

Inauguration Meeting of the Continental Steering Committee (CSC) for the African Project on the Implementation of the 2008 SNA

Pre-CSC Seminar

The Pre-CSC Seminar is to serve as a forum for exchanging observations, analyses, and perspectives on the current state of national accounts and economic statistics in Africa; and thus to provide a background and set a stage for discussions and decisions at the CSC meeting tomorrow, 18 September 2013.

2:00 PM-5:00 PM, 17 September 2013

Venue: The United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Draft Programme

Welcoming Remarks of the Chair

Session 1:

Presentation: *Why We Need to Invest in African Development Statistics: From a Diagnosis of Africa's Statistical Tragedy towards a Statistical Renaissance* by Prof. Morten Jerven

Open-Floor Discussions

Coffee Break

Session 2:

Panel Discussion: *Progresses, Opportunities, and Challenges for the Development of Economic Statistics and National Accounts in Africa*

Panelists: Ghana; Kenya; Morocco; South Africa; COMESA; ECOWAS; and School of Statistics and Planning, Makerere University (Moderator: AFRISTAT)

Closing Remarks of the Chair

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CSC Meeting

The CSC meeting is organized to inaugurate the CSC and for the CSC to assume its functions as the governing body of the Project. The meeting will review, discuss, and finalize the organization and arrangements of the CSC; as well as provide advice and guidance on the work plan and resource requirements of the Project.

9:00 AM-5:00 PM, 18 September 2013
Venue: Large Briefing Room at UNCC of UNECA

Draft Programme

Welcome Remarks by United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Development Bank (AfDB), and African Union Commission (AUC)

Introduction of the Participants and Adoption of the Draft Programme

Session 1:

Presentation of the Project Document for Phase I of the African Project on the Implementation of the 2008 SNA (by AGNA)

Coffee Break

Panel Discussions: *How to Strengthen and Synchronize Technical Cooperation and Support for Economic Statistics and National Accounts in Africa*

Panelists: Afristat, ENSEA, International Monetary Fund (IMF), National Institute for Statistics and Economics Studies (INSEE), SADC, and World Bank (WB)

Open-Floor Discussions

Session 2:

Discussion and Adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Continental Steering Committee, Executive Board, and Secretariat

12:30-14:00: Lunch Break

Session 3:

Presentation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy by African Development Bank (AfDB), African Union Commission (AUC), and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Panel Discussions: *Contribution of Development Partners to the Development of Economic Statistics in Africa; and Experience and Good Practice in Mobilization of Resources for Economic Statistics*

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Panelists: Afristat, Australia Aids, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Cameroon, [European Union](#), Department for International Development (DFID) of the [United Kingdom](#), IMF, and WB

Coffee Break

Open-Floor Discussions

Session 4:

Discussion and Adoption of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Meeting and Proposal for the Next Steering Committee Meeting for Discussion

Closing Remarks
