therefore focused on (i) strategies to produce quality statistics for Africa, (ii) country coordination, (iii) building sustainable institutional capacity, and (iv) promoting a Culture of Quality Decision-making.

## **Main Findings of the Breakout Groups**

### *Quality Statistics for Africa*

27. This group called for the strengthening of human and financial capacities within the context of the revised SHaSA. African governments should focus on producing quality statistics for SDG planning not just for reporting. Peer learning through exchange visits between NSOs should be encouraged. Other recommendations include encouraging more governments to ratify the African Charter on Statistics, and improving gender disaggregation of data and statistics,

### *Country Coordination*

28. This group called for the initiating and completion of data eco-system and legal country reviews and the prioritization and acceleration of existing commitments. Countries are called upon to support the budgeting process for Agenda 2063 currently being led by South Africa. Capacity building programmes should be initiated with line ministries and other formal data producers in accordance with international guidelines and best practices.

### *Building sustainable Institutional Capacity*

29. This group encouraged countries to reform their infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, build their human capacity and financing to ensure a viable data revolution. NSOs are called upon to engage with the private sector where appropriate to bridge financial and human capacity gaps. Key for the African Data Revolution is the establishment of national coordination mechanism to strengthen methodology and classification and the organization of national data forums.

### *Promoting a Culture of Quality Decision-making*

30. This group urged countries to build on existing signed commitments to accelerate momentum. Key to this would be the establishment of a continental registry of services, best-practices, tools and resources for countries to learn from each other. ECA was encouraged to compile an implementation document to be a reference document for governments.

## **Preparations for the United Nations Statistical Commission**

31. The second objective of the meeting of the Directors General was to prepare for the forthcoming 47<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2016. This is in keeping with practice before every session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. Prior to this meeting, the agenda items for discussion and decision at the UNSC had been circulated among DGs, with a call for countries to choose the topics they would lead in preparing and presenting. This session confirmed the assignments as detailed in Annex IV.

32. It was agreed that ECA should consolidate the positions prepared by individual countries and share with all countries before UNSC.

33. It was also agreed that a common message should be prepared to share with African Ambassadors to the UN during the UN Statistical Commission as a way of advocating for statistics at the global level.

## **Way Forward**

34. It was agreed that SHaSA should be revised to reflect emerging initiatives in statistics arising from the adoption of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. The secretariat should incorporate the comments and corrections made to the draft recommendations and finalize the report and recommendations. The report should then be sent to the Chairwoman to review and approve, and the approved report should then be sent to all delegates. AUC and ECA should then arrange to have it approved, first by present it to the next CoDG/Stat-com and second present it to the joint annual conferences of ministers before AUC channels it to the Summit to report on the High Level Conference requested by 23<sup>rd</sup> AU Summit in Malabo.

35. AUC informed the meeting that AfDB has offered to fund experts to support the revision of SHaSA. AUC and ECA were strongly encouraged to intensify their collaboration and coordination in the SHaSA revision process.

## Annex I

# Conclusions and Recommendations of the Meeting of Directors general of National Statistics Offices on the Data Revolution in Africa Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; 21 – 22 January 2016

## Introduction

A special meeting of the Directors General of national statistical offices was convened as a follow up of the recommendation of the ninth session of the Committee of Directors General (CoDG) of National Statistical Offices, which recommended that the report on Data Revolution should take into account the African Charter on Statistics and SHaSA. In this regard, the report should first be reviewed by the DGs and then submitted to the AU Summit for endorsement. This meeting was organized for that review to be undertaken in a structured forum.

## Preamble

*Recalling* the decisions of the Heads of States taken in the 23rd Ordinary Session of the African Union held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in June 2014, which requested AUC, EAC, AfDB and UNDP to convene a High Level Conference to discuss the data revolution in Africa and its implications for African Union's Agenda 2063 and the post-2015 development agenda;

*Further recalling* resolution 931(LVIII) of the 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Meetings of the Africa Union Specialised Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration, and the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministries of Finance Planning and Economic Development, of March 30-31, 2015 held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which, among other recommendations, undertook “to ensure that the African data revolution is built on the principle of openness across the data value chain and on vibrant data ecosystems driven by national priorities and anchored in national statistics systems that are inclusive of all data communities and stakeholder”;

*Appreciating* the efforts of the Pan-African institutions and the critical role they play in the popularization and implementation of continental standards and instruments;

*Recognizing* the complementarity and convergence between the Africa Data Consensus, the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA) and the African Charter on Statistics;

*Observing* that the existing the procedures for developing and implementing National Strategies for the Development of Statistics are adequate to take the data revolution forward without starting new initiatives;

We the Directors General present at this special meeting on the data revolution in Africa, hereby:

## General

1. *Re-affirm* SHaSA as the overarching continental strategy for statistical development in Africa;
2. *Undertake* to seize the opportunity of the data revolution for raising through SHaSA the visibility and importance of statistics, generating sub-national data and mobilization of Africa's diverse data communities;

### ***On the Global Scene***

3. *Reiterate* the recommendations of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Africa Symposium on Statistical Development and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of CoDG held in Libreville, Gabon, in November 2015, and call upon the UN Secretary General to establish a representative and inclusive Global Partnership on Sustainable Development data through an intergovernmental process;

### ***On the African Scene***

4. *Commit* to build the capacity of Africa's data communities to provide accessible and verifiable statistics, not only for monitoring and reporting on the SDGs, but also for planning and implementing the goals and targets set out in the AU Agenda 2063 and the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

5. *Further commit* to accelerate policy and legal reforms in order to realise the objectives of a revised SHaSA;

6. *Urge* AUC in collaboration with other Pan-African Institutions to intensify their collaboration and coordination in the SHaSA revision process, and to provide the SHaSA revision team with the recommendations of this meeting to guide its work;

### ***On Quality Statistics for Africa***

7. *Call* for more governments to ratify the African Charter on Statistics also AUC, AfDB and ECA to conduct working visit to the countries to advocate the signature and ratification of the Charter on statistics;

8. *Call* for the strengthening of human and financial capacities across line ministries and data producers;

9. *Commit* to producing quality statistics for planning not just for reporting the Sustainable Development Goals;

10. *Undertake* to organise and support study tours among NSOs as a way of sharing experience and knowledge;

11. *Resolve* to improve gender disaggregation of data and statistics across all sectors;

### ***On Country Coordination***

12. *Commit* to initiate and complete reviews of national laws relating to the production, curation, management and dissemination of data and statistics, to identify and correct misalignments in the data eco-systems;

13. *Commit* to prioritize and accelerate the implementation of existing commitments on statistical development and harmonization;

14. *Re-commit* to support the costing process for Agenda 2063 led by AUC;

15. *Further commit* to continue and initiate, as appropriate, capacity building programmes in accordance with international guidelines and best practices;



### ***On Building Sustainable Institutional Capacity***

16. *Commit* to reform our infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, human capacities and financing to realise the data revolution through SHaSA as well the use of the principles of African Charter on Statistics;
17. *Undertake* to engage with the private sector where appropriate to bridge the financial and human capacity gaps;
18. *Resolve* to establish national coordination mechanism to strengthen methodology and classification and to organise national data forums to engage diverse data producers and users under the leadership of the national statistical offices;

### ***On Promoting a Culture of Quality Decision-making***

19. *Resolve* to use the existing signed continental standards and commitments to accelerate momentum;
20. *Call* on AUC and ECA to establish a continental registry of services, best-practices, tools and resources for countries to learn from each other;
21. *Further call* on AUC, ECA and AfDB to compile an implementation document that integrates ADC into SHaSA and use the African Charter on Statistics as a reference guide for governments;

### ***Preparations for the United Nations Statistical Commission***

22. *Commit* that countries will lead the preparation of Africa's responses and inputs to UNSC topics assigned to them;
23. *Call* upon ECA to consolidate the individual contributions and share with all countries before UNSC in March 2016.

Resolved on 22 January 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## Annex II

### Meeting of Directors general of National Statistics Offices on the Data Revolution in Africa

#### List of Participants

1. NSO Directors					
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4	Ba	Ibrahima	Directeur General	INS	Côte d'Ivoire
5	Shulungu	Runika Roger	Directeur General	Institut National de la Statistique	DRC
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8	Sanyang	Nyakassi M.B.	Statistician General	Gambia Bureau of Statistics	Gambia
9	Chege	Zachary Mwangi	Director General	National Bureau of Statistics	Kenya
10	Amhemad	Abdella Zidan	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Bureau of Statistics and Census	Libya

11	Rajaonera	Ida Clement	Directeur General	INSTAT	Madagascar
12	Abdous	Belkacem	Directeur de la Statistique	Direction de la Statistique	Morocco
13	Murangwa	Yusuf	Director General	National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda	Rwanda
14	Ah-Time	Marie-Therese Laura	Chief Executive Officer	National Bureau of Statistics	Seychelles
15	Lehohla	Pali	Statistician-General	Statistics South Africa	South Africa
16	Aruai	Isaiah Chol	Chairperson	National Bureau of Statistics	South Sudan
17	Alamin	Yasin Elhag Abdin Ibrahim	Director General	Central Bureau of Statistics	Sudan
18	Chuwa	Albina Andrew	Director General	National Bureau of Statistics	Tanzania
19	N'Guissan	Kokou Yao	Directeur Général	Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques et Démographiques (INSEED)	Togo
20	Mungyereza	Ben Paul	Executive Director	Bureau of Statistics	Uganda

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1	Constantino	Domingos José	Head of Planning and Cooperation Department	Instituto nacional de Estatistica	Angola
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5	Varpilah	Dabah M		Institut of Statistics	Liberia
6	El Mahjoub	Taleb Abderrahmane	Directeur Général Adjoint	Office National de la Statistique	Mauritania
7	Levene	Valeriano da Conceicao	Vice President	National Statistical Institute	Mozambique
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5	Nzingoula	Gildas	Statistician	AUC	Ethiopia
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8	Joseph	Tinfissi Ilboudou	Chief Statistical Development Section	ECA	Ethiopia

9	Xiaoning	Gong	Chief Economic Statistics and National Account Section	ECA	Ethiopia
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15	Issoufou	Seidou	Statistician	ECA	Ethiopia
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21	Addis	Habtamu		ECA (Media)	Ethiopia
22	Chinganya	Oliver	Manager, Statistical Capacity Building Division	African Development Bank	Côte d'Ivoire
23	Houghton	Geoffrey Irungu	Moderator/Facilitator (consultant)		Kenya

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<b>5. Partners</b>					
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5	Achakpa	Priscilla Mbarumun	Executive Director	Women Environmental Programme	Nigeria
6	Anderson	Bill Elliot	Information Architect	Development Initiatives	United Kingdom
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### Annex III

## Meeting of Directors general of National Statistics Offices on the Data Revolution in Africa Programme of Work

Day 1: Thursday, 21 January 2016		
Time	Topic	Presenter/Lead
08:30 – 09:30	Registration, networking and morning tea/coffee	
09:30 – 09:45	Remarks by Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Manager Capacity Development, AfDB Remarks by Mr. René Kouassi, Director Economic Affairs Department, AUC Opening Statement by Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief economist of ECA	<i>Chair: South Africa</i>
09:45 – 11:05	<b>The Global Scene</b>	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
	<b>Global Statistics. UNSC. IEAG. HLG. (10mn)</b>	Luis Gonzalez Morales, UNSD
	<b>Global Data Revolution.</b> The context of the HLP's call for DR. The report of SG's Data Revolution Group – <i>A World that Counts</i> . The SG's Synthesis Report (10mn)	Pali Lehohla, Statistician General of South Africa and member of SG's IEAG on data revolution
	<b>The African Scene</b>	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
	<b>Africa and the data revolution.</b> The High Level Conference on data revolution. The concept of data communities and data ecosystems. (10mn)	Dozie Ezigbalike, Chief Data Technology Section, ACS
	<b>African Union Perception on data revolution (10mn)</b>	Imani Younoussa, Head of Statistics Division, AUC
	<b>AfDB support for data revolution (10mn)</b>	Oliver Chinganya, Manager, Capacity Development, AfDB
	Discussion (30mn)	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
11:05 – 12:30	<b>Mapping the Africa Data Consensus to SHaSA and the African Charter on Statistics (10mn)</b>	Bill Anderson, Development Initiatives, member of the ADC drafting team
	<b>Draft implementation road map (25mn)</b>	Yacob Zewoldi
	Discussion (50mn)	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Collection of DSA</b>	
14:30 – 17:00	<b>Contributed Presentations</b>	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
14:30 – 15:30	The Sustainable Development Goals: Time for Action and Implementation (10mn)	Serge Kapto, Policy Specialist, Data for Development, UNDP
	Capacity building for data revolution (10mn)	Irena Krisman, Vice President, ISI



	Innovations for data revolution ( <i>10mn</i> )	Shelton Kayanda, Programme Coordinator, PARIS21
	Discussion ( <i>30mn</i> )	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:40	Country compacts for data revolution ( <i>10mn</i> )	Alex Ezeh, Executive Director, APHRC
	Role of geography in the data revolution ( <i>10mn</i> )	Linda Peters, Global Manager, Statistics, ESRI
	Discussion ( <i>20mn</i> )	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
16:40 – 17:00	Preparation for the Breakout Sessions	Moderator
<b>Day 2: Friday, 22 January 2016</b>		
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Briefing on the Breakout Sessions</b>	<i>Moderator</i>
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<i>Experts</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Plenary Session</b>	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
	Report back from breakout groups	Moderator
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<b>Plenary Session</b>	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
14:00 - 15:30	Preparation for UN Statistical Commission	Joseph Iboudo, Chief Statistical Development Section, ACS
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee</b>	
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Plenary Session</b>	<i>Chair: Botswana</i>
	Adoption of the revised roadmap	
	Way forward	
17:00 – 17:15	Closing	

## Annex IV

### Assignment of countries to lead Africa's intervention on UNSC Agenda Items

Items for discussion and decision:	Reference of Document:	Countries to prepare and lead Africa interventions:
a. Data and indicators for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (E/CN.3/2016/2))	<b>Botswana Tanzania</b>
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post 2015 monitoring (E/CN.3/2016/3)	
b. Transformative agenda for official statistics	Report of the Secretary-General on the transformative agenda for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/4)	<b>Senegal Cabo Verde</b>
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe High Level Group on the Modernization of Official Statistics (E/CN.3/2016/5)	
c. Big data for official statistics;	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the global working group on Big Data for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/6)	<b>Cameroon</b>
d. National accounts	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts(E/CN.3/2016/7)	<b>South Africa Egypt</b>
e. Environmental-economic accounting	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (E/CN.3/2016/8)	<b>Mozambique</b>
f. International Comparison Programme	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Friends of the Chair on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2016/9)	<b>Uganda</b>
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme interim activities (E/CN.3/2016/10)	

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<b>g.</b> International statistical classifications	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the Report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications (E/CN.3/2016/11)	<b>Lesotho Seychelles</b>
<b>h.</b> Industrial statistics	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial statistics (E/CN.3/2016/12)	<b>Nigeria</b>
<b>i.</b> Information and communication technology statistics	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development (E/CN.3/2016/13)	<b>Madagascar</b>
<b>j.</b> Refugee statistics	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of Statistics Norway, TURKSTAT, Eurostat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the progress of the work on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons (E/CN.3/2016/14)	<b>Libya</b>
<b>k.</b> Climate change statistics	Report of the Secretary-General on climate change statistics (E/CN.3/2016/15)	<b>Morocco</b>
<b>l.</b> Governance statistics	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Praia Group (E/CN.3/2016/16)	<b>Mali</b>
<b>m.</b> Regional statistical development in Western Asia	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) on main achievements of statistical development in the region (E/CN.3/2016/17)	<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>